



Moseley & Kings Heath **Liberal Democrats**

GRAFFITI TAGGERS ARRESTEDmore to come



The above photograph shows graffiti tags in Sandhurst Road in October 2006. All the teenagers who did these have now been identified.

Three Moseley and Kings Heath based graffiti taggers were arrested in dawn raids by West Midlands police just before Christmas. The three were arrested on evidence collected by Councillor Martin Mullaney.

Since August 2006 Martin, Emily and Ernie have been working in partnership with the police and local wardens to identify all the graffiti taggers operating in Moseley and Kings Heath. They photograph any new graffiti tags and exchange intelligence.

Evidence on other graffiti taggers in the area has also been presented to the

police and additional arrests are expected in the coming months.

Martin has uploaded a video onto the internet explaining what a 'graffiti tag' is, why teenagers do them and the background to the teenagers are that are tagging in Moseley and Kings Heath. The video shows the Moor Green Lane sports pavilion(see photo right) which was covered in graffiti tags within two months of being re-painted in August 2006. The video can be seen at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVf1AP6EBW4

Or accessed through www.martinmullaney.co.uk/



NEW STREET TREES

30 new street trees will be planted in Moseley and Kings Heath this winter. The photograph on the left shows Emily planting the first new street trees in Amesbury Road for over 20 years. One side of Amesbury Road is now completely tree lined.

The roads that will be receiving new trees this winter are:

Cambridge Road; Prospect Road; Southlands Road and Alcester Road. We hope to get Alcester Road completely tree lined from Queensbridge Road to Brighton Road.

A number of Elm trees will also be planted in a section of Alcester Road.

These will be the first elm trees to be planted in the area, since Dutch Elm disease destroyed all of Britain's elm tree population

in the 1970's. These new elm trees are resistant to Dutch Elm disease.

More new street trees are planned for Winter 2008.



CONTACTING YOUR LIBERAL DEMOCRAT COUNCILLORS

For planning or environmental (eg graffiti, dumped rubbish) issues contact:
Councillor Martin Mullaney—689 4372—mullaney3@blueyonder.co.uk
Website: - www.martinmullaney.co.uk

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Councillor Emily Cox—442 2070 — emily.cox@jhc.co.uk

For general issues contact:
Councillor Ernie Hendricks—256 1310—e.hendricks@liberaldem.co.uk

If you require a home visit, telephone 689 4372

You can also meet us at our 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



Emily is working with Travel West Midlands on how to stiffen the fines given to people caught smoking on the buses. At the moment the fines given out in court are too small to deter repeat offenders—the typical fine is less than £50. The cost to the bus companies in taking legal action far exceeds this fine.

IMPROVING OUR BUSES

Martin recently published a report on how we can persuade the public to use the buses. We need to encourage the public to use the buses if we are going to avoid permanent traffic jam chaos in Birmingham within 20 years.

The report explains why people do not use the bus—poor reliability, lack of cleanliness and concern for safety. It also provides a framework for how we can re-invigorate the partnership between the Council, Centro and the local bus companies.

A copy of the report can be downloaded over the internet, at <http://www.martinmullaney.co.uk>

A paper copy can be requested using the Comments form on the back of this leaflet

RE-ORGANISED STREET CLEANING IN MOSELEY AND KINGS HEATH

Moseley and Kings Heath Ward are to pilot a new way of cleaning our city streets in April 2007. It is one of five Wards that will be piloting area based street cleansing teams.

At the moment, street cleansing is done using working practices that existed in the 1970's. We have one street cleaner for picking litter off the pavement, another for grass verges, another for shop frontages and no one to pick litter from underneath bushes.

We also have the problem where only half the roads in the Ward have a litter picker.

All this demarcation will be swept away and street cleaners will work in Ward based teams. Their objective will be to ensure the Ward is litter free—wherever that litter is. We hope that this new way of working will see a significant reduction in litter in our area.

HIGHBURY PARK RANGER STARTS JOB

The new Assistant Park Ranger for Highbury Park has now started working. This is the first time in over 20 years that Highbury Park has had a park warden of any kind.

This is the first part of the regeneration of Highbury Park. We hope the presence of this Warden will reduce the level of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in this park.

The Warden has already put a bid in for £11,000 for facilities to encourage people into the park. Emily, Ernie and Martin hope to formally approve this bid in February. The bid involves organised walks and cycle rides around the park; creation of a 2km walk route; 'green gym' events; educational conservation activities; information packs on the wildlife in the park and provision of an orienteering route through the park.

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