

FOCUS



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"Working All Year Round"

SOUTH WERRINGTON & NORTH GUNTHORPE RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER

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WARD SURGERY DATES

Speak to Cllr Darren Fower directly by popping along for five minutes to either:

Brookside Methodist Church,

Gunthorpe Road

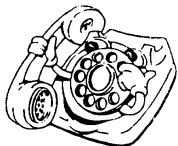
Time: 6pm - 7pm

Date: Every 3rd Friday of each month
OR

Werrington Village Centre, Church St

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Date: Every 1st Friday of Each Month



COMMUNITY CONTACTS

- * Police - 0845 456 456 4;
- * Street Lights - 453523;
- * Abandoned Cars - 425338;
- * Noise Complaints - 747474;
- * Council Tax - 452258;
- * Drains - 863766;
- * Elections - 452249;
- * Road Maintenance - 453585;

Thank You! x 742

Richard Olive (FOCUS Team candidate in this year's local election) would like to offer a **BIG thank you** to all those people who gave him their vote on May 1st. Whilst, we were not successful in getting **Richard** elected, we did secure second spot for the second year running, beating both the Independents and the Labour candidates, the seat was unfortunately won by the *Conservatives!*

Lib Dem FOCUS Team candidate, Richard Olive (a local resident) **received 742 votes**, knocking the former *Conservative* Mayor and defending councillor into 3rd place!

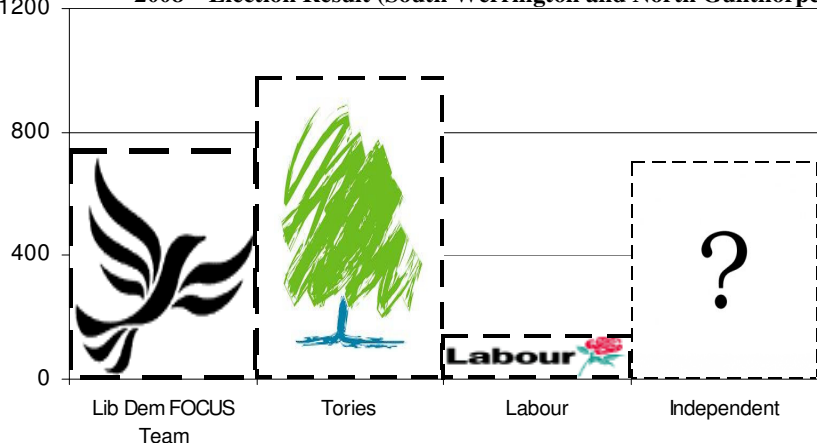
Richard Olive said "Since 2002, the **Lib Dem FOCUS Team** has delivered over 120,000 community newsletters direct to the doors of residents in South Werrington and North Gunthorpe, worked all year round and undertaken two door knocking surveys of the ward during this period. **Richard** added, "I would like to offer my thanks to all the volunteers who helped me get our **Focus Team** messages across and it was a real honour to have the chance to stand in this election with an aim of representing my community."

Your **Lib Dem** ward councillor **Darren Fower**, concluded, "I remain perplexed by the number of people who voted Tory. This is political group who axed grants for more than 2,000 low-income parents in Peterborough, who struggle to pay for their children's new school uniforms each year? These are the actions of a bully and bullies are not welcome in the Boro! Hopefully, after another two years of Pottyboro politics, regular increases in tax and cut backs in Council services, those who have allowed the Tories to reap such failure, will finally see the wood for the trees!?"

Worth Noting:

- * 1 in 2 people in this area failed to even vote!
- * 62 % of people, who did vote, DID NOT for the Tories.
- * The number of people who turned out to vote this year was down compared to 2007.
- * The number of votes received for Labour was the lowest in 3 years.
- * The last of the ex-Tory / 'Independent' councillors has now been removed.

