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Local and national news from your local councillors & the Sutton Liberal Democrat team

## Tackling isolation

Do you know people in our area who are lonely or isolated? Is this an issue you could help with?

Sutton Council has set up a short project to look at this in Sutton North.

People can feel isolated if they are lacking in mobility, have caring responsibilities, young children or have language barriers. The project is designed to see whether there is an issue here and what can be done.

Do get in touch with us using the contact details on the back page if you have any views or would like to get involved.



# Your local updates

The main building works for the expansion of Greenshaw in Grennell Road are due to start in late October. The construction work is due to finish in Dec 2016. In the meantime Ruth, Marlene and Steve are working to ensure the traffic improvements agreed outside the school are put in place.

The street lights in Northspur Road are now in place, and 'slow' road markings have been agreed for the junction with Anton Crescent.

Work has now started on building the flats as part of the new Sainsbury's development on the old gas works site. Councillors have been in discussion on the improved public square to be included as part of this scheme. We are aware of the noise and disruption the scheme is causing to neighbours, and the inconvenience caused by works in the High Street, which we have tried to ensure is kept to a minimum.

## Focus on parking



Thanks to those of you who have written to us about parking problems on your road.

The Sutton Local committee is looking at all the concerns raised by residents with a view to setting out some priorities for action at its meeting on 3rd November.

If you have not done so yet, please let Ruth, Marlene and Steve know if you have any concerns.

In the meantime, you can ring the Council's enforcement contractor - VINCI Park - on 020 8661 0096 at any time up to 9.30pm to let them know about any issues.

### 'You're on your own'

The Conservative message to disabled jobseekers



Disabled people and those with mental health conditions who are trying to get back to work receive Employment Support Allowance.

But the Conservatives plan to cut this support by over £1,500 per year. At the same time, they are cutting inheritance tax for the very rich.

Tom Brake MP said: "Cutting support for disabled and mentally ill people who are trying to get back into work is completely unnecessary and wrong.

"The Lib Dems proudly stopped these Tory plans in coalition and will continue to fight them in opposition." Back the campaign at www.tombrake.co.uk/esa

#### No age limit for digital fun



Who says that modern technology is only for the young? Sutton Council and Age UK Sutton hosted a Digital Tea Party in August for over 100 people, all eager to take advantage of lessons in using email, social media and video calls to keep in touch with friends and families, follow the latest news and learn new skills.

Ruth Dombey, Leader of the Council, said: "It was wonderful to see so many volunteers sharing their skills and showing how easy it is to send an email or use Facebook. New technology can seem daunting but all it takes is a patient friend to break down those barriers."

#### one status boost for Suttor lousing

It is very good news that the Mayor of London has approved Sutton Council's bid to be one of London's 20 new Housing Zones.

Lack of housing in Sutton and across London is a serious problem. The new status will provide grant funding to help develop sites in preparation for the construction of new housing. This is in

addition to the council's own housebuilding company which will build new housing for the first time since 1989.

The Sutton One Housing Zone, which incorporates Sutton Town Centre and Hackbridge, has identified 12 key sites for residential development – seven in the town centre and five in Hackbridge. Eight of these sites have been

prioritised and could deliver more than 1,600 new homes, around a quarter of which will be affordable housing.

Liberal Democrat run Sutton Council wants to provide much-needed family housing as well as affordable flats for first time buyers. Our successful bid for Housing Zone status will create even more opportunities to do so.

## Join the Lib Dem team today

Your Lib Dem team will keep working hard to stand up for local people - but they can only do so with your support. Please fill in your details and circle anything you can help with.



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If you donate £12 or more you can become a member of the Lib Dems. To do so, please tick this box.

Return in an envelope to: Freepost 638, 234 Gander Green Lane, Cheam, Sutton, SM3 9QF - no stamp required

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