

# FOCUS on West Byfleet

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With Local Campaigner Bill Wolfe

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# MARTYR'S LANE SITE OPEN AT LAST

After a year long wait for land negotiations and a closure of five months, the Surrey County Council recycling site at Martyr's Lane finally reopened on 18 December and local residents are now spared the long drive to Guildford or Lyne.

A new split-level design enables easy access by car to the containers, eliminating the need for steps. Electrical and used car items, wood, glass, hazardous waste (delivered in a car), metals, paper, plastics, textiles and clothing can be recycled.

Separate entrances for the public and heavy goods vehicles help alleviate queuing. In line with LibDem policies, your local campaigners welcome this positive step of an eco-friendly facility in our area and encourage residents to use it as much as possible.



Bill Wolfe outside the re-opened Martyr's Lane recycling site

## WILL SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL YOUTH SERVICE CHANGES AFFECT OUR AREA?

More cuts, more savings, more change, this also goes for Youth Services in Woking Borough. The Surrey County Council budget for Services for Young People has been cut progressively from £16.1m in 2009/10 to £11.1m in 2012/13.

With the youth club closed in Byfleet to build an apartment block, there is no youth provision by the County Council and the village depends on the enthusiasm of Church groups, Byfleet Village FC, the Scouts and the Cricket Club. West Byfleet and Pyrford are also reliant for youth provision on the hard work of local residents.

A paper going to the Cabinet proposes a budget for Local Committees to use for youth activities based upon need. For further information visit Lib Dem County Cllr Diana Smith at <http://dianasmith.mycouncillor.org.uk/2010/12/17/changes-to-youth-services/>



Lib Dem County Cllr, Diana Smith, is leading the fight for our youth services in Surrey

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# RESIDENTS APPALLED BY SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S INCREASE ON CPZ PARKING CHARGES

Despite petitions and strong objections made by hundreds of residents in West Byfleet, Tory run Surrey County Council decided to increase the charges for parking permits in controlled parking areas at their meeting in December. In Station Road, 129 signatures were received from 150 houses and 149 signatures from 99 dwellings in Brantwood Gardens.

LibDem Campaigner, Bill Wolfe said 'I believe the Council has misjudged the strength of feeling on this issue and would not be surprised if we see residents petition to remove their street from current parking schemes or to get concessions for the more vulnerable in our community. It seems most harsh for areas like West Byfleet, which apart from Epsom and Ewell, has previously had the lowest cost, and so the greatest price hike.

'The scale of this price rise seems most unfair for the elderly who are reliant upon a car and for households without a vehicle who rely on visitors with a car for support. Surrey Highways have said that this large price hike results from having previously delayed increases. A planned review of parking charges will be aimed at avoiding such delays.'



**Bill Wolfe outraged by Tory CPZ Parking charge rises**

## PLANNING APPLICATION IN CAR PARK OFF WOODLANDS AVENUE

After applications to build at 44-60 and 116-122 Woodlands Avenue, another submission has been made to build five three-bedroomed terraced properties for social housing on the car park.

Local Campaigner, Bill Wolfe who understands the concerns of residents said, 'There are a lot of questions to be answered. The car park is in a flood plain, the access is via a car park in which around 100 cars park a day, accessibility would be difficult and permission would have to be obtained from the Council to develop. This seems a very impractical proposition to me'.

The Planning Officer is awaiting a report from the Environmental Department and Bill will be monitoring the situation carefully.



**Bill Wolfe with concerned local residents in the Woodlands Avenue car park**

## APPROVAL OF 30 MPH LIMIT ON PARVIS ROAD

At a special meeting of the Local Committee on 30 November, approval was finally given for 30 mph signs to be put on the West Byfleet side of the M25 bridge with the restriction terminating at the Brooklands Road roundabout.

New signs will be installed by April but others, at the entrance to Byfleet village will be removed. Bill is concerned that motorists may not be aware that the areas with street lighting are automatically within the 30 mph. Local councillors Barnabas Shelbourne and Anne Roberts are taking steps to ensure that drivers are informed.



**Bill Wolfe is pleased about the new Parvis Road speed limit**

## THREAT OF LIBRARY CLOSURES

Tory-run Surrey County Council has been considering how to reduce spending on Surrey's 52 libraries by closing down mobile library services and creating community run static libraries.

While the library at Byfleet is threatened with closure if volunteers are not found to man it, local campaigner, Bill Wolfe, has ascertained that the West Byfleet library will still stay open.



**Bill Wolfe outside West Byfleet library**

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