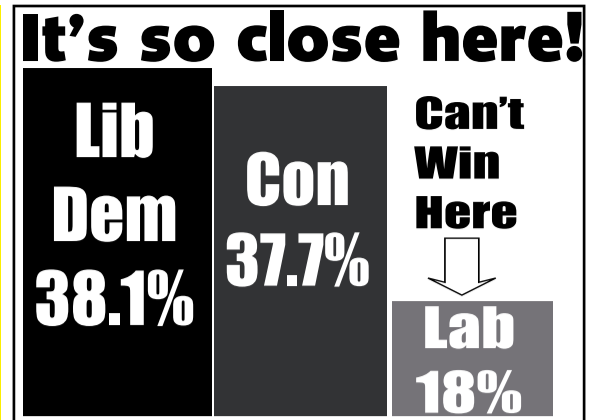


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on Mile End

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New School on its way

Your local Lib Dem County Councillor Anne Turrell has already secured a new primary school at Turner Village. This will give relief to our local primary schools in Mile End and will open in September 2009.

The next step now is to secure a new senior school for Highwoods and Mile End. This year children within the priority area of the Gilbert have not gained places at our local Secondary School and it is now struggling to serve our community.

At a recent meeting for the North Colchester Plan, Anne got the ball rolling for a new Secondary School.

Anne said "Essex County Council is continually one step behind. We waited 10 years for our new primary school, but I am doing all

I can to make sure we have a new Senior School sooner rather than later.

"The future is in our children and I want them to have the best chance they can - that means not travelling all over Colchester to find a school place."

Essex County Council plan to shut two schools in South Colchester, even after the majority of parents want the schools to stay open, is yet another example of the Essex County Conservatives not listening to residents.

Anne said "I am fed up with Chelmsford telling us in Colchester what is best for us. We know what is best, we live here, we know what is best for us."

Anne Turrell to stand again for County Council



Lib Dem Leader Nick Clegg talks to Cllr. Ann Turrell about Lib Dem plans to cut taxes

Anne Turrell has been selected by the Liberal Democrats to stand for the County Council seat of Mile End & Highwoods this June

I was first elected as County Councillor for Highwoods and Mile End in 2005 with the promise to get our new primary school built and opened. Having achieved that, I am now working towards a new Senior School for our area.

I am keen that new housing developments are provided with community facilities such as schools, shops and community centres. This was the reason I first became involved in the local Community as I was angry that our area had been treated so badly.

I am married with four grown up children and three lovely grandchildren, and have been involved locally since 1999, first in Mile End and then in Highwoods. Both areas have similar issues, lack of open space and school places to name but two. It makes sense that we work together to get the best for both Highwoods and Mile End.

I really enjoy representing our area at County Hall and I hope you can elect me for another four years so that I can keep working on your behalf.

Anne Turrell

Bergholt Road Development - The Truth!

Contrary to recent claims, during 2006 the Tory Administration added the proposed housing development between Bergholt Road and Mile End Road to the Colchester Masterplan.

The overall Masterplan was adopted recently and this was voted through by Borough Councillors of **ALL** parties, including the remaining Mile End Conservative Councillor. This happened at the full council meeting in December 2008.

These minutes are available for anyone to view and we have emails backing the truth up which we are happy to share with anyone who wants to see the evidence.

A residents group has been set up to ensure that this potential development does not suffer the mistakes of previous ones in our area. If anyone would like to get involved with this, please contact Anne or Martin.



Anne at Colchester North Station

Youth in Mile End

Anne has been involved from the start with the Youth Pod in Mill Road. She was part of the Burger Van evening nearly two years ago where the local youngsters were consulted about what they would like in Mile End. Overwhelmingly they voted for a Youth Pod. Within two years the pod has been installed and opened, Anne says "This is a great achievement for our youth who helped to apply for funding and played a great part in the design."

Due to the great success of this initiative we are now working on a similar project for the Bergholt Road Play area. If you would like to be involved in this please contact Cllr. Anne Turrell or Cllr Martin Goss.

Other successes Anne has been involved with for the youth is that Mile End now has a Youth Worker who is doing a great job for our youth in Mile End.

Anne says "I believe that the young people in our community are basically a great bunch and are always willing to help themselves and with help from me and others they have proved that point. I will always do everything I can for our youth, this is in my view an in-

Hospital parking issues

The Primary Care Trust (PCT), are proposing closing their 208 space staff car park on Turner Road from May 27th. This is to make way for a pay and display car park for when the walk in centre moves from the Town Centre to Turner Road from June 1st. Anne & Martin feared staff would be forced to park on residential streets or in the Highwoods Country Park car park.

Following a face to face meeting with Anne & Martin, the PCT have now delayed the complete closure of this car park to staff and are only closing off 65 spaces to begin with. This will be monitored closely and more spaces will be closed off as patient needs grow. The PCT are also looking to put a mini park and ride in place at the Community Stadium for staff and a meeting has now been held with Colchester United.

The PCT have also now agreed to write to all local residents to let them know what is going on. Essex County Council will also be carrying out a parking survey in all roads off Turner Road.

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ALL YEAR ROUND!

Bob Russell calls for MPs expenses clean up

Lib Dem MP for Colchester Bob Russell, has called for a shake up of MPs expenses, following the revelations surrounding some MPs claims for their second homes. Bob, who has one of the lowest claims (as he shares a small flat with another MP), has suggested that a building similar to the new Merville Barracks at Colchester Garrison should be built in London for MPs.



Lib Dems defeat government in Gurkha vote

The government suffered a shock defeat when MPs voted in favour of a Liberal Democrat motion to give all Gurkha soldiers equal right of residency in Britain.

Colchester MP Bob Russell played a leading role in the historic House of Commons victory for former Gurkha soldiers. With a Bill he presented last May, a direct challenge to Prime Minister Gordon Brown in November, the Tabling in December of the very first early Day Motion of the current Parliamentary year, and his membership of the Home Affairs Select Committee, Liberal Democrat Mr Russell has been involved in every stage of the Parliamentary battle on behalf of Gurkhas who retired from the British Army before 1997.



After the vote, Bob Russell commented: "This has been a long campaign for justice for Gurkha soldiers who have been prepared to put their lives at risk for our country."

"I hope that Gordon Brown will now listen to his own MPs and do the right thing by allowing all retired Gurkhas the opportunity to settle in our country."

Anne Turrell and the Liberal Democrats - Getting things done in Mile End

- Anne has worked tirelessly to get a new school for Turner Rise
- Anne worked to get a new VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) on Mill Road to cut speeding there and improve road safety
- Requests from residents have also led to many new dog litter bins and rubbish bins being installed in Mile End
- Anne has presented petitions to Cabinet Members at Essex County Council about the bus service, lack of schools and state of our roads.
- Chairing the Stadium Travel Plan group to resolve issues for residents
- Anne has campaigned to get supermarket trollies removed from our streets
- Graffiti throughout Mile End has been removed and Anne continues to work to keep Mile End clean



One of several dog bins that Anne & Martin have got introduced in our area

Please tell us what you think!

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Please return to: **Mile End Focus Team, FREEPOST NAT6287, Magdalen Hall, Wimpole Road, 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. Published and promoted by Chris Butler (agent) on behalf of Anne Turrell (Liberal Democrats), printed by Colchester Liberal Democrats all at Magdalen Hall, Wimpole Road, Colchester CO1 2DE.

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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 provide us with your information.
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