



# Idle and Thackley FOCUS



Delivered for free by volunteers to homes in Idle, Thackley, Greengates, Thorpe Edge and Apperley Bridge. From the Idle and Thackley Lib Dem Team, David Ward MP and Councillors Alun Griffiths, Chris Reid and Jeanette Sunderland.

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## Medical Records Abandoned To Vandals at 'The Knoll'

Senior Lib Dems have criticised the owners of The Knoll Nursing Home for failing to clear private medical records when the home was closed down.

"We were contacted by local residents when personal care records were found in the grounds" said Councillor Sunderland. "We collected the files and photographs and sent them for safe-keeping with the Director of Adult Care at the Council. I hope the weight of the law will be used against this company which has behaved in such a cavalier manner with people's private information".

Shock and disgrace

Lib Dem MP David Ward said "ADL is showing a complete disregard for the feelings of former residents and their families. I was shocked to see pictures of former residents and their families, clearly enjoying life, being left to thieves and vandals. I am angry that the company was so very slow to respond when local residents raised concerns about safety and security at the abandoned home. I have written directly to Sir Stephen Wells, Chairman of the Board of Directors, asking him to step in personally to take responsibility for this disgrace."

Since getting in touch, the company have put a small fence around the Knoll and we understand that it has been sold for residential development.



## Action to deal with Idle vandalism

Residents and local councillors have reacted with fury to a graffiti attack in Idle Village. Planters, signs, the phone box, public and private buildings have all been indiscriminately sprayed.



**Quick to act** - The Lib Dems worked quickly to get the graffiti removed from Idle Village

Idle Ward Councillors, Jeanette Sunderland, Alun Griffiths and Chris Reid have been working with the council to get the graffiti removed as soon as possible.

Cllr Sunderland said, " We are extremely grateful to the council for declaring the area a zero tolerance area for this sort of crime which enables them to remove the graffiti next week. The village is a conservation area and this disgraceful attack has made local people angry that someone could treat them in this manner."

Cllr Griffiths said, " The police are anxious to hear from anyone who has any information about who is responsible for the graffiti and strong action will be taken. If you have any information, I would appeal to people to contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team."

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## Idle Tide

24th September 2011

**Idle Recreation Ground**

(off Cross Road)

**12- 4pm**

Loads of activities for all the family including Climbing wall, BBQ, Stalls and games

Entertainment from Idle and Thackley amateurs Emmanuel School Band

**ALL YEAR ROUND NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE LIB DEM TEAM**

# RAIL STATION BACK ON TRACK

New funding bid launched for Apperley Bridge Rail Station but concerns are raised over inflated costs at Network Rail



Jeanette Sunderland and the Lib Dems fight for new station

After a year of delays for the long awaited Apperley Bridge Rail Station a new bid has been put together for funding to get building under way.

The revised bid will mean a smaller car park for the scheme but local Councillor Jeanette Sunderland has welcomed the new bid from METRO

"It was good to see solid support for the revised bid for Apperley Bridge Station. We have waited too long for the station".

The latest estimate is that the station will open in May 2015 giving plenty of time to put in place the transport links need to make the station really useful for people who live in north Bradford.

Councillor Chris Reid said, "While the Airport buses go through Greengates to Apperley Bridge, most buses through Idle and Thackley go in other directions. METRO is starting a major review of Bradford's bus network and this is an ideal opportunity to develop a great integrated service".

### Spiraling costs

"I can't help thinking that we would have been much closer to clinching the finance if we were not saddled with Network Rail construction costs. Many in the construction industry have found it difficult to understand how it costs more than £5 million to build a simple station, not including car park or access road!." She added

## Labour Break Promise on new care home

The Lib Dem team have strongly objected to the Labour led Councils claim that land at Thackley Grange is surplus to requirements and should be sold.

The site is one of two being considered for use as an extra care home and the Council shouldn't be selling it, to do so breaks a promise to provide an extra care home on this site;

Lib Dem Councillors are demanding a meeting with senior officers to discuss what happens next.

Cllr Alun Griffiths said, "It is not acceptable for this site to become part the Labour Council's "dash for cash" and local people will have to put up with no facilities and a potential for a real mess right on their doorsteps."



Replacing Thackley Grange is a must and the Lib Dem Team will continue to press for it

## Idle in Bloom - Get Involved



A fresh look - Thanks to local businesses and the Idle Lib Dem Team the Idle High St is looking much better.

A group of people are getting together to think about entering Idle in to the Yorkshire in Bloom competition. "Lots of people have said how happy they are about the new street furniture in Idle village. Now they want to see improvements to the green space. We were delighted to clear up the flower beds on the high street when local businesses offered to plant and maintain them. Now we are looking for you to get involved too. If you want to help with this project and keep you bit tidy please get in

## Boundary review - have your say



### New Constituency Map Divides Communities Across Bradford

Early in September the Boundary Commission published draft

proposals for new constituencies for MP's across England.

There is now a chance for you to have your say about the changes until 5th December. The proposed changes are not ideal as it will divide some of our communities . For example Thorpe Edge will have 2 MP's one from Armley and one from Otley!

This will mean that that a community with great needs being marginalised between two Leeds MPs while receiving most of it's services from Bradford.

Plans for the new boundaries can be found at <http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/> You can also find advice about how to take part in the consultation there too.

Finally although the boundaries might be changing I will continue to serve as your MP until the next General Election and fight to keep our communities together.

### WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

#### On Car Insurance

[David Ward's]work is a credit to him and sets an example to other MPs as to how to do the job properly.

Telegraph and Argus 22nd Aug 2011

#### On putting Bradford first

For the Lib Dems ... topping the league table, David Ward, who said: "I was determined that if there was a clash [between party and constituency], there would be only one winner: the constituency."

The Independent 17th April 2011

## Help us win next time!

- I can help deliver FOCUS in my area for a couple of hours each month
- I can donate £20 / £40 / £80 to help keep FOCUS going out in my area
- I am interested in standing for election as a Lib Dem council candidate
- I would like to vote by post at the next local election

Tell us what you think below...

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