



Sherborne Cinema and Roots nominated for city council grants

Jeremy Hilton and Isabel Brazil are pleased to support grants applications from Sherborne Cinema and Roots Community Cafe.

Both will receive £500 each from the £1000 “members allocation fund” that needs the agreement of the local city councillor.

Sherborne Cinema has applied for a grant to show free viewings of educational films to children who attend schools in Kingsholm & Wotton or who live in the ward.

Roots based in Alvin Street will receive a grant for free fun days, craft mornings, baking classes, Lego club and after school art club.

Parking problems in Kingsholm to be tackled

As an area near the city centre, Kingsholm & Wotton suffers from parking congestion and from inconsiderate parking.

To introduce new parking proposals, such as double yellow lines, the county council needs to process a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Until now, the county council has had no budget set aside for new TRO’s.

Fortunately, Jeremy Hilton moved a successful budget amendment, to reserve £100,000 for new TRO’s in Gloucestershire. Each TRO costs £10K.

Your Lib Dem Spotlight Team has asked for the following areas to be considered and wrapped up into one TRO.

- ✓ Michaelmas Court – parking on grassed areas
- ✓ Sovereign Court – parking blocking access to bins
- ✓ Posy Lane – extending double yellow lines to keep lane clear for access
- ✓ Hillfield Court Road – maintain access to cottages at end of lane
- ✓ The Willows – stop cars parking at the entrance to the maisonettes
- ✓ Denmark Road – stops cars parking on pavements near Mermaid Close
- ✓ Swallow Park – deal with inappropriate parking
- ✓ Sherborne Street – congestion outside St Mark Court and the children’s centre

Speed Limit sign - St Mark Street



Isabel Brazil is happy to report that the fallen street speed limit sign has been removed and a replacement ordered.

It's the Lib Dems or Conservatives here...

Lib Dem
35%

Con
25%

Lab
24%

The Labour Party is in third place and cannot win.

...Labour can't win in Kingsholm & Wotton

The result last time in Kingsholm & Wotton

Isabel Brazil & Jeremy Hilton Angry over tree vandalism

Five saplings planted in Kingsholm and Wotton have been destroyed by mindless hooligans.

Isabel Brazil and Jeremy Hilton are angry that these young trees have been vandalised and have asked the county council highways manager for them to be replaced.

Two saplings at bottom of Denmark Road and one at the top near St Catharine’s Church have been snapped off, as has one along Estcourt Road and another in Heathville Road.



Jeremy Hilton said: “No doubt the vandals thought this was all a bit of fun when the saplings were broken. I am very angry. Kingsholm & Wotton has some fine highway trees, but from time to time, some have to be felled and replaced with saplings. The young trees need time to establish.”

Isabel Brazil said: “We have asked for the five trees to be replaced. The trees will need new protective screens to protect them while they establish. The current bracing actually helps vandals snap the saplings at their midpoint.”



Isabel Brazil and Jeremy Hilton next to vandalised sapling

New trees requested in Estcourt Road Garden



Some trees were incorrectly cut down in the small garden at the end of Estcourt Road near Kingsholm Road.

There has been issues over the boundary fence to 102 Kingsholm Road that has now been resolved and it has been moved back to its correct location.

Isabel Brazil said: “We have asked the city council which owns this public open space to grind out the three tree stumps and replace with appropriate trees for this location.”

You have two votes for city council
On 5th May vote for:-
Isabel Brazil & Jeremy Hilton

Lib Dem Opinion - Gloucester's regeneration

The Tories have been unable to deliver the Kings Quarter Project, which is a major failure in policy terms.

They have also been unable to find a development partner for the historic Fleece Hotel and grounds.

Liberal Democrats have proposals that can help Gloucester's regeneration; they are:

Market Parade or (White Friars) project

To include a new hotel, indoor market, city centre homes, car park and some retail. That is a true gateway into Gloucester, which is well linked to a refurbished railway station.

Kings Square

This should be our premier open space in city centre. It has been unloved by the council for 25 years. It must become a space for public events, dining and socialising, with new pavilion cafes, restaurants, and most of all, superb public art that pulls people to the square.

Cathedral Quarter

Project Pilgrim will help enhance the area around the cathedral, but we need to look at the whole of lower Westgate Street. How about refurbishing the small square outside Shire Hall or creating a visitors centre in Pitt Street where the stone masons work keeping the cathedral in good condition.

City Centre living

We must continue to support city centre living with new developments. The council must do more to encourage the conversion to housing of former office/commercial space within the city centre.

