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ALL YEAR ROUND!

Fernlea estate update!

Following complaints from residents about dust and noise from the Tufnell Way development, Colchester Council and some residents have been monitoring both the working hours and dust which has emanated from this development. If the builders are found to be in breach of planning regulations then action will be taken.

We are also working with residents to ensure fencing and screening on the development is adequate at the back of the Fernlea estate.

Of course, we will keep you informed of progress concerning this issue.

CAN YOU HELP?

We wish to ensure the best for Mile End but this takes a lot of work. Can you spare any time to help?

There are many ways you can help. For example, by letting us know your wishes or concerns - helping us with the delivery of Focus - adding your voice to get the best for the Ward. Please contact us either by returning the Slip below or by phoning Anne or Martin.

FOCUS

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on Mile End and Braiswick

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THANK YOU

1,500 times!

Martin wants to personally thank all those who showed their faith at the ballot box to elect him as Borough Councillor for our area. The results were expected to be very close between the Conservatives and Martin.

In the end, and thanks to your support he received 1,500 votes and now has a majority of 710 votes – the highest ever result for Mile End!

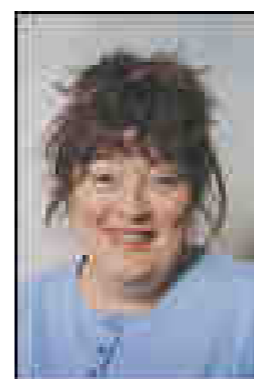
Martin said: "The results were staggering and surprised everybody – not least of all me! I cannot thank everyone enough. I promise to work as hard and diligently as possible for all those in the community."



Results

Lib Dems	1,500
Conservative	790
Green	84
Labour	83

Rainbow Coalition Tories abandoning Colchester



Special Report by
Councillor Anne Turrell,
Leader of Colchester
Borough Council

You may have read in the press that the Liberal Democrats suggested forming a Rainbow administration with all other parties. This was felt to get the best talent on all teams to work in collaboration for the good of Colchester, and ultimately putting residents at the heart of everything we do.

The Conservatives decided they did not wish to be part of the administration and actually walked away leaving Colchester with nobody in charge. Therefore, we have formed an administration with Labour and the Independent group from Highwoods.

Continued overleaf

Colchester MP Bob Russell (who grew up in Mile End) also thanks residents for voting for Martin Goss, and expanding the Liberal Democrat team in Mile End Ward.

Here to help you - all year round

Tell us what you think!

Please use this space to have your say about an issue or a problem.

Name:

Address:

Phone/e-mail:

Please return to your Mile End Focus Team, Colchester Liberal Democrats, FREEPOST NAT6287, Colchester, CO1 2BR

We may want to 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 want to be contacted for this purpose.

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Help us improve our area!

- I will vote for Lib Dems in the next election.
 - I can deliver a few leaflets in my road.
 - I would like to become a member of the Liberal Democrats. Please provide us with your details.
 - Donate to the Mile End Lib Dem to help fund our Focus leaflets.
 - £50 £25 £10 other _____
- (Please write cheque payable to "Colchester Liberal Democrats")

Lib Dems - Working for you all year round!

Lorries down Three Crowns Road

Anne and Martin received complaints from residents about large articulated lorries using Three Crowns Road and Bergholt Road in order to get to the Station. A resident's wall was knocked down for a third time.

Following an investigation, it was found that planning permission from 1996 prohibits any lorries using the Three Crowns Road entrance. National Car Parks (NCP) have also been asked to reinstate the height barrier, the one way ramp and bollards to ensure this

condition is complied with. Only 182 cars are permitted to use this entrance, and removing the bollards means anybody can exit from Three Crowns Road.

Network Rail has apologised for any inconvenience and has been asked to apply for formal planning permission. This will allow residents to voice their opinions.



Councillor Goss (right) inspecting the damage to the wall in Three Crowns Road

Rainbow Coalition continued.....

The policies we try to deliver will be based on the Lib Dem election manifesto. We will hold the majority of the Cabinet seats. Labour will have two Cabinet seats with the Independents also holding one.

Anne Turrell has also been voted in as overall Leader of the Council.

Anne said: "I am really pleased to be leading a group of hugely talented people. We will all work closely together to ensure we try and do the best for the people of Colchester. We now need to look at the state of the books and see what we can do to help improve Colchester."



Having already saved Council Taxpayers £16,000 by removing a former Cabinet post and halving two others, the Cabinet is now made up of 5 Lib Dems, 2 Labour and 1 Independent."

Martin Goss will sit on the Financial Scrutiny Panel and the Local Development Forum who investigate the future shape of the Town.

Anne said: "I will, of course, also continue to work with Martin in ensuring Mile End and Braiswick are at the forefront of everything we do being your local ward councillors."

Rugby Club Residents meeting

A recent meeting was held with the Rugby Club and residents in Mill Road to discuss progress of the Club and also local issues. Anne Turrell and Martin Goss were there along with Councillors from Highwoods.

Anne said "I want to thank the Rugby Club and also local residents for holding a very positive meeting. We will all work together to deal with the issues and try to resolve them."



After complaints at the Braiswick Residents Association in November 2007, Martin has been chasing CBC to ensure the missing road sign for Braiswick is reinstated.

Martin said: "CBC have confirmed they have ordered a new road sign and this will be reinstated outside the Moody Homes imminently."

Local stories in brief

New speed checks for Mill Road

New speed checks are due to be carried out by Essex County Council shortly. They will stretch a wire across the road to measure the speed of traffic over a period of time to see what the average speed of traffic is. We will let you know the results that come from this.

New bins for Tufnell Way

Following months of negotiation, Persimmon Homes have agreed to fund two litter bins along the pathway from Tufnell Way to Three Crowns Road. They have given £900 towards the cost of the

Repainted crossings

Following complaints from residents Martin pushed for Essex County Council and One Railways to repaint their crossings on Bergholt Road and at the station entrance.

Both have now been completed and make for much safer crossing!

Police speed checks

During the recent Election many residents complained about the speed of cars in Mile End. We have asked the Traffic Police to carry out speed checks in Bergholt Road, Boxted Road, Turner Road, Northern Approach Road, Mile End Road, Axial Way and Mill Road. We hope this will help to slow drivers down who cause residents distress in these areas.

Mile End Road/Bergholt Road residents parking review

Essex County Council and Colchester Borough Council are in June and July due to carry out a residents parking review in Mile End Road and Bergholt Road. This has followed our surveys in the area and also pressure from Anne and Martin to get the current arrangements reviewed. We will keep you updated on progress.