

Focus

On Churchdown



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After a spate of fly-tipping in the area local residents are asking:



Who is going to clear this up?

There are places in Churchdown and Innsworth where fly tipping and litter dropping is costing local tax payers thousands of pounds per year to clear up.

Local residents have told us about numerous locations in and around Churchdown where this is happening on a regular basis.

If you know of anywhere where this is a particular problem then please send an email to Bill at billwhelan@blueyonder.co.uk, preferably with photo and stating the exact location. He will then add it to the list and try to get some volunteer litter pickers to clear it up.

Bill said "It would be nice for **Churchdown** and **Innsworth** to have a big clean-up before the spring and to also take part in the '**Clean for the Queen**' campaign' that **Keep Britain Tidy** has launched ahead of the Queen's 90th birthday in April.

You can see more information about this initiative at www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk.

If you would like to offer your services as a volunteer litter picker then you can pop into **GL3 Community Hub** and leave your details and they will get back to you with dates about when litter teams will be going out. You can also contact Bill using the details in this leaflet.

Bill said "Cleaning up our area must be done in partnership with Tewkesbury Borough Council, Severnvalle Housing Association, local councils, local schools and with the local community. **We can all play our part in ensuring that our area is kept clean and tidy.**"

Working for Churchdown all year round

Tories attack greenbelt again

Conservatives on Tewkesbury Borough Planning committee have granted permission to build on the greenbelt. The land is on the left hand side of Cheltenham Road East just past the traffic lights where the ambulances come out. This is despite council officers recommending that the application is refused again.

This site was turned down a while ago and went to appeal, which the developer lost.

The Inspector who is dealing with the Joint Core strategy (The housing plan for Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Gloucester) has said that **“Land this side of Churchdown should not be built on”**

The JCS inquiry resumes again this month. Your local Liberal Democrat Councillors have always defended the greenbelt and will continue to do so

but it seems that the Tories are hell bent on just concreting all over our green spaces.

Liberal Democrat County Councillor Bill Whelan said “I am concerned about all this building around Churchdown. The infrastructure to cope with such large numbers of new homes is not there. **Local roads are struggling to cope with the volume of traffic now.**

“We all know that there is a shortage of affordable housing, but building on the greenbelt is not the answer. More use needs to be made of ‘brownfield sites’ in and around Gloucestershire.”

For more information go to:

www.saveglosgreenbelt.co.uk . This website is run by a group of local residents who are campaigning to protect our green spaces.

St Johns Avenue shops potholes

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Your local liberal Democrats councillors have been trying to get the issues of the potholes outside of the shops sorted for many years. With both the County Council and the landlord of the parade. This area is mainly owned by the landlords who do not seem to care that **shoppers have tripped and injured themselves.**

Councillor Pearl Stokes said “I have been trying to get the landowners and county council to work together on this issue and have been chasing this for more years than I care to remember. It would be interesting to see how many people have had falls or trips and have reported it and also how many claims have been submitted to either the landlord or the county council”

Bill Whelan added “I don’t care who owns the land. If there is a pothole that needs fixing then it should be done!

“These are not minor potholes they are craters. The council and the landlords should look to find a solution to this at the earliest opportunity.”

Potholes are a major concern for local residents

