



Moseley & Kings Heath Liberal Democrats

MOSELEY ROAD BATHS TO RE-OPEN IN OCTOBER

A new date has been set for the re-opening of Moseley Road baths – it's **Sunday 9th October 2005**. It was previously thought it would re-open on the 1st September, however there have been delays in the re-construction of the terracotta windows in Pool 2.

Much restoration work has taken place inside the building during the last 12 months.

Only Pool 2 will re-open in October. Pool 1, the larger of the two pools will remain closed until the money can be found for its restoration. Martin has already met with the Heritage Lottery Fund. As a result, he has received agreement from the Council for a necessary £200,000 Conservation Survey of the baths, subject to Cabinet Approval in October.

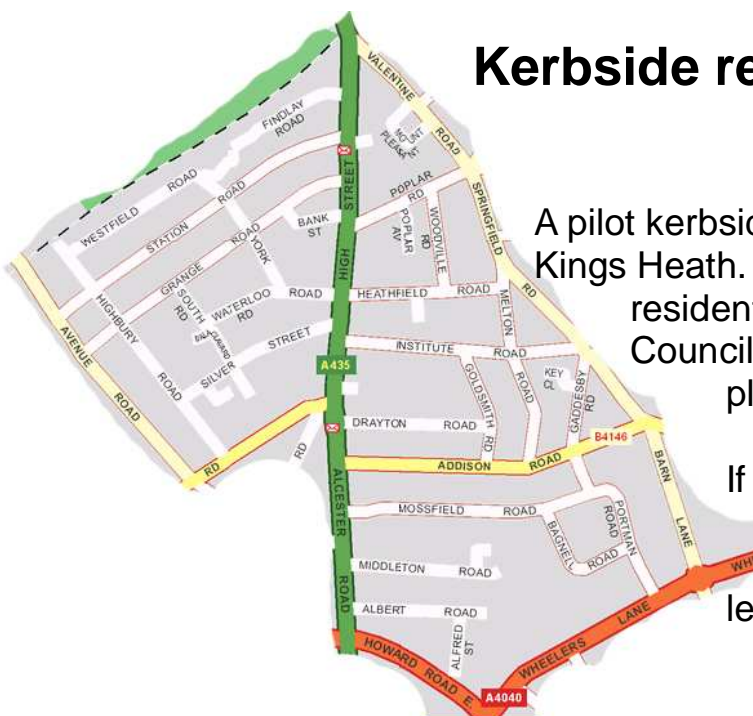


The above photograph shows the rebuilding of the terracotta windows in Pool 2. New terracotta blocks have been made to replace any that have crumbled.

Kerbside recycling scheme starts in Kings Heath

A pilot kerbside recycling scheme has now started in Kings Heath. Recyclable items are collected from residents using containers provided by the Council. Items that are recycled include: plastics, glass, tin cans and paper.

If the scheme is successful then it will be extended into the rest of Kings Heath and Moseley. The map to the left shows the roads included in the



WORK STARTS ON KINGS HEATH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Work has now started on creating a Kings Heath Business Improvement District (BID). If the shops of Kings Heath High Street vote in favour of its creation at the end of 2006, it will massively improve this shopping centre.

This project is the culmination of 12 months work by Martin to regenerate Kings Heath shopping centre economically. A Kings Heath BID will provide a pool of money to pay for a Town Centre Manager, Street Wardens, mechanical cleaning of the pavements and regular family events on the High Street, plus much more.

A Business Improvement District works by the local shops agreeing to pay a small surcharge on their business rates. The pooled money is then spent by the businesses to improve their shopping centre.

A consultant is now being employed for 12 months, who is recommended by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. This consultant will guide the project through to its various legal stages, encouraging the local traders to support the BID and start the voting process.

Martin and Emily hope to have a Kings Heath Town Centre Manager in place by April 2006, subject to approval by the Ward Committee, ready for the BID vote. If the Kings Heath BID is successful, they will then investigate creating a Moseley Shopping Centre BID, with its own Town Centre Manager.

