

Hale End and Highams Park

# FOCUS



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## Policing in Hale End and Highams Park



As you may know, two Police Stations in Forest Rd, Walthamstow and Francis Rd., Leyton closed some time ago as a result of the policies of the Conservative London Mayor. These buildings were sold by the GLA (Greater London Authority) for property development and plans for 20 flats have been received by the council. This loss has led to under policing across London including our

ward and the remaining police station for our area is on King's Head Hill, Chingford.

Owing to cuts imposed by the London Mayor's office we have a reduced force of PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers) in the borough down from 100 to 48. Consequently, our own conscientious and hard-working Safer Neighbourhood Team now renamed the Local Policing Team (LPT), now covers our ward and Hatch Lane. To our knowledge our Council has not fought this change. Our LPT has 1 sergeant to direct 2 wards, 1 Police Constable and 1 PCSO for each ward. There are 2 other PCSOs to help where needed.

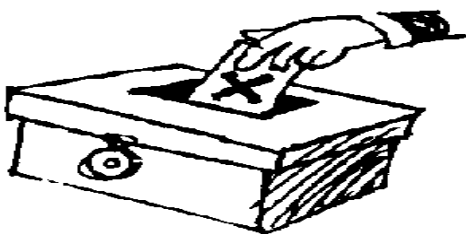
Your Focus Team says this is inadequate local policing.

## Police Ward Panel Meeting

Your Focus Team went to the Ward Panel meeting on 18th March at Tesco's Community Room where many local matters were discussed. We are happy to report that owing to our excellent team Hale End and Highams Park Ward is one of the borough's safest wards for burglaries in the borough.

If you have concerns regarding the security of your property or would like to be involved in the Ward Panel please contact the LPT on 020 8721 2646.

**The Lib Dem Focus Team  
Working for you  
Every month - Every year  
Not just at election time**



**Voting Day**  
**Thursday 22 May**  
Polling Stations are open  
from 7 am - 10 pm  
You don't need your polling card to vote

### Local people - dealing with local issues

<b>7</b>	<b>Gerry MCGARRY</b> Liberal Democrats		<b>X</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Jane MORGAN</b> Liberal Democrats		<b>X</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Sheila SMITH-PRYOR</b> Liberal Democrats		<b>X</b>

**PLEASE REMEMBER - you have 3 votes  
Vote for your local Liberal Democrats**

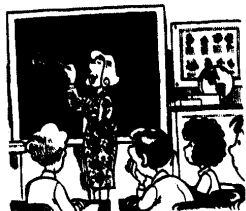
**Liberal Democrats working all year round NOT just at election time**

# Shocking fact and real help for local workers

The Evening Standard reported on the 31st March that our constituency, Chingford and Woodford Green, has the second highest number of low paid jobs in the country. Shockingly, 43% of local jobs are paid less than the living wage which is £8.80 per hour. From April local workers will be paying £700-a-year less in Income Tax thanks to the **Lib Dems**. However the local Lib Dems want to go even further by increasing the Income Tax cut up to £800 a year. It's been a tough few years for residents across Waltham Forest where everyone has felt the pinch. In government, the **Lib Dems** have moved to help ordinary people by cutting their Income Tax bills by £700 a year but more needs to be done. To back the **Liberal Democrat** campaign for an £800-a-year Income Tax cut please visit [www.fairertax.org](http://www.fairertax.org).



## Liberal Democrats in Government



By introducing **The Pupil Premium**, Liberal Democrats have ensured that an extra £2.5 billion has gone in to our schools, targeting the pupils who need the most help.

Thorpe Hall School reports that in the academic year 2012/13 the school received £148,000, for its pupils and in the academic year 2014/15 it will rise to £200,000, making the sum per pupil rise from £900-£1300.

This much needed financial help has enabled the school to raise further the standard of education of our most vulnerable local children.

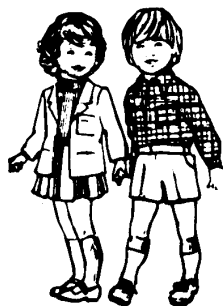
## Shocking attitude to our children in care

**A recent damning report showed that Waltham Forest had five children, in the care of the Council, missing!**

This shocking report showed the Council's failure to keep some of the most vulnerable children safe while they are in the legal care of the borough. This is nothing short of a disgrace.

**Liberal Democrat councillors** were shocked with the news and immediately contacted the Director responsible for the Borough's children to find out what was being done. They were not impressed by the response, and have asked that an urgent report go to the Council's Children's committee showing the steps taken to find these children and whether systems and checks are in place to prevent a recurrence.

**Focus Team member, Jane Morgan says:** "I am disgusted that it takes a report to find out that the Council is failing our children. All councillors have a duty to the children in the Council's care - as if they were their own children."



## Help with Living Costs

**SUCCESS!**

The **Liberal Democrats** in government have frozen fuel duty, making it 13p. per litre less than it would have been under Labour, saving motorists around £170 each year. **Liberal Democrats** have also funded a 3-year council tax freeze, saving the average family £600 since 2010 and frozen TV licence fees, saving £110.

**The Lib Dem Focus Team Local people dealing with local problems**

## Being "in Europe" brings safety and security to our streets!

Being "IN" Europe is vital for crime and justice measures

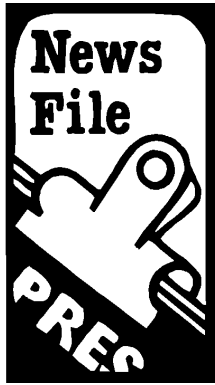


because European co-operation on cross border crime, terrorism, drug trafficking etc. is reliant on the UK being part of the European Arrest Warrant which means we can bring the most dangerous offenders before our courts and justice for victims of crime.

