

Focus

Tooting Graveney Ward

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A skip lorry passes by as Jeremy Ambache poses by the council sign banning heavy lorries. "These lorries are causing serious noise and vibrations," says Jeremy.

Gotcha!

Focus snaps illegal skip lorry in Rectory Lane

Residents in Rectory Lane are fed up with big lorries using their street, so they talked to Jeremy Ambache about it. Vehicles over 7.5 tons are banned, but this is widely flouted. "They make a terrible noise, especially when skip lorries go over the speed bumps; and the vibrations are awful," complained one resident.

When Jeremy went to Rectory Lane to see for himself, a skip lorry drove right past just as his photo was being taken!

Wandsworth Council told Jeremy that it is matter for the police and not for them! Jeremy contacted the police and they have agreed to investigate. They say will be checking any heavy lorries using Rectory Lane.

"While we were there for half an hour on a Tuesday afternoon we saw two skip lorries and one other lorry flouting the ban," says Jeremy. "It's not difficult to catch people out. The only problem is the pass-the-buck attitude shown by the Conservative-run Wandsworth Council."

It's typical that the local council think they have done enough just by putting up a few signs! Focus says we need more vigorous representation for local residents.

Jeremy says, "We think this is an important matter. Heavy lorries going over the speed humps cause a huge amount of noise, and they may damage house foundations. Do let us know if this is a problem in your street. We will try and stop it!"

"Help people, not just the banks" say Lib Dems

"Families are facing a difficult winter. Rising mortgage bills, the fear of unemployment and high heating costs mean that the shockwaves of the financial crisis are being felt in households across Britain," says Nick Clegg, Leader of the Liberal Democrats. "When the banks were in trouble, they got rescued. Millions of families who are finding themselves in trouble must be helped too."

The Liberal Democrat plans to help families include tax cuts for low and middle income households, stopping unnecessary repossessions, action to cut energy bills

and big cuts in interest rates. "Labour are forgetting about the people that elected them," says Focus Team member Stephanie Dearden, "and George Osborne's Conservatives are all over the place. Only the Lib Dems have been consistently right on the economy."

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Council launches Tooting Together

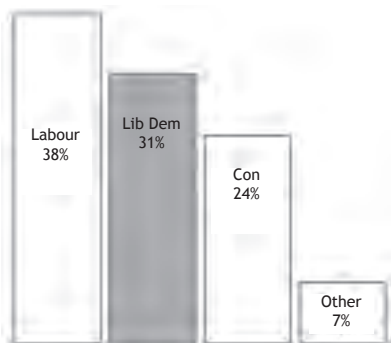
Wandsworth Council has launched a 22-point action plan for Tooting under the name "Tooting Together". Its aim is to improve the area's environment and facilities. "After over 20 years campaigning here in Tooting, I welcome the attention the council is now paying to Tooting," says Jeremy Ambache. "Rest assured that we will be keeping a close eye on how they do. I want to make sure that they don't just do the easier things, but tackle issues like giving young people enough to do. But the whole community must help; we can't just rely on the council to do things for us." Find out more about Tooting Together on www.wandsworth.gov.uk/tooting.

Library news

The library has closed so it can be upgraded. This will take about a year - but the new library should be much improved. The mobile library is in Salvador passage near the rear entrance of Sainsburys. You can order books there if they do not have a lot in stock. Jeremy says: "Do let us know if there is any problem with these temporary arrangements - and we will pass them on to the library services."

Conservatives are third in Graveney!

At the last Council Elections they were in third place behind the Liberal Democrats here. Only the Liberal Democrats can beat Labour here.



Graveney ward election results May 2006

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A million doors – in Graveney

The Focus Team have been out and about in Graveney as part of Nick Clegg's Million Door Challenge. We've been to Brightwell Crescent, Charlmont Road, Ashvale Road, Longmead Road, Franciscan Road, Vant Road, and Dewey Street. "It's been good to knock on doors and talk to people about everything from dog 'do' to the war in Afghanistan," says Focus team member Pamela Clark.

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