



Moseley & Kings Heath

Liberal Democrats

GETTING RID OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN Highbury Park



The recent introduction of a park warden into Highbury Park—first time in 20 years—is beginning to reap benefits. Much of the anti-social behaviour in the park is now beginning to be tackled.

During February much of the graffiti that covered the park for years has been removed. Graffiti on the trees has not yet been removed, since this involves gently time consuming process.

We also have a greater understanding of the problems caused by certain daytime activities that have been taking place in the park. We are particularly concerned that they have been organised, occurred during the day and left a horrible mess behind.

The laurel bushes that these activities take place under are now being severely trimmed back in a phased programme. The above photograph shows Emily next to one of the recent prune laurel bushes. These laurel bushes are along side the allotments and up by Highbury Hall. The trimming will be severe, but the laurels will quickly regenerate into tight bushes under which no anti-social activities can take place..

A video explaining further why we are trimming these bushes back can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFC1v6sBhQE>

More graffiti taggers arrested.....

During February two more graffiti taggers were arrested who had tagged along Kings Heath High Street—including one who had tagged above the Powerhouse Electrical shop. Both taggers live outside the area and were caught using evidence presented to the police by the local Liberal Democrat Councillors.



ACTION TO TIDY UP EYE SORE ON DADS LANE

The owner of a group of private garages and workshops has been issued with a Section 215 notice and told to tidy them up by 14th May. If he doesn't tidy them up, the Council will send in contractors to do it and bill the owner.

The site is located behind a number of houses on Dads Lane and Shutlock Lane.

Rubbish is regularly dumped there and the place is swarming with rats. The above photograph shows Emily inspecting some of the dumped rubbish.

This is the second Section 215 notice to be issued in Moseley and Kings Heath Ward. The first one was issued last October to the owner of former Sorrento Hospital buildings on Anderton Park Road. This forced the owner to at last tidy up this property after years of neglect.

More Section 215 notices on other eyesore properties in the Ward are being prepared for issuing soon. A video showing the garages can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGojXSwXA5o>

CONTACTING YOUR LIBERAL DEMOCRAT COUNCILLORS

For planning or environmental (eg graffiti, dumped rubbish) issues contact:
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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 with Keith Marsden who owns Epic Skateboard Park.

GRAFFITI ART STUDIO

In a effort to prevent further graffiti tagging and as a way of guiding local teenagers towards the artistic and legal side of the art form, £1800 of local funds for a graffiti art studio has been set aside.

The studio is the joint idea by your local Lib Dem Councillors and Epic Skateboard Park and is understood to be the first of it type anywhere in

the country. The facility will be based at Epic Skateboard Park on the corner of Moseley road and Trafalgar road. The studio will be indoors, run on a membership basis and free to use. Anyone known to be illegally tagging anywhere in Birmingham will not be allowed to use it. Graffiti artists will be provided with free wooden boards and canvases to paint on. The finished works will be displayed inside the skateboard park.

A Moseley art gallery has also offered to sell the works and if any of the artists are of sufficient quality, they will be commissioned to do aerosol art work for top national companies. Meetings have already taken place with local teenagers to finalise the design of the studio. A video showing where the studio will be can be seen at

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_XJ114k_4

STREET TREES PLANTED

37 new street trees have been planted in Moseley and Kings Heath this winter. We were unable to plant new trees in some roads due to underground services in the way—namely Southlands Road and most of Alcester Road.

New trees were planted in: Cambridge Road; Blenheim Road; Prospect Road; Wake Green Road; School Road and Woodbridge Road. **A number of Elm trees were planted in Alcester Road, next to Queensbridge School. These are the first Elms to be planted in the area since Dutch Elm disease killed off all Elm trees in Britain in 1976.**

A meeting has already taken place with Council Officers and Moseley in Bloom members to plan for next winters planting programme. We have already agreed to start excavating tree pit holes during the Summer, so we have more time to allow if



Pakistan Earthquake Appeal

Former Liberal Democrat candidate for Moseley and Kings Heath Ward, Zaman Khan has been busy in the last two years with his charity Frontier Relief. Following the Pakistan earthquake of 8th October 2005 demand for the work performed by the charity increased enormously. The charity helps poor and displaced children and widows in Pakistan.

He has now set up a website for his charity and can be seen at
www.frontierrelief.co.uk

The photograph above shows Zaman with Emily in front of his shop on Ladypool Road, Balsall Heath.

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