

MILE END

FOCUS

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Cllr. Anne Turrell

The next general election in Colchester will be between hard working Bob Russell and the Tory candidate.

**LIB
DEM
47%**

**CON
33%**

Labour and the Greens can't win here ↓
Lab 19%

It's a two horse race in Colchester!

www.bobrussell.org.uk

Thank you!

Voters elect Anne Turrell as County Councillor as Labour lose across Essex

I would like to thank you all for your great support at the recent election for Highwoods and Mile End. I received 54% of the vote which is a great improvement on previous County Council Elections. The results were as follows:

Anne Turrell	Liberal Democrat	2509
	Conservatives	1337
	Green Party	315
	Labour	262
	BNP	209



I am now able to continue the fight to improve our Education choices in our area. The Gilbert School is becoming full, that is why earlier this year I started the push for another Senior School in our area. Also all our primary schools are over subscribed, yes even the new primary school on Turner Village so the problem has not been solved quite yet. The new primary school will be applying to planning for more class rooms to be built to assist the shortfall.

If you have any issues that you wish me to help you with please contact me by e mail Anne.Turrell@essex.gov.uk or telephone 752418 (e mail is usually best if you can as I am not very often at home to receive telephone calls)

Once again thank you all for your support and I will continue to do all I can to represent you at Essex County Council

Best Regards

Anne

ARE YOU THE NEXT COMMUNITY CHAMPION FOR MILE END?

Are you the sort of person who likes getting involved in exciting projects, making a small but vital difference to where you live or being someone who likes to make a difference to the world?



If you are then please contact Anne or Martin as there are many opportunities where you can get involved with the community work we undertake.

There are so many opportunities to get involved and it really will be the most rewarding experience.

MILL ROAD UPDATE

A Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) has now been installed at the junction of Julian Avenue and Mill Road following pressure from Anne and Martin to help slow down traffic in the area. Some further road resurfacing work will also take place along some of Mill Road to deal with the poor surface. This work will commence shortly.

We have also asked for an investigation into other issues raised by residents on Mill Road which we will keep everyone updated on.

Funding approval has now been given for the new Zebra Crossing in the Bedford Road/Mill Road area. Design work and consultation will now commence - we will keep you updated on progress.

Thank You from Andrew Duff MEP

This was my sixth election campaign for the European Parliament - and undoubtedly the hardest.

As the Westminster expenses scandal took over, the important issues about the future of the European Union, and Britain's place within it, were not on the agenda. It is a shame that the serious problems facing the country including jobs and climate change were barely addressed by other parties or the media.



Despite the rise of the far right, Liberal Democrats performed strongly across the country. We came ahead of Labour in the Eastern Region. I would like to thank everyone who supported the Liberal Democrats in this campaign.



NORTH STATION UPDATE!

The North Station redevelopment plans continue to progress. Two initial open days were held recently which over 250 people attended. However, only a quarter of these people actually filled out any kind of response to the high level proposals which was surprising. We need to improve on this to ensure residents voices are heard and listened to.

A couple of local workshops will be held in Mile End and Braiswick for local residents to attend. As soon as we have

dates and locations for these we will inform local residents via email and the Focus.

If we don't have your email address please email Martin Goss on gossmartin@hotmail.com and he will add you to the list.

To be clear, a new road is being investigated for North Station to help ease congestion along with more green travel ideas. Closing roads and removing lanes isn't a feasible option.

Hospital Parking issues

For some years there have been issues with patients and staff parking in various side roads off Turner Road. This problem has been made worse by the closure of some parking spaces by the Primary Care Trust (PCT) due to the new walk in centre - which has made the situation worse in some streets.

Essex County Council have now carried out a full traffic survey of Wryneck Close, Hollymead Close, Kingswood Road, Beaumont Close, Fieldview Close and Lufkin Road. These results will determine what Yellow line or parking protection will be necessary to help combat the issue of staff and patient parking.

MILE END MATTERS

BOXTED ROAD TO BE RESURFACED

Good news – We have finally managed to get Boxted Road to the top of the list in Mile End for some much needed resurfacing work. The work will be carried out in this financial year and will hopefully mean an end to the constant potholes and issues.