2008 - Election Result (South Werrington and North Gunthorpe)



LOCAL BITS + BOBS

Following complaints regarding tree planting along **Coniston Road**, parallel to the Parkway, the guys tell us they hope to see further trees planted, but possibly not until the end of the year. In other news and thanks to one Sharp-eyed **FOCUS deliverer**, people who use Cuckoos Hollow will be able to do so safe from the threat of blue-green algae! Following action from members of the **FOCUS Team** the Environment Agency have taken samples of the water and discovered traces of blue-green algae and will now be monitoring the site throughout the summer period. The Council have also agreed to install signs and also conduct weekly site visits. **Can you help spend £10,000?** As part of the annual **Community Leadership Fund**, we need to hear from people who have ideas as to what we can spend the money on? It must be something unique and not likely to already come under the remit of the City Council. If you have a thought, then give a shout to one of the **FOCUS Team** (details overleaf). By the time you read this there should be a new sign erected at the entrance of **Rydal Court**, after residents in **Elter Walk** reported problems with home deliveries, after delivery companies were unaware that access could be achieved via the cul-de-sac.



At the time this edition went to press, local families in **Ambleside Gardens** faced losing one of their children's play areas. The news was discovered by the **FOCUS Team**, while working to get the Council to fulfil its duties of maintaining and repairing community facilities. The Council suggested that one of the play areas should, rather than be repaired, be removed!?

Commenting, **Cllr Darren Fower** said, "There are two play areas in **Ambleside Gardens** and a recently refurbished play area between **Ambleside** and **Baron Court**, but, the one near to **60 Ambleside Gardens** is in need of cleaning up, repair and the introduction of at least one more challenging piece of equipment. The play area behind **Baron Court** was rushed to coincide with the elections last year, resulting in local youngsters having to put up with a half decent play area!"

ONGOING SPEEDING + ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNS.....

Help us, to help you! Please visit:

Gunthorpe Road:

www.campaigns.libdems.org.uk/gunthorperoad

(Old) Lincoln Road:

www.campaigns.libdems.org.uk/LincolnRoad

TORY TALES IN POTTYBORO

Liberal Democrat councillors were the only ones to speak out and vote against the appointment of Tory councillor **Gul Nawaz**, who previously rose to notoriety after being convicted and imprisoned for benefit fraud, as deputy mayor of the City Council. The whole manoeuvre has been described as "...back scratching.." and "...promoting incestuous politics.." It is worth noting that the 2 Tory councillors for this area voted in favour of the former housing benefit fraudster.



ON A NATIONAL FRONT...

Commenting on the recent announcement of tackling fuel poverty, **Lib Dem Shadow Environment Secretary, Steve Webb** said, "Tens of thousands of elderly and vulnerable people will die this winter due to the cold weather unless ministers take strong action to tackle fuel poverty. "It is scandalous that last winter saw 20,000 extra deaths due in large part to inadequate heating and insulation. This figure could easily double next winter thanks to soaring fuel and heating bills. The Government must force energy companies to act more responsibly. Vulnerable customers should automatically be guaranteed the best tariffs.



"Ministers should hang their heads in shame that British homes are so badly insulated compared with other European countries. Current insulation programmes are woefully inadequate.

"These necessary measures could easily be undertaken by the energy companies, which have been profiting from massive windfalls as fuel prices rise."

AT THE TOWN HALL

An effort, by your **Lib Dem** City Councillor, **Darren Fower**, to offer local people working as either **Police Officers**, **Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)** or **Specials** the chance to receive a free annual bus pass, has been thrown out by the **Conservative** controlled Council!

The idea submitted as a formal motion at a Full Council meeting earlier this year, called on the Council to examine the idea of free annual bus passes to Peterborough people employed by **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**. Not surprisingly, common sense did not prevail and the **Tories** voted on mass against it!

Commenting, **Cllr Fower** explained, "The idea of uniformed members of the police travelling by bus has already occurred in areas like **London**, **Newport**, **South Yorkshire** and **Nuneaton**. Research proves that bus-related crime is positively correlated with levels of crime in the surrounding area.

"Hence, by enabling local **PCSOs**, **Police Officers** and **Specials** the chance to have an annual bus pass, subsidised by this authority and used at times that suits the individual, whether during or out of hours, on local services, would be a symbolic gesture of our intent to achieve social cohesion. Which itself is the only true way to deal with and most importantly resolve local crime."

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