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# Sutton North FOCUS

News from your Lib Dem team

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## Sutton Library gets a makeover

A major refurbishment of Sutton library kicks off this month.

Most books will be brought downstairs, where they can be viewed and borrowed more easily. The children's library will be moved downstairs, right next to the cafe.

There will be a dementia friendly area for adults and the children's library will be easier to use for children with autism.

There will be more public toilets and baby changing facilities. A new gallery area will be on the top floor to replace the Europa gallery.

Improved study spaces will be provided on the middle and upper floors, with a new family history centre and more heritage displays.



Steve explaining the new plans

Cllr Steve Penneck said: "This shows our commitment to the future of our libraries. It will make better use of the space, improve accessibility for all, and draw in younger people by making use of new technology. And it will make the ground floor look like a library!"

While it is closed there will be a library booth in Civic Offices reception, other local libraries will have extended hours, and books can be renewed online. Further details are on our web site.

## Tory threat to Sutton policing

The Government has cut the Met police budget by £600m. This will mean the closure of the Worcester Park and Wallington front counters.

The size of ward police teams is being reduced, with a sergeant now leading four wards, and each ward having only two officers and one community support officer.

Also there is a proposal to merge the Sutton Borough command with Croydon and Bromley. This is worrying as Croydon is a higher crime borough than Sutton and Bromley is further away. Cllr Ruth Dombey believes this could lead to longer response times and is

challenging the proposal with the Mayor of London.

Ruth said: "We are still one of the safest boroughs in London and we are determined to keep it that way. These Tory cuts will make it more difficult for Sutton police to continue to keep us safe."



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