

# Gipsy Hill News



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## CRACKDOWN ON GANGS!

Upper and West Norwood now make up London's biggest ever no-go zone for yobs and teenage thugs. The new zone means police have tough powers to break up mobs of young tearaways and impose strict curfews on the minority of youngsters making life a misery for local residents.

"We are delighted this no-go zone has been set up", says Suzanne. "The police now have the powers they need to deal with the small hard core of trouble-makers who have wreaked havoc in recent months."

"We also recognise though, that these powers are only part of the solution for dealing with anti-social behaviour – there also needs to be much more for local young people to do. That's why we're pressing Lambeth to continue to improve the local youth service and to invest in services for young people."

"After years of neglecting young people in Norwood, Lambeth has at last started to improve services. The Old Library on Norwood Road has finally been re-opened as a centre for young people and, for the first time, Norwood has its own team of youth workers, but there is still a lot to do."

## Clean up success

Andrew, Stephen and Suzanne have had some early successes in their clean up campaign.

Graffiti has been removed right across our area, including in Woodland Road, Woodland Hill, Gipsy Road, Elder Road, Norwood Road and South Croxted Road.

"We're determined to rid our area of graffiti," says Stephen. "That means we want to see graffiti cleaned off as soon as it appears. We are sure that this will mean that so-called graffiti 'artists' come to realise that it is pointless putting graffiti in Upper and West Norwood, because it gets removed so quickly!"

You can help the team fight graffiti by calling or e-mailing them as soon as you see it appear in our area.



Andrew, Stephen and Suzanne at Gipsy Hill Police Station.

## Paxton School Mural

Children, parents and staff at Paxton School are celebrating the news that Lambeth is to fund new murals to brighten-up the children's play grounds.

Russell has persuaded Lambeth to fund the project.

"This is an exciting idea," says Suzanne. "It will be designed with the help of the children and will bring colour to the play grounds in Cawnpore Street and the school."



Stephen at the cleaned up area

# We're around all year round!

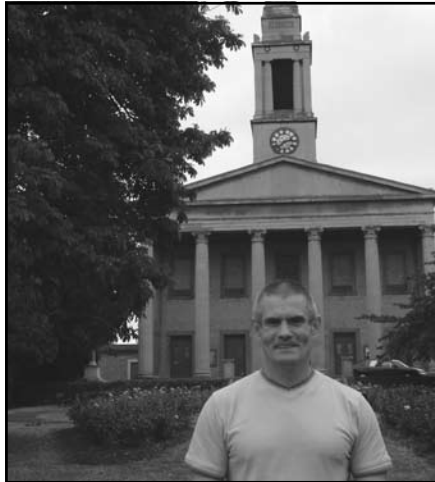
# Working with you to make our area better...

## West Norwood gets a facelift

After years of neglect under Lambeth Labour, West Norwood is finally to get a much needed facelift!

A new package of improvements includes:

- £250,000 to re-vamp St Luke's Memorial Garden and re-instate the railings;
- A crossing for Norwood High Street, by the railway bridge;
- Pedestrian phasing for the lights at the junction of Norwood Road and York Hill;
- Improvements to Tulse Hill Station;
- New signs; and
- Environmental improvements to the



Stephen at St Luke's gardens.

These improvements come on top of the re-opening of the Old Library as a community facility and the re-surfacing of Norwood Road and Norwood High Street. Lambeth has also backed the 'Emmaus Project' which is transforming the area next to West Norwood Station.

"These improvements are long-overdue", says Andrew. "West Norwood was neglected for years and we hope that by improving the environment and making it easier for people to park in and around the High Street, we can help to revitalise the local economy."

## Petition Success!

Andrew, Stephen and Suzanne have collected a massive 401 signatures on their petition demanding that Southwark Council put a pedestrian phase on the traffic lights at the junction of Park Hall and South Croxted Roads.



Team with petition at junction.

The team have presented their petitions to Lambeth and Southwark Councils and are now pressing for action to make this dangerous junction safe for pedestrians.

## Rubbish collection in Woodland Road

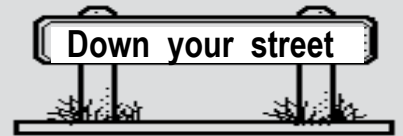
As a direct result of Andrew, Stephen and Suzanne's insistence that normal bin service be restored to all of Woodland Road, black plastic bins are being distributed together with a supply of plastic bags. This follows months of pressure from Cllr Russell A'Court and a petition from residents to the Area Committee.

Importantly, the Council has now accepted that refuse collectors must take sacks from these dustbins. Residents

will not be forced to place bags on the street.

We very much hope that the problems of the last six months – that have included spillage and mess caused by foxes ripping open sacks placed on the street – have now been resolved.

We have been pressing hard, together with Cllr Russell A'Court, for an effective, regular refuse collection from Woodland Road, and would like to thank the many residents who have supported us in our campaign. Andrew, Stephen and Suzanne will continue to work to get cleaner, safer streets for Gipsy Hill



Thanks to pressure from local councillors, Lambeth has agreed to spend £37,000 on much-needed environmental improvements in **Charters Close**. Andrew, Stephen and Suzanne are now consulting local residents on what they want the money to be spent on. Favourites so far are entry phones or resurfacing the roads in the close.

Andrew, Stephen and Suzanne are pressing the council to repair a number of dangerous paving stones on **Norwood High Street**, by St Matthews Church. Lambeth has promised to act.

Russell has persuaded Lambeth to install drop-kerbs outside the sheltered flats at **Balmoral Court**, on **Gipsy Road**, to make wheel-chair access easier for residents.

Andrew, Stephen and Suzanne are pressing Lambeth to remove abandoned cars in **Windsor Close**, which have been taking up much needed parking spaces for residents.

Russell is pressing for litter bins to be placed outside **Paxton Green Medical Centre** after complaints from residents on **South Croxted Road** about litter.