

Ad Lib



Jim Forrest and the Lib Dem team reporting back on the issues that matter to YOU

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This is why we campaign...

...it's all about
what YOU
want



Jim Forrest with Lesley Davies, who has been delivering Ad Lib since Jim was first elected in 2002.

Ad Lib campaigning helped Lesley and residents in Newgate Lane to win an end to the noise and pollution of

constant traffic outside their doors. Jim says: "The fight goes on to help thousands of other Stubbington residents with day-to-day problems.

See inside for more about Ad Lib's year-round campaigning.

Keeping up the pressure to get it all right

Jim Forrest writes: The picture above, taken shortly after the opening of the new road to the east of Peel Farm, helps to explain why I serve as a Fareham Councillor.

That day I was delighted to see children out playing on their bikes where they never could before because of incessant traffic.

Dorinne Burton-Jenkins and I strove for years to restore Newgate Lane as a quiet backwater. So did councillors from other parties - I don't claim it as just one party's achievement.

But the real credit goes to the residents themselves, for keeping up the pressure for a decent life for their families.

Liberal Democrats are in politics to *help* people achieve the things they need, *not* to say what we think is good for them.

There's still more to do - bus users now have to walk through potholed gravel in Woodcote Lane to get to the new stops.

Residents have been told work to improve Woodcote Lane will start in May. In the meantime, temporary stops near the Gosport Road Pelican crossing

are an easier if slightly longer walk away, and will be made permanent soon.



More on this on crofton.focusteam.org.uk

Time for these eyesores to go



Postbag stores like this rusting one in Beresford Road are no longer used, as posties usually come to their rounds by van.

The unsightly boxes are an obstacle to crews cutting our grass verges.

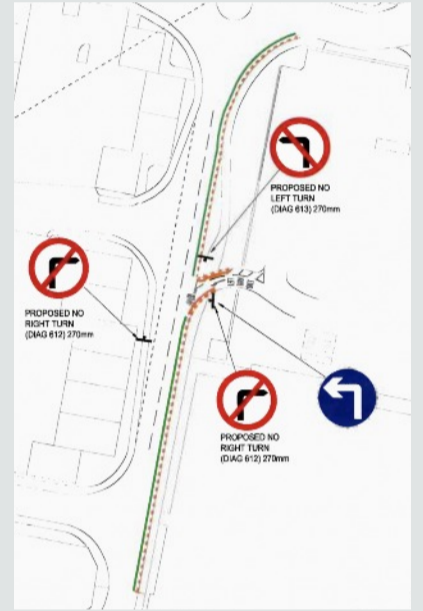
Some have already been removed in other parts of Fareham, and Jim Forrest has asked if there are plans to remove remaining ones in Stubbington.

Is the end in sight for the bottleneck?

The realignment of Newgate Lane (see our front page story) should lead to easier traffic flows ... in time.

For some months yet there will be overnight diversions and perhaps daytime delays as work goes on to complete the project.

After that, the bottleneck at Collingwood should be removed -



helped by creation of a new exit to the Asda car park aimed at encouraging more southbound users to join Newgate Lane at the B&M exit rather than the main roundabout.



Mind the gap

Parks staff are looking for posts to finish the protective barrier round the open space opposite Holy Rood Church, after

Jim passed on requests from residents to close the gap between Steamboat Cottage and the gate in Stubbington Lane.

Teen shelter: The winner

MORE than 900 people voted on a Teen Shelter in Stubbington Rec. and the clear favourite

design was Option 2 (the middle one in the picture, with a circular bench.)

Most respondents seemed to be in



favour of a teen shelter, and Council staff will provide some outreach work to ensure it is used as it should be.

A tip on waste disposal

HAMPSHIRE County Council's charges for disposing and recycling of some types of rubbish have raised fears of fly-tipping.

But there is a business that will take it for **free** (as long as you have steel toe cap shoes). It is on the Park Gate to Botley road, on the left immediately after crossing over the M27.

Lib Dems will continue to argue for removal of the charges.

Making the wait easier

The new bench at the Stubbington Green bus stop is in use after a long campaign by Jim and the Ad Lib team.

It's set slightly forward of the older bench because underground cabling prevented them being sited side by side. Jim

says: "A big thank-you to the officers who tracked down a recycled bench to match the older one."



Stopping a clanger

Great to see repairs at last to the clanging inspection cover at the Harold Road/Gosport Road junction which could be heard all over the Red Lion estate.

Well done the persistent residents who chased the water company for action after repairs were postponed.

