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TRAVELLERS PROBLEM *Colin gets action on security at Jim Evison Fields*

After travellers appeared on Jim Evison playing fields in May, Cllr Colin Shepherd has been pressing hard for improved gates and fences. Regrettably this had not been done in time to prevent further visits by Travellers in September.

"It cost over £3000 to clear up the mess and make good after the May visit and now Council Tax payers will have to foot another bill" said Cllr Shepherd. "Following the most recent visit, Council Officers have now recognized the need to improve security and I am hopeful this will now be done."

"I would like to thank residents for being vigilant and reporting the arrival of Travellers to me and to the Town Hall so promptly. The sooner we are aware the quicker we can act. The travellers are attracted by attractive "cash in hand" work and, if people did not offer them this. they'd be less likely to come here."



Cllr Shepherd examining new fencing to replace hedges and fences damaged by the Travellers

SUCCESSFUL SUMMER ON LINDOW COMMON

Colin praises Rangers

"We often take for granted this wonderful piece of heath land almost in the centre of town" says Cllr Colin Shepherd "but it is only the management work of the Countryside Rangers that ensures that it's properly maintained to a high standard."



Colin shows Cllr Margaret Bradley where the turf has been stripped off.

The Common has become a haven for birds - as well as water voles, newts, butterflies and rare heathland plants. After several frustrating failures, the oxygenating plants introduced to the lake have taken hold and this should help to improve the water quality. "The Common is well worth a visit" says Colin "with much to enjoy and appreciate. Recent visitors will also have seen a further area to the rear of the common, where the turf has been stripped off so that heather can re-establish itself and more of the common revert to heathland".

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WORKING FOR YOU ALL YEAR ROUND

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NOTE If you have left a message for Colin recently and you have not had a reply, please try again. His answer machine has had a fault, which has now been corrected.

PAT'S ENVIRONMENT SURVEY Large response

"I would like to thank the many people who took part in this Survey" says **County Cllr Pat Fearnley**. "I expect to reply to people who raised individual suggestions and complaints in the next few weeks."

The surveys showed a need for:

Better train services.

Enforcement of parking rules.

Residents only parking.

Walking routes to schools.

Encouragement and incentives to increase recycling.

Collection and recycling of plastics.

Energy saving at home.

Financial penalties to discourage the worst polluters.



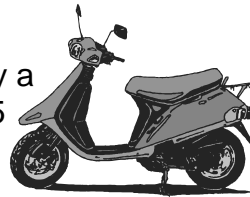
Pat discusses the survey with Local Lib Dem MP, Andrew Stunell.

Aged 16-20? Having difficulty getting to work, education or training?

Live or work in Macclesfield Borough? Then Macclesfield Wheels 2 Work could help you! We can offer you the short term loan of a taxed and insured scooter, Compulsory Basic Training and Equipment.

"Wheels 2 Work is a scheme aimed at young people aged 16-20 from rural areas that have difficulty accessing transport in their area and therefore struggle to get to and from employment and education. We have sixteen scooters, which we can loan out to the young people, for up to six months. They will receive insurance, tax, training and equipment, which are funded by the North West Regional development Agency.

The young people simply have to pay a monthly fee of £25 to cover wear and tear of the bikes."



To apply or for more information contact the WOW Project Officer Sarah Collier on 01625 504348.

ACTION

Your local Lib Dem councillors have been dealing with many issues including:

- ✓ Lodging objections to further airport parking in Styal
- ✓ Litter clearance - Racecourse Road, Hollin Lane, Holiday Inn area.
- ✓ Working with residents and council to remove overhanging branches.
- ✓ Discussions on new Borough Local Development Plan
- ✓ Continuing to work for additional traffic calming in Hollin Lane, Styal.
- ✓ The moving of bus stops to safer alighting places.
- ✓ Working on Borough responses to Airport Development Plan to 2030.
- ✓ Helping residents over their concerns with new waste collection systems.
- ✓ Supporting Gorsey Bank and Styal Junior schools as school governors.

TWINNIES BRIDGE TO BE REPLACED

Permission has been granted for the construction of a new wider and stronger footbridge over the River Dean at Twinnies Bridge. The current heavily-used footbridge is very popular but has reached the end of its life. Shared funding with the County Council should ensure that a wider bridge, linked to the Worms Hill foot and cycle path, will be in place for next summer. The new bridge will be immediately on the River Bollin side of the existing bridge with work due to commence shortly.



Margaret and Colin inspect the current footbridge across the River Dean