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Liberal Democrats 

MARION REDDISH AND JUNE WALKLATE, YOUR LOCAL THISTLEBERRY COUNCILLORS

All change ... but not for the better!

Very disappointing - June and Marion's verdict on the new arrangements for recycling.

Despite residents saying very firmly they did not want to go back to weighted bags for paper and card, that is exactly what is going to happen!

The bags will be heavier to carry and will be collected fortnightly.

All other materials, except food waste, will be collected in a blue bin fortnightly.

Marion and June also consider it a waste of money to replace perfectly good grey bins for blue ones.

Although your councillors welcome some improvement to the service regarding plastics they are not happy with the changes.



Liberal Democrats have always been passionate about the environment - **Councillor Marion Reddish**, leader of the LibDem Council group.

Exciting times at Keele University

Plans for a new hotel and a veterinary hospital have been approved.

Marion is informed that the hospital is for small animals only. She will be watching how this develops and its effect on Thistleberry regarding traffic.

In addition, applications on the site for wind turbines will be monitored.

Thistleberry Parkway

Marion and June are concerned about the



number of trees which have been removed in Thistleberry Parkway.

The wildlife area also appears to be all weeds and dandelions.

Representation has been made on your behalf.

Marion and June have requested that replacement planting takes place and the wildlife meadow becomes a priority.

Planning applications

Marion has recently raised residents' concerns at a Planning Committee about applications in **Roesacre, Thistleberry Avenue and Keele Road.**

Applications concerning the Persimmons estate are always monitored and concerns expressed as appropriate.

Your Councillors are pleased to support the application from Westlands Bowling Club for a shed to keep their equipment in. If you have any concern about any proposals across the Borough, please contact Marion or June.

Local Plan

DELAYED

Not much progress forward is being made with our Local Plan. This is the document that determines how much industry we need or what our housing requirements are as well as how they relate to our transport mechanism.

Both the Labour and the present Conservative administration should have submitted this plan to the Secretary of State years ago.

The local Liberal Democrat group are very disappointed about the continuing delay. The reason given now is that the document is not robust enough to stand the test ... so back to the drawing board.

In the meanwhile we float along without any definite proposals with a loss of credibility as far as the Council is concerned.

ACTION for Thistleberry residents all year round

Demanding better for Thistleberry



Marion Reddish (left) and **June Walklate** (right) local LibDem councillors out and about in Thistleberry.

POTHOLES

Have you had enough?

Emery Avenue, Renfrew Close, Greenock Close and Orme Road ... these are just some of the roads in Thistleberry where there are continuing problems with potholes!

June and Marion say they are disappointed that potholes remain a problem.

A request has been made that repair work takes place especially in these roads.

June and Marion note that Paris Avenue has been repaired but once again to a poor standard.

News and Action

Parked Cars

Marion and June are very concerned about the parking of cars on the grassy area in Ostend Place by the school. A request has been made to Aspire as well as the school asking for their co-operation.

Quarry

The quarry operators are planning on increasing the volume of waste going into Walleys Quarry significantly.

Whilst the sooner they fill up the space the better, Marion and June raised concerns through the consultation process about several issues including the increase in odour because of increased volume.

Your councillors already find the odour emanating from the quarry unacceptable. As yet the company have been unable to solve it. June and Marion are also requesting better cleaning of the wheels on the lorries as they leave the site in Cemetery Road.

Drain Unblocking

June and Marion have asked the County Highways department to unblock the drain at the junction of the A525 and Persimmons estate which causes flooding as well as deep puddles on a major road.

Parking Bays

Marion is raising residents' concerns with Aspire and the school about the parking bays by the shops in Paris Avenue being used by parents collecting their children.

Both Marion and June are concerned that residents wanting to use the shops cannot park and that this will have a knock-on

effect. They are asking that there are marked bays for shoppers only.

Gas cylinders

Please let June or Marion know if you have any information about hippy gas cylinders being deposited in Thistleberry. They are in communication with the Council on this matter.

Tidy up

A request has been made to tidy up the area by the Queen Elizabeth Gardens entrance and Silverdale Road. The Borough Streetscene team have agreed to grass over some of the area.

Whitfield Community Centre

Representation has been made to the Whitfield Community Centre raising residents' concerns. They are actively looking at improving the exterior of the property where they can.

Thank you ...

... to residents who have raised concerns about commercial vehicles parking on the grass verge and by traffic islands in Sneyd Avenue. Marion and June have sort advice from both the County and Borough officers. They will monitor it and visit residents in their properties. At the moment no action can be taken. June and Marion are asking that re-seeding of the verges should become the responsibility of the offending residents.

Partnership Group

Are you interested in being involved on the partnership group which looks at issues in Thistleberry and what we would like to see happen?

[Contact your Councillors for more details.](#)

Meet Marion and June

Make a note of the date ...

Councillors' walkabout will take place on

Saturday 28 September

June and Marion would be pleased to see you at

Paris Avenue shops at 10.00am

Whitfield Centre at 10.20am

Persimmons at 10.45am by the roundabout



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