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On Brockworth



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## If Conservatives in Gloucestershire can spend £1m on telephones... ...why can't they repair our roads?

The Conservatives on the County Council are letting our area down.

Money is tight but the Conservatives have all the wrong priorities.

They are spending £1 million on telephones at Shire Hall and another £17 million on the controversial waste incinerator at Javelin Park.

Yet in our area, local people are angry that our roads are being neglected by the Conservatives:

**Lib Dem campaigner Clare Softley** said: "In our area local people tell me day after day that we need to fix our roads.

"The Tories have bragged about how many potholes they are filling in, but often the repairs they have done have been very short-lived. There has been too much short-term response to maintenance problems and too little preventive maintenance.

"Fixing our roads and pavements is a key priority. We are facing a '**Pot Hole epidemic**' in Gloucestershire. Our drivers, pedestrians and cyclists deserve so much better. It is, quite frankly, an embarrassment."

"In our area we have several roads that are in a particularly bad state. These include: **Hucclecote Road, Ermin Street and Shurdington Road**. Local residents tell me that they are becoming increasingly concerned about the state of Gloucestershire's roads with potholes damaging vehicles and posing a threat to pedestrians."

If you are concerned about a pothole in the road and you have internet access you can report these online at: [gloucestershire.gov.uk/potholes](http://gloucestershire.gov.uk/potholes) alternatively you can call **08000 514514**.



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## Fixing this

## It's a question of priorities

# Brockworth Community Centre expansion plans

Find out more at: <http://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/planning>  
then search for Brockworth Community Centre



Brockworth Parish Council have applied for planning permission to **extend the Community Centre**.

The proposed extension will include more office and conference space but will also include a large **industrial kitchen**. This will allow the fantastic **community café** to keep up with its ever growing clientele.

A larger main hall will also be added which will enable the Community Centre to gift its current main hall to the Youth Centre. Unfortunately the proposed extension will mean that the multiuse games area will have to be removed.

Although this may initially be disappointing to some, the MUGA will not be going far. The Community Centre will be relocating it to **Mill Lane playing fields** and constructing a second one at **Pound Farm playing fields**.

Both will be equipped with the same amenities offered at its current location but with the added bonus of CCTV and lighting. The council and youth workers will have direct access to the CCTV allowing them to monitor its use and offer an extra layer of security for users.

## Helping the hedgehogs



The hedgehog community in Brockworth is being protected by a very dedicated team of people at the **Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue Centre**.

They work tirelessly to ensure we continue to see a strong population of Hedgehogs in and around Brockworth.

Unfortunately there has been a rise in deaths up and down **Ermin Street** in recent months.

With the weather being so mild for this time of year, the hedgehogs are still very active. Please be extra vigilant whilst out driving around. Should you see any injured hogs on your travels please contact **Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue** on **07789 2638296**.

## Help us to help you

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# Government lies on NHS funding hurts us all



**The government needs to give our NHS the funding it needs to be able to do its job properly**

**A group of MPs have said that the government is being dishonest when they claim it is allocating an extra £10bn to the NHS in England over the next five years.**

Commenting on the news Liberal Democrat health spokesperson Norman Lamb said: "The Health Select Committee are right to call out the Government on false claims about their investment in the NHS. Services are desperately in need of the money they were promised.

"But this also ignores the bigger question of how we ensure health and care are sustainable in the long term, as demand for services continues to rise.

"I have called for the establishment of an independent, cross-party commission to reform the funding settlement across health and care and the Liberal Democrats have set up an expert panel who will advise on how the additional funding the NHS really needs can be delivered. **Including whether a dedicated Health and Care Tax should be introduced to help guarantee the future of the NHS and vital care services.**"

**Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust - who run Cheltenham General and Gloucestershire Royal - have admitted they are in a 'significantly worse' financial situation than previously understood.**

Far from being in surplus, the Trust is millions in the red. Just like the rest of the NHS.

An independent report found that NHS finances are deteriorating rapidly and that **last year NHS**

Local Lib Dem campaigner Clare Softley said **"It looks like Tory Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt has been so busy fighting with the junior doctors he hasn't spotted the looming financial catastrophe for the whole NHS that was staring him in the face. This is going to threaten hospital services all over the country and we know Gloucestershire won't be immune."**

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to improve our area**