**London Lib Dem Euro MP, Sarah Ludford** knows that the Police require these measures to do their jobs properly and she says; "By working together with our European neighbours we have seen real success, including bringing back terrorist suspects a few weeks after 2005 London bombings".

**Service & Action ALL Year Round - NOT just at election time**

# EXPOSED: Labour deceit! Dog Mess plea!



To cover up their mismanagement of the Council the Labour Party has been delivering a leaflet across Waltham Forest claiming sole responsibility for a zero per cent in Council Tax.

What they fail to say is the Government has given the Council millions to keep Waltham Forest Council Tax at zero increase.

Labour are also trying to scare residents by saying that the **Lib Dem budget** planned to raise the Council Tax by 10 per cent this year and next year by 10 per cent.

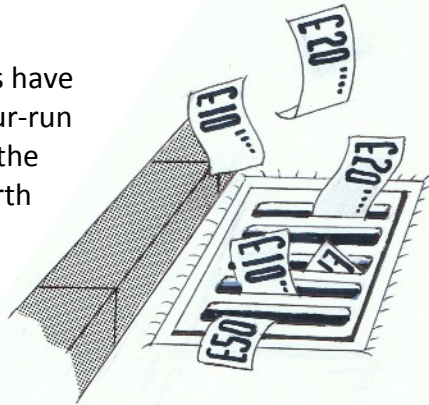
**Both figures are lies as the Lib Dem budget this year was for a zero increase, and next year's would also be a zero increase.**

The Council spends millions on propaganda but can you believe it? With an election coming next year beware of Labour lies!

**The Liberal Democrat Focus Team getting things done in our area and Keeping in touch ALL YEAR ROUND**

## Council Continues to Waste Your Money

Recent Freedom of Information figures have highlighted that Waltham Forest Labour-run Council spent a massive **£279,000** on the Olympic Torch relay, while Wandsworth spent only £710.14. This was the second highest in the country and seven times more than the average across Britain.



This is after spending **£650,000** of rate payer's money on a new entrance to the Town Hall in Walthamstow and over **£18,700** on new tables for the committee rooms.

Was **YOUR** money well spent by the Council? Or could it be spent on better services? **Of course it could!!**

### What does the Council have to hide?

A scrutiny panel, set up to investigate what happened to the £8 or £9 million that was allocated to put unemployed people in Waltham Forest into a job, has been closed down by the Labour Party.

**Liberal Democrats** and Tory councillors were astounded as the panel needed only a few more weeks to finish its investigations.

**Focus says: This is a scandal! What has the Council got to hide? Millions of pounds look like they have been wasted. This follows a previous council failure of not properly managing millions of pounds earmarked for poor areas like Leyton and Leytonstone over a number of years. Our unemployed and young people have lost out again!**



Local residents in **Beacontree Road,**

**Ulverston Road** and many others are suffering from inconsiderate dog walkers who allow their animal's to foul.

**Focus** reminds all dog walkers that, following the Council's removal of dog waste bins, 'poop scoop' bags may be deposited in the regular litter bins.

The Dog Enforcement Team and our Local Policing Team can give an £80 on-the-spot fine to owners of offending dogs. Look on [wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk) or ring Waltham Forest Direct on 0208 496 3000 for more information. The council officers are active and take action on complaints made to them.

### Neighbourhood Watch



One of the best ways to prevent crime and burglaries on your road is to start a Neighbourhood Watch.

**Your Focus Team** would be glad to help.

### Crime Prevention

The **Crime Prevention Bus** will be at the Higham's Park Day and Ulverston Road Street party. For details of where and when the bus is available check the Met Police website where you can click on our ward.



**Liberal Democrat Focus Team working to improve our area**

# Your local Focus Team:



**Jane Morgan**, a former councillor for this ward, has lived and worked in the ward for 24 years. Involved and active in local issues she believes in the devolution of power to



**Sheila Smith-Pryor**, a former councillor for this ward, has lived in the ward since 1979 and has worked as a nurse in the borough all her working life. She has been involved in the local community issues and campaigned on health issues for many years.



**Gerry McGarry** has lived in the ward for 12 years and has been involved in community matters.

To contact Focus write to the Focus Team at:  
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## We want to hear from YOU please

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*I think something should be done about.....*

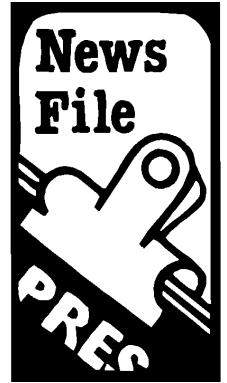
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**RETURN TO: THE FOCUS TEAM, 33 NESTA ROAD, IG8 9RG**

The Liberal Democrats may contact 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 the information above to be used for this purpose.

## Latest news: The Regal, Highams Park

Focus Team member Sheila Smith-Pryor attended the open evening to view the plans for the refurbishment and change of use for **The Regal**.



This once noble building and the boarded up restaurant next door has been bought by TSS, a security company already in Highams Park. We are very pleased to report that, though still in the planning and consulting stage, the façade will be preserved. Planning permission is being sought for conversion to offices and conference rooms.

**When you want something done it's the Lib Dem Focus Team that gets it done**

## The Section 106 money from Tesco

When Tesco was built in Highams Park the company agreed to give £1.1 million for health provision in the borough. This is a legal agreement as part of the planning approval. So far £920,000 has been spent on the **Thorpe Hall School** development and the extension to the **Handsworth Health Centre**. At the time of going to press your **Focus Team** has not been able to find out where the remaining £179,000 will be spent. **Focus** will report any further news.

**Lib Dems - getting things done in Hale End & Highams Park**