ROAD MARKINGS

Road stop markings and yellow lines have been reinstated on Boxted Road, Nayland Road, Fords Lane, Howards Croft, Link Close and all of Turner Rise. We have also asked for lines to be reinstated at the junction of Tall Trees and Mile End Road.

If your road markings need replacing please contact Anne or Martin.

TURNER ROAD PARKING

Some new residents from the Linden homes development have been parking on the very busy Turner Road. Anne and Martin have sent all these residents letters requesting that they do not obstruct or park on Turner Road.

MP's big drop for charity

Colchester MP Bob Russell made a big jump on behalf of the Airborne Forces Charity at the request of the widow of a Colchester soldier killed in action in Afghanistan last year.

Mrs Victoria Bateman wished to honour the memory of her husband by raising money for this military charity.

Bob Russell was joined by Defence Minister Kevan Jones MP.

Mr Russell commented afterwards: "I admit to being a little apprehensive at first, but I was greatly helped by The Red Devils during the 13,000 feet tandem jump, which helped make this an experience I will never forget."

"I congratulate Mrs Bateman on her determined effort that not only ensured I was in for the big jump but also a Defence Minister!"

Anyone wishing to contribute to the charity can do so on the website www.justgiving.co.uk/jamesvictoriabateman



Bob Russell during his parachute jump aided by a member of The Red Devils

Tour comes to town

On Thursday 18th June Colchester saw the popular 'Tour Series' cycling spectacle come to town.

The day saw many events and stalls going on the whole day as well as the racing itself. It is estimated that up to 10,000 people turned out to watch the racing and thousands came for the daytime events.

It is hoped that the 'Tour Series' will use Colchester as a regular venue and possibly be used in a future 'Tour of Britain' stage.

The racing was featured on ITV and will really help to put Colchester on the map. Your Liberal Democrat led administration running the Borough Council are working hard to promote our town.



BEAT SURGERIES



The Police Mobile Van will be visiting Mile End for any residents with queries, complaints or concerns relating to the Police. Please do call in to learn more of the work our Police are doing in our area.

Dates and locations are below:

- Sun 5th July – 2pm-4pm (Mill Road, opp Myland School)
- Sat 1st Aug – 3pm-5pm (Bergholt Road /Tufnell Way Junction)
- Wed 9th Sept – 5pm-7pm (Rugby Club Mill Road)
- Wed 7th Oct – 5pm-7pm (Mile End Road opp Speed Camera)
- Sat 14th Nov – 3pm-5pm (Bergholt Road /Tufnell Way Junction)
- Sun 13th Dec – 2pm-4pm (Mill Road opp Myland School)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Swimming Pool closure

The fitness and teaching pools at Leisure World will be closed from July 6th for 12 weeks to replace the roof.

The work is essential and will extend the lifespan of the pool for another 35 years. It will also reduce the carbon emissions by 570 tonnes every year. This will greatly help to meet our commitments to the environment.

The Charter Hall, leisure pool, Aqua Springs and Activa Fitness centre will remain open as usual.

Your Liberal Democrat led Council is committed to saving the environment.

SEVERALLS HOSPITAL UPDATE

Some residents have raised concerns about signs being put up by the Homes and Communities Agency on Tower Lane off Mill Road. The signs state that the land is private and therefore residents who have walked their dogs over this land for years are furious about this.

Anne and Martin have been in touch with Colchester Borough Council and the Homes and Communities Agency asking for a full explanation. We will keep you updated on any progress.

Child poverty figures are a disgrace says Bob Russell MP

Figures just released show that the number of children living in poverty has increased by 100,000 to more than 4 million. Another triumph for "new" Labour!

Colchester's Liberal Democrat MP Bob Russell has attacked the Government for failing a whole generation of young people, and asked just what the Labour Government has done to improve opportunities for the poorest people in our country since they came to power?

Britain let down by Labour AGAIN



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We want your views!

We need to know your problems/comments on local issues. Please write them down in the space provided below.

Help us to keep you up to date with the issues by completing the following information:

Name

Address.....

Email

Tel:

Please return to: Mile End Lib Dems, FREEPOST NAT6287, Colchester CO1 2BR

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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