

Thurlow Park News

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News from your local Conservative Councillors

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Conservatives deliver new school for Norwood

Lambeth Council has been given the go ahead to build a new secondary school in West Norwood.

It will be co-educational, with up to 180 pupils in each year. It will also have a sixth form. The school will be a "community school" promoted by a local parents group.

"This is fantastic news for local parents and children," says Kim Humphreys, Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate. "At the last Council elections, Lambeth Conservatives made it their number one pledge to provide a new and badly needed secondary school in Norwood and they have delivered."

"Whereas Lambeth Labour closed schools, Lambeth's Conservative/ Lib Dem administration is planning to open new schools across the borough."

"Many local parents have struggled to find their child a place in a local school," reports Clare. "Every year it causes so much distress and worry for parents and children. The shortage of secondary school places is particularly acute for boys".

The next challenge is to get the school built and open as quickly as possible. "We would like to see the school taking its first pupils in 2007," says Irene. "We simply cannot afford to delay".



Kim outside the Elmcourt school site.



Kim by a number 3 bus stop.

No 3 Bus under threat

Labour-controlled Transport for London is proposing to cut the frequency of the No. 3 bus service by 20% during peak hours, to stop "bunching at Kennington".

Kim Humphreys said, "This is unacceptable for bus users living in this area and I will oppose the cuts vigorously. I live in this area, so I know what a lifeline this service is to our community. Labour outsiders seem to forget that we are beyond the reach of the Tube system and need a decent bus service".

Kim has also joined Clare, Irene and John in criticising poor standards of driving for both the 3 and 322. At a meeting with transport officials, they highlighted speeding, examples of poor driving, bunching of buses and the hostile attitude of a few bus drivers. "Our criticisms were not well received," says Irene, "but we believe local bus users deserve a better service than this".

We're around all year round!

Working with you to make our area better...

Tree-mendous News!

Clare, Irene and John have been successful in getting hundreds of new street trees for this area.

Idmiston Road, York Hill, Lancaster Avenue, Elmcourt Road, Chancellor Grove and Thurlow Hill are just some of the local streets to receive new street trees. No trees will be planted that damage pavements or foundations.

As well as more trees, Conservative councillors have been successful in getting the Council to have a proper tree management programme, with every tree being pruned on a regular basis.

“Street trees look great, but if they are not properly maintained, they can be a nightmare for home owners,” says Clare. “At last Lambeth is taking its responsibilities seriously and promising to look after its trees”.



Kim, Clare and John in Lancaster Avenue

Revamped Rosendale Playing Fields



Clare and Irene at the re-opening ceremony.

After a 15-year campaign, Clare, Irene and John have finally succeeded in renovating the Rosendale Playing Fields so local children can play soccer, tennis and other sports in safety.

“This is fantastic news,” says Clare. “It means that local schools can hold competitions and sports days and a precious piece of green space is being preserved for community use”.

New hope for Cinderella Estate

Helping residents on the Peabody Hill and Peabody Rosendale Estates is a top priority for Clare, Irene and John.

- With John’s help Peabody’s operations director for London came to a meeting to hear residents’ grievances. John presented over 40 photographs of graffiti, dumped trash, vandalised trees, burned out garages and blocked gulleys.
- Your Councillors have supported flooded out Peabody Hill residents in their fight for compensation. John was the first to take action after the most recent flooding on Christmas Day 2004.
- With our help Lambeth Council gave £20,000 towards the new railings in Rosendale Road and £10,000 for the Rosendale Tenants Hall. The council has also helped the Peabody pre-school group.
- Our advice surgery operates on the last Friday of the month at the Estate Office. No appointment needed.
- Clare and Irene took part in the recent Peabody Woods clear-up day while John took photographs and co-ordinated with the sponsors. John even wrote to the Territorial Army asking them for help.
- John says: “It is a privilege for us to be able to help Peabody Estate residents and the Residents’ Association. They have for many years been a Cinderella in the Peabody family, but by working together and engaging with Peabody’s managers we can make progress.”

HELP US TO HELP YOU!

**Is there a local issue you would like John, Clare and Irene to work on in your neighbourhood?
Details:**

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