

Tooting Graveney Ward Focus

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Council Freezes Parking Charges



Jeremy Ambache with local residents in Church Lane. "A lot of people responded to our petition on parking charges."

Responding to the Liberal Democrat petition on residents' parking charges, Wandsworth Council says it will not raise the cost of a permit this year. In 2008 the Council increased the charge from £75 a year to £95. In 2006 the charge was even lower, at £66. In nearby Merton Borough it still costs only £65 for the first car, and in Liberal Democrat Sutton the charge is just £40.

Local Liberal Democrats protested that this increase of over 43% in tow years was a stealth tax. They collected over 120 signatures in a petition to complain, calling on the Council to freeze the charges.

The Council said that they increased charges mainly because of the reduced level of money made from parking fines. The Council uses this "income" to pay for concessionary fares among other things.

Local campaigner Jeremy Ambache says, "I'm glad that the Council are not increasing the charge again. But Tooting residents are still paying inner London prices just to park their car on the street."

It's a 2 Horse Race

Lab
38%

Lib
Dem
31%

Can't
Win
Here
↓

Con
24%

2006 Local Election Result Graveney

In Brief

Murder in Church Lane

Local residents were shocked that an elderly man was murdered outside the mosque in Church Lane in early September. Four youths have been arrested. "This attack is an outrage," says local campaigner Stephanie Dearden. "Arresting and punishing the culprits is the best possible deterrent to future attacks." As we go to press the reason for the attack is unclear.

Health consultation

Wandsworth NHS's consultation on local services has ended. Jeremy Ambache has pressed concerns that the Labour government wants to impose flashy new polyclinics on everybody. "What I want to see is improved and extended services at every local doctors' surgery," says Jeremy.

Dog mess

Many residents are complaining to Focus about dog mess on the pavements. Focus has notified the Council's dog wardens of specific complaints in **Lucien Road**. Local campaigner Jamie Gillespie says "We need to see perpetrators caught and fined, otherwise they will just think they can get away with it. It's a health hazard that needs to be taken much more seriously."

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Trident car park “dumping zone”

Local campaigner Surinder Rhode has complained about poor security at the car park for the Trident Business Centre in Bickersteth Road. Nearby residents say that it is used as a dumping ground for fly-tippers at night. There have also been reports of its use for drug dealing.

“The problem is that the gates to the car park aren’t properly secure, so the wrong sort of people can get in at night,” explains Surinder.

“This affects local residents and I want to see security improved.”

The Trident Business Centre is operated by the Wandsworth Youth Enterprise Centre, a charity that helps local businesses, and has been supported by Wandsworth Council.



Hedging Hazard

Jeremy Ambache says “Overgrown hedges are a problem. They block the pavement and can provide cover for anti-social elements.” The Council and Police say they are taking action. Let us know if there are problems in your street, and we will let them know.

Anti social behaviour

Does it affect you?

FOCUS street surveys show that anti-social behaviour on or around our main streets is a worry to some residents. This can lead to people being unwilling to go out after dark.

This is a concern to our local police. The Tooting Town Centre Safer Neighbourhood Team hold regular surgeries and we suggest that if you are concerned, or if you have suggestions, you attend one of these meetings.

The next two are as follows:

McDonalds; Mitcham Road; Tuesday 3 November 12.00 to 14.00

Chopin; 79 Upper Tooting Road; Wednesday 9 December 12.00 to 14.00

Pavement nightmare!



Jamie Gillespie and a local resident examine a broken pavement in Lessingham Road. “There’s too much of this here.”



Here to help you!

Use this slip to let us know of any issues you would like the FOCUS team to take up.

Or email graveney@wandsworthlibdems.org.uk
Or call in at 196 Franciscan Road
Or phone 020 7223 8758

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