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From your local Liberal Democrat Focus Team

## EXCESSIVE SPEEDING IN BRAISWICK!

Martin and Anne assessing the traffic situation on Braiswick Road



Following recent residents complaints, **Cllr Anne Turrell** and **Martin Goss** have been working together to help residents. Anne asked Essex County Council to arrange for a speed check to be done along Braiswick Road outside the Golf Club and we now have the results of that: the average speed is between 36 and 37 miles per hour. In this area, only Mile End Road has a higher average speed.

Anne has asked Essex County Council to suggest some form of traffic calming and we await the response. The County Council and Anne have informed the Police of the results of the speed check with a view to the Police doing some spot checks on the road. Anne has also requested that Essex County Council carry out further regular speed checks on this road.

We will report any further updates in the next Focus but meanwhile if you have any questions or comments please contact the Focus Team.

## New member to support Braiswick residents!

We trust that your summer holidays have gone well and everyone has enjoyed their time. Your Liberal Democrat team has been busy working on your behalf concerning various issues to try and make your environment a better and safer place. Cllr Anne Turrell continues to work on local issues in Braiswick following her successful re-election. Again a big thanks from Anne for all those who continue to support her. She has now recruited a fresh new helper who supports some of the case work. Martin Goss has joined the team and is already dealing with a number of residents issues. Martin already serves the community via a residents group and is also a Parish Councillor. He is looking forward to becoming even more active within the community. Martin lives in Mile End and

## Dangerous pavements in Braiswick!



Following a recent walkabout in Braiswick, Martin Goss spotted a number of pavements area which he considered to be dangerous. Martin and Anne reported these directly to Essex County Council who will make the necessary repairs.

## An unnecessarily taxing time!

You may have seen as reported in the local press recently that a massive £1.5 million pounds was underspent by the Conservative Administration which means the Council tax rise of 3.2% was unnecessary for 2007/08. The underspend should have been spotted at the time of setting new forthcoming budgets, but due to poor Conservative administration we all ended up paying the extra. Most of the money has now been placed in the Council's reserves. Had the budgeting been done correctly, none of us would have paid any increased taxation.

Working hard for you all year round - not just at elections!

# TARZAN AND JANE COME TO BRAISWICK!

**The Braiswick Focus Team**  
are always working for you!



Martin discovers for himself just how much the tree is blocking the path!

Following recent resident's complaints from Fernlea about an overgrown tree, Anne Turrell and Martin Goss both worked together to get the tree cut back by Colchester Borough Council. The tree was vastly overgrown and causing both issues with subsidence for a nearby resident but also blocking the view of oncoming traffic, so this area could have become an accident black spot had the work not been carried out.

It took a little time to sort as there is currently a 16 week backlog of tree felling work in the Colchester area.



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## Join the winning team! Your views on litter in Braiswick

We rely entirely on our members and volunteers to deliver Braiswick Focus. Could you spare half an hour every couple of months to deliver to your street? Contact Martin or Anne if you want to know more.

Unlike Labour and the Tories, we don't get handouts from trade unions and big business - we rely on donations from members and supporters to fund our activities. To find out more about joining or supporting the party, contact a member of the Focus Team or visit: [www.libdems.org.uk/support](http://www.libdems.org.uk/support)

During a recent visit Anne Turrell and Martin Goss noticed there seemed to be a reasonable amount of general litter on grass verges, roads and pavements. Although Anne and Martin picked up some of the litter and recycled it during their recent walkabout, they would be very interested on your general views of this on your own areas within Braiswick. If enough residents have concerns we are happy to table the issues with Dave McManus from Colchester Borough Council to see what can be done to help clean up the area. Anne and Martin have both been involved in residents litter picks and would be happy to help if one is organised.

### Tell us your views - and get the winning Focus Team working for you!

Send to: **Braiswick Focus Team,**  
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- I can deliver a few leaflets from time to time in my area.
- I'd like to join the Lib Dems. Please call on me.

We may write to you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish to be contacted for this purpose.

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