City Centre environment

There are too many pound shops, turf accountants and tattoo parlours. We do need to improve our retail offer. The provision of high quality public toilets is dire and must be addressed. The pavements are littered with chewing gum and Liberal Democrats will invest in improving street cleaning in our city centre. The provision of public art in city centre is underwhelming.

History

We live in a great historic city and we should promote this more effectively, with restoration of important building, festivals remembering our past & public art celebrating our 2,000 years of development.

Two controversial planning applications with the city council.

31 London Road - 16/0026FUL

The proposal is to convert this property from 4 self contained flats into a House in Multiple Occupation with 14 bedrooms. The application was received on 21st February. You can go online to register your objections/comments on the application at www.gloucester.gov.uk Your Lib Dem team believes the application should be refused

78 Henry Road - 15/01580/FUL

This application is to build a house on the back gardens at 78 Henry Road and 12 Honyatt Road. Jeremy Hilton has an agreement that if the officers propose approval it will go to the planning committee for a decision. In meantime the application has disappeared from the council's website as it is not a valid application. Your Lib Dem team believes this application should be refused.

The Hyde Lane Saga



The top end of Hyde Lane, which is a private road, is full of potholes. Both patient and staff access the London Road entrance to the hospital along this road.

Your Lib Dem Spotlight Team have tried, unsuccessfully, several times to get an agreement with the NHS Hospital trust and the county council to fund jointly private streets works.

Jeremy Hilton has managed to track down the director of estates and he has asked for a meeting between the director, the county highways manager and himself.

Isabel Brazil: "This is a major pedestrian route to the hospital from London Road. Patients arriving this way need a decent surface to walk on."

Stump of diseased tree in Denmark Road now removed



Residents have asked why the large London Plane tree in Denmark Road opposite Oxford Road was felled.

Jeremy Hilton explained: "The tree had Ganoderma basal decay, which ran below ground level into the tree roots. The tree had been monitored by county's tree surgeon for ten years and he believed that it had reached a critical stage when the tree's stability could no longer be guaranteed. The stump has been ground out and a new replacement tree will be planted."

News in Brief...

- The entrance to Great Western Road, off London Road, has been resurfaced
- No Through Road signs have been requested by Jeremy for Edwy Parade
- Isabel Brazil is campaigning to keep Royal Lane free of litter and fly tipping. She got items dumped along the lane removed
- Next deep clean in Kingsholm to take place on 27th April along part Lansdown Rd, Seabroke Rd, Hinton Rd, Malvern Rd, North Rd, Cooks Orchard and parts of Heathville Rd and Denmark Rd
- Poor surface on Kingsholm Rd roundabout going onto St Oswald's Road has been reported to highways manager for repair
- Isabel has reported potholes in Alexandra Road

Lib Dems secure funding for third year for visits to SkillZone

The Liberal Democrats have for the third financial year running secured safety sessions at Gloucester's SkillZone for all Year 5 school pupils across the county.

Opened in September 2012, SkillZone is a state-of-the-art life size village. There are sixteen interactive zones, which cover a range of scenarios including road, rail, water, home and personal safety.

Jeremy Hilton said: "For three years running, the Liberal Democrats have proposed for all Year 5 pupils to visit



John Cordwell & Jeremy Hilton view the burnt out bedroom scenario at SkillZone

this facility and evaluations from the last two years have shown the programme to be a huge success.

"Since April 2014, a total of 13,844 children have visited SkillZone and of these 5,598 Year 5 pupils have attended as part of the Liberal Democrat scheme.

Isabel Brazil said: "The Liberal Democrats have pushed for these visits to happen and I'm delighted that they will be continuing for another year. SkillZone is a fantastic and fun way of getting important safety messages across to our children."

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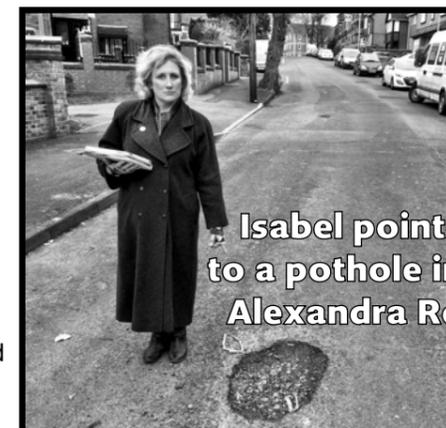
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Isabel points to a pothole in Alexandra Rd

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