



# Moseley & Kings Heath Liberal Democrats

## NEW TREES IN MOSELEY FIRST TIME IN 15 YEARS!

During December, new street trees were planted in Southlands Road, Blenheim Road and parts of Moseley shopping centre. This was the first time in over 15 years that new trees have been planted in already paved areas, anywhere in Birmingham!

Martin and Emily persuaded the Council to purchase plastic root guides from Holland which when inserted around the roots of the new trees will prevent the roots damaging underground services such as electrical cables or telephone lines.

Martin and Emily want, subject to Ward Committee approval, to get all the street trees in Moseley and Kings Heath surveyed. This will allow them to create a 10 year tree planting and maintenance programme.



One of the two new London Plane trees planted in **Victoria Parade, Moseley** during December.



## MECHANICAL PAVEMENT SWEEPER IN MOSELEY AND KINGS HEATH

A mechanical pavement sweeper has started operating in Moseley and Kings Heath— see photo left. All the pavements in the area will be swept once a week. Moseley and Kings Heath shopping centres will be swept every day. Moseley car park will be swept once a week.

The mechanical sweeper was Martin and Emily's idea. We hope you approve! They hope it will dramatically reduce the level of litter in the area, AND reduce the level of weeds on the pavements. The regular sweeping will remove the build up of silt in the pavement into which weeds grow.

# MOSELEY ROAD BATHS UPDATE

Work on a Conservation Survey of Moseley Road baths has now begun. This survey is a pre-requisite of the bid for Heritage Lottery Funds to fully restore the baths.

The Council spent just over £1million from October 2004 to October 2005 on works to make the building structurally safe. This £1million will qualify as match funding, as long as the Heritage Lottery Fund bid is applied for before October 2006. The Conservation Survey will take several months to complete.

## Kings Heath railway station update

Birmingham City Council has agreed to investigate the possibility of re-opening the Camp Hill Railway line through Kings Heath and Moseley to passenger services. The study will take place this Spring and will investigate the following:

- re-opening stations at Stirchley, Kings Heath, Moseley and Balsall Heath.
- creating two railway links at Camp Hill, so that train services can be diverted into Moor Station Street.
- moving services, via the two new railway links at Camp Hill, from the already over-crowded New Street Station into the under used Moor Street Station. Services that could potentially be moved include those to Worcester and beyond and Derby and beyond.

If the business case is proved, then it would form the foundation of a later bid for Government funds to re-open the line to passenger services.

## 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:

**Councillor Martin Mullaney—689 4372—mullaney3@blueyonder.co.uk**  
**Councillor Emily Cox—303 4204 (office hours) — emily.cox@jhc.co.uk**  
**Ernie Hendricks—256 1310—e.hendricks@liberaldem.co.uk**

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

# Cleaning up Moseley and Kings Heath

## Flyposting

Flyposting in Moseley and Kings Heath has been almost non-existent since early December. This follows the prosecution of three individuals involved with Midland Posters Limited. Footage from a mobile CCTV camera in Moseley was used as evidence. The CCTV camera is now being hired on a long term basis.

## Graffiti

The number of new graffiti tags has dramatically reduced since the issuing of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders against 4 individuals responsible for most of the tags in Moseley and Kings Heath. Nearly all the graffiti tags on unpainted surfaces have been removed. We now intend to paint over any graffiti on painted or rendered surface in the coming weeks.



The advertising A-boards of Kings Heath High Street. We think they look a mess and are an obstruction to pedestrians.

## A-Boards on Kings Heath High Street

Martin and Emily have asked the Council to clear Kings Heath High Street of all Advertising A-boards—see photo above. The A-boards have reached large numbers and are both an eyesore and an obstruction to pedestrians. Do you agree?

## **BILLESLEY LANE ALLOTMENTS OUTRAGE!**

**During December, two thirds of the popular Billesley Lane allotments were vacated because the private owner ended their lease. However, Martin has unearthed documents showing that in 2003 the then Labour-run Council may have misled the public by claiming that the allotments could not be saved.**

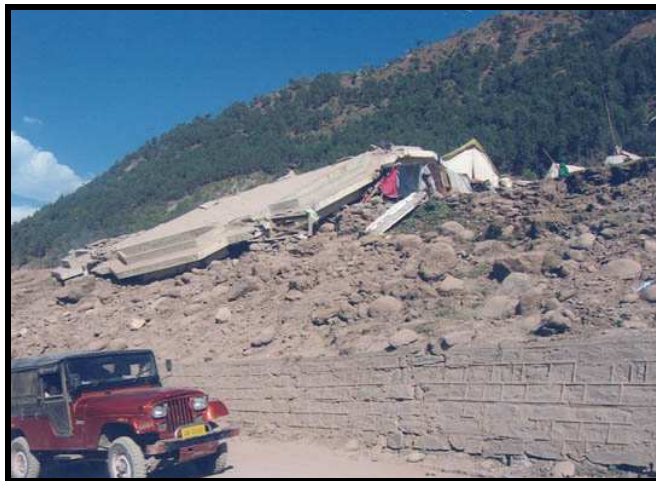
In 2003, the Council wanted to make a second attempt at compulsory purchasing the allotments and sought legal advice to establish whether they would succeed. The Council has always claimed that the legal advice showed that this would FAIL. This legal advice has never been made public.

Using the Freedom of Information Act, Martin has discovered an e-mail from a Labour Councillor to a senior Council Officer giving his interpretation of the legal advice. The Councillor claimed that the legal advice was reasonably positive and such a compulsory purchase was likely to SUCCEED. Martin is now demanding that the Council makes the legal advice publicly available, so that the you can

# Pakistan/Kashmir Earthquake Appeal

Zaman Khan, who was our local Liberal Democrat candidate in 2004 and 2005, has just come back from the Pakistan/Kashmir earthquake zone. Prior to going, he raised £23,000 locally which he then used to purchase roofing, building material and blankets for earthquake survivors in the Balakot and Mansehra areas.

Zaman is back in the United Kingdom for two months whilst he collects more money for the survivors. Zaman has taken photographs and a video film of the devastation and how the £23,000 was spent. If you would like to see the photographs or film visit his shop—Frontier Stores, 383 Ladypool Road, telephone number 449 9591. **If you would like to donate to Frontier Relief UK, the charity run by Zaman, then you can donate either directly at his shop or straight into the Frontier Relief UK back account, Lloyds TSB Account 0856086, sort code 30-97-97.**



The above photo shows the flattened remains of a 6 storey hotel in Balakot. All the staff and customers are still buried inside.

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3. I will help deliver leaflets
4. I would like to join the Lib Dems

**(To join or donate please send cheques made out to ' Liberal Democrats' - membership costs £5 minimum).**

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