

Mile End

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FOCUS

From your local Liberal Democrat Focus Team

POOR PARKING IN NAYLAND ROAD!



Following recent residents complaints, **Cllr Anne Turrell** and **Martin Goss** have been working together to help residents alleviate the parking issues reported in Nayland Road.

Anne has asked Essex County Council to suggest some forms of Yellow Lines to ensure contractors and commuters to London do not park in front of residents driveways and access points. The situation has not been helped by contractors working on the new development who park on pavements.

New member to support Mile End 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 Mile End 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 has been a resident of Colchester for over 28 years.



Martin Goss inspecting dangerous pavements in Mile End

NEW SCHOOL GIVEN GO-AHEAD!

The new school has been given the go-ahead for Mile End which is great news for all parents in the area. The school will be ready for 2009 providing Essex County Council get all planning agreed. **Cllr Anne Turrell** was one of the key-players who nagged the members for education at County Hall until they agreed to get the school moving. **Anne** is very pleased for everyone and wishes to thank all those involved in helping to get this agreed quickly.

Bob Russell MP has also welcomed the new school, saying "It's time the Council recognised the needs of Colchester families by building the resources needed to go with new developments."

An unnecessarily taxing time!

You may have seen reported in the local press recently that a massive £600,000 was underspent by the Conservative Administration last year which means the Council tax rise 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 and would be slightly richer this year!

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

A VERY CUTTING TIME!

**The Mile End Focus Team
are always working for you!**

During a recent walkabout **Martin Goss** and **Cllr Anne Turrell** spotted a number of verges in Nayland Road, Turner Rise, Beaumont Close and Boxted Road which needed attention from Essex County Council. Graffiti was also spotted. **Martin** reported this to the council and work is either being done or is scheduled to be done. Please contact your Focus team if you need help getting similar items sorted.



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Martin inspecting an uncut verge



Martin inspecting a verge he asked to be cut

Join the winning team!

We rely entirely on our members and volunteers to deliver Mile End 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 Conservatives, 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 the Focus Team or visit:

Your views on litter in Mile End!

Cllr Anne Turrell and Martin Goss have noticed that there seems to be much litter left on grass verges, roads and pavements in Mile End. 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 Mile End. If enough residents have concerns we are happy to table the issues with the relevant officers 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 another one is organised.

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

Send to: **Mile End 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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