CONTACTING YOUR LIBERAL DEMOCRAT COUNCILLORS

We are here to help you 7 days a week, 365 days a year. You can contact either of us on the following telephone numbers or e-mail addresses:

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If you require a home visit, telephone 689 4372

You can also meet them at their Advice Bureaux. These are held **every Monday (except Bank Holidays)** at the following times and locations:

6.30 - 7.00pm Kings Heath Community Centre, 8 Heathfield Road, Kings Heath

7.15 - 7.45pm, Moseley Community Development Trust, The Post Office Building, 149-153 Alcester Road, Moseley

LABOUR GETS ITS FACTS WRONG!

Martin and Emily have been appalled by the factual inaccuracies in a recent local Labour Party leaflet. Labour have made two claims which they believe need correcting:

Incorrect Labour Party claim number 1:

Local Labour Councillor Barry Henley saved Kings Heath CCTV from a financial crisis which would have resulted in the cameras being switched off.

Fact: The funds to save the Kings Heath CCTV were identified by Liberal Democrat Councillor Martin Mullaney,

not Councillor Henley. This is recorded at a meeting of the Kings Heath CCTV group on the 18th May

2005. At this same meeting Councillor Henley asked if SOME of the cameras could be switched off as a way of saving money. He even said that if the running costs of the system could not be reduced long term, then they should ALL be switched off.

Councillor Henley did not even attend the Ward Advisory Committee on the 9th June, when the financial bid to save the cameras was discussed and recommended for approval.

Martin and Emily have continuously raised the issue about the future running of the scheme after 1st January 2006, both in the Council Chamber and the local media. As a result, the Council has now agreed to fully fund the scheme for the foreseeable future.

Incorrect Labour Party claim number 2: The introduction of 'Blue Routes' means the traffic calming in Springfield road and Valentine Road will be removed

Fact: No traffic calming measures will be removed because of the introduction of 'Blue Routes'. The introduction of 'Blue Routes' in July this year, makes public what has existed for over 20 years. Formerly known as Emergency Services Priority Routes, these were roads where the emergency services would object to any kerb-to-kerb speed humps, as opposed to speed cushions. **Valentine Road** and **Springfield Road** have speed cushions and the emergency services are happy for them to remain.

Kerb-to-kerb speed humps dramatically slow down emergency vehicles, thereby affecting their response time. There will now be a presumption against kerb-to-kerb speed humps in roads identified as 'Blue Routes'. 'Horizontal' traffic calming, or when deemed necessary, speed cushions will be allowed on 'Blue Routes'. Horizontal traffic calming includes chicanes, pinch points or speed cameras.



Valentine Road. Labour claim Liberal Democrats want to remove these speed cushions. If they had checked their facts, they would know this is rubbish!

ACTION FILE

During July and August, your local Lib Dem Councillors Martin Mullaney and Emily Cox have done the following:

- In the two weeks immediately following the tornado, Martin spent almost every day in north Moseley helping local residents .
- Found new premises for **Woodstock Road Girls School**, whose school building was wrecked in the tornado. This included visiting potential new premises and finally negotiating a hire charge on their behalf.
- Noted down any fences crushed in the tornado in **Woodstock Road, Queenswood Road, Church Road and Woodhurst Road**, which were leaving houses vulnerable to burglary. they have contacted the relevant Housing Associations urging them to get the fences re-erected. For fences owned by people on low income, they have identified local funds to get these fences re-erected free-of-charge to the owners. Martin has then gone door-to-door getting indemnity forms signed by residents, so that the Council can get these fences re-erected straight away.
- They have had several meetings to discuss the poor and inconsistent delivery of black bin bags in Moseley and Kings Heath. As a result, the August delivery of black bin bags rolls should have been delivered to your doorstep. Please inform us if this was not the case.

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