

# Focus

On Churchdown



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# Action on dog fouling and fly tipping

We are pleased to report that recently there has been a positive response from Tewkesbury Borough Council and other agencies. In the last few weeks there has been a fixed penalty notice issued on a local dog walker for letting his dog foul in **Churchdown Park** and for **not cleaning it up**.

**The dog walker admitted the offence after two witness statements and photographs were produced.**

**Councillor Bill Whelan** said "This offence took place just five metres away from a dog bin. There is never an excuse for this to happen as there are plenty of dog bins in Churchdown.

"Most dog owners are responsible but there **are a few thoughtless individuals** who think it is ok to let their dogs off the lead and run around out of control. **Dogs should be under control at all times on or off the lead.**

"We are pleased that action has been taken on this occasion and hope that this will serve as a lesson to others. **If you know of any issues of this nature in your area then please contact us and we will do our best to get it sorted.**"

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## What are they trying to hide?

### Tory council is told to reveal details of incinerator deal

Local Liberal Democrats have criticised the Conservative County Council for continuing to withhold all the contract details for Gloucestershire's **costly £500m incinerator**.

The Information Commissioner has **ordered the County Council to release previously withheld information about the contract and the business case**.

However, the Tories have now said that they will **appeal against the decision** to release this information.

**Councillor Bill Whelan** said "I am totally astounded that in spite of them being told to release this information they are trying desperately to withhold information that should now be made public. **What are they trying to hide?**

"We are still none the wiser about whether this incinerator will ever be built. It is a ludicrous and never ending saga that is seeing taxpayers money literally go up in smoke. **Enough is enough and we need answers now.**"

# Envirocrime Day of Action

**Monday 23 November 2015 – 9am to 4pm at GL3 Community Hub, Cheltenham Road East**

We all deserve to live in a safe, clean environment without the worry of being disturbed by anti-social behaviour and envirocrimes that could potentially cause injury or illness.

Please do pop along to **GL3 Community Hub, Cheltenham Road East**, on **Monday 23 November** where officers from Tewkesbury Borough Council, Churchdown Parish Council and Innsworth Parish council will be on hand to talk about reporting envirocrimes and taking action against anti-social behaviour.

Council officers will also be out on patrol on the day to look for **envirocrime 'hot spots'** and to talk to residents about concerns. If there is an area that is of particular concern to you, please call **01684 272284** and an officer will pay it a visit on the day.



Churchdown County Councillor Bill Whelan with Lib Dem leader Tim Farron during his recent visit to Gloucestershire

## Some examples of Envirocrime

- Fly tipping
- *General littering*
- **Abandoned vehicles**
- *Inconsiderate behaviour*
- **Dog fouling**
- *Bonfires*
- **Graffiti**
- Noise from:
  - ✓ households
  - ✓ commercial properties
  - ✓ industrial facilities
  - ✓ inconsiderate people in the street

## Lib Dem leader in Gloucestershire

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Liberal Democrats in Gloucestershire recently welcomed party leader **Tim Farron MP** to the county to speak to local people.

Whilst he was here, Tim visited **County Committee Projects** to speak to them about the great work that they have been doing in the county for young people, families and vulnerable people. With the aim of looking at their industry model and seeing how this could influence Lib Dem policy.

Tim said "Sensible, liberal and evidence-based views are being woefully ignored by this Tory government - so it's up to Liberal Democrats to make this case.

"Whether it's investing in green energy, building the homes we need; understanding the plight of refugees, or ensuring the state can't snoop on our emails, we will offer that liberal alternative.

"Whether it's helping young people find work, or ensuring those with mental health difficulties have effective support, our liberal voice is needed now more than ever"

Lib Dem councillor Bill Whelan said "It was really good to get Tim to Gloucestershire, He is an excellent communicator and campaigner and **has the energy, enthusiasm and passion to inspire and drive the Liberal Democrats to winning ways.**"