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SOUTH WERRINGTON & NORTH GUNTHORPE RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER

"Working All Year Round"

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* Police: 0845 456 456 4

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* Abandoned Vehicles: 425338

* Noise Complaints: 747474

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FOCUS TEAM GET TREES....

Acting on resident requests, the **South Werrington and North Gunthorpe FOCUS Team** have been successful in getting the several new trees planted within the commonly known **Werrington Meadow**.

The work, part of the Community Leadership Fund project, came as a direct result of several resident requests.

Peterborough Tree Services have now planted several small species trees along the cycle way and a few to the right **Fulbridge Road** as people travel up into Werrington near **Baron Court**.
* More details: At www.peterboroughlibdems.org.uk

FOCUS EDITOR TO STAND IN MAY LOCAL ELECTION!

Well-known local resident **Richard Olive** has been selected to stand as the **Liberal Democrat FOCUS Team** candidate in the forthcoming local election for this area, taking place on May 1st.

FOCUS Editor Richard has been an activist in **South Werrington and North Gunthorpe** for many years; delivering and editing **FOCUS**, undertaking litter picks, resident surveys, traffic surveys and also helping out with a variety of important citywide issue likely to effect the area.

Commenting, **Richard** said; "I have experience of standing in local elections, but the chance to stand in my own area, to represent the views of the community I am part of, is a real honour. I will knock on as many doors and speak to as many residents as is humanly possible. If I am successful, I will look to continue the good work of Cllr Darren Fower in representing and fighting for the interests of people in South Werrington and North Gunthorpe."

This years local elections, are to be held on **1st May 2008** and look like being a two horse race between the Tories and the **Liberal Democrats**. When we went to print, the number of people registered to vote in this area was down compared to last year! If you are unsure of whether you are on the electoral register then please call the Councils Electoral Services team on 452249 or email electoralservices@peterborough.gov.uk

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BITS + BOBS

The Council has assured us that prior to expanding the **Paston Parkway**, they did a survey to check for traces of animal activity i.e.



badgers etc. Yet, **FOCUS Editor Richard Olive** is not so sure, after discovering clear examples of burrowing under the sound barrier that runs alongside the motorway. **Cllr Darren Fower** has been given assurances that **Storrington Way** footpath slabs are scheduled for replacement as part of the 2008-2009 slab replacement scheme. **About time!** In recent weeks, residents in and around **Coniston Road** have reported issues with rubbish. The Council has now paid several site visits to the areas in question and by the time you read this, the problem should be resolved. **FOCUS Editor** for South Werrington and North Gunthorpe, **Richard Olive** wants the Council to take action on land between **Keswick Close** and **Ladybower Way**. Following a recent walk about of the area, **Richard** fears if land is not made use of then housing development might be a risk. In other news, an attempt to enhance social cohesion by offering local people who work as Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and Specials, with a free bus pass, was rebuked by the *Conservative* controlled City Council. **Darren** argued the case at a Full Council meeting; after case studies showed the success of such schemes around the country. After the **Evening Telegraph** did a front-page story saying that the **Great Northern Hotel** was "saved". The facts are **THAT IT IS NOT!** Hence, the **Lib Dems** at the Town Hall are, not 'letting the bully win!' Energised, they have launched an online petition calling for the guaranteed survival of the Great Northern Hotel. Visit www.campaigns.libdems.org.uk/greatnorthernhotel

ELTER WALK DOG DIRT PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN PERSISTING

Richard Olive and **Cllr Darren Fower** tell us they are still receiving complaints from people living and walking down **Elter Walk** regarding irresponsible dog owners letting their animal's foul on the pathway!

They've now taken the issue up with the **City Council** who has now agreed to look at resolving the problem. Thanks to pressure from the **FOCUS Team**, new "red" bins have been installed along the walkway, aimed at providing a stronger reminder to dog owners.

FOCUS Editor, Richard Olive, told us, "The Council has confirmed there instructions to get the dog warden to patrol the **Elter Walk**. The City Council has assured us that they will look at and inspect existing dog fouling signage to make sure it has not been removed or defaced on lamp posts in this area."

* According to the Council, their officers do regularly patrol this walkway when other work allows and they have issued a number of dog fouling fixed penalty notices here. **Let us know your thoughts!**

ASTER DRIVE WORK – PAID OFF!

Following a 'Call In' procedure by members of the **South Werrington and North Gunthorpe FOCUS Team** for an outline planning application for new homes, south of **Aster Drive**, the Councils planning committee has now agreed to include several additional recommendations!

Members of the local **FOCUS Team** Councillor **Darren Fower** and **FOCUS Editor Richard Olive** attended the planning meeting, held at the start of April at the Town Hall.

Richard, a local resident himself and former architect, had already delivered a newsletter to every home in and around Aster Drive and had identified a number of issues to improve the scheme.

Speaking after the meeting, **Richard** told us that he noticed that the proposed access road was not to adoptable standards. Commenting, **Richard** told us, "The



Planning Committee agreed that the developer must submit an accurate site plan showing the location of hard standings for refuse bins and the working hours of the builders will be restricted to prevent annoyance to nearby home owners: i.e. no working before 7am nor after 7pm. The Lib Dem FOCUS Team also managed to secure assurances that other aspects will be incorporated at the Full Planning stage. Parking restrictions hopefully will be imposed along the south side of Aster Drive and the orientation of houses will be carefully considered to ensure that adjacent houses will not be overlooked."

Richard Olive added, "Although the SWNG Lib Dem FOCUS Team generally supported the planning proposals we were aware of a number of shortcomings. We have presented our arguments to be Planning Committee and are content that most of these have been taken on board. "I'm pleased to say that I believe the eventual scheme will now be a vast improvement on the original scheme!"

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