

LACEY GREEN WARD FOCUS

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LACEY GREEN YOUTH CLUB - A FIRST YEAR OF SUCCESS

Almost 50 young people enjoy the games and other facilities available to them in the pavilion.

A strong team of local volunteers has been well trained and four of them are now planning to go onto professional qualifications in Youth Work.

The whole community benefits from the work of these volunteers. They show the youngsters there are better things to do than hang about on the estate.

It may be possible to be open more than one night per week but that would mean more local parents willing to help. Call Bev Statom-Barnett on 527059 or Adrian Bradley for more details on how you could join the rota for one or two evenings per month.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS



Macclesfield Borough has been contacted by about twenty developers to bring Oakdean Court back into use. The Council is talking to one of them about turning the old bed sit accommodation in to one and two bedroom apartments to be rented by local people. Discussions are at a very early stage. Cllr Adrian Bradley will keep you fully informed of developments.

Old Church Hall Site

Down the road, on the old church hall site planning approval has been granted for 24 rented flats for local people. The Housing Association is ironing out the final details.

PAT TAKES ACTION TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT.

Your local Liberal Democrat County Councillor, Pat Fearnley, has taken action to cut her carbon footprint. She has recently had solar panels installed which help heat her water. If you would like to know more about this, ring her on 524700.

Pat says "A new Government grant scheme was set up but interest and demand has been so great that it has now been 'rationed'. It appears the public want more action and less rhetoric, if Tony Blair's targets are to be met.

I am very interested to know your experiences of energy saving. You can e-mail or phone me".



RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS

Cllr Adrian Bradley is supporting local Internet based initiative **Wilmslow Freecycle**.

"You can advertise for anything you would like to have or anything you have to dispose of. It already has 2500 members and is a great help in reducing their waste. It's a bit like ebay but no money changes hands. Members are pleased to pass on things they don't need any longer and others are pleased to be able to solve a problem without having to put their hands in their pockets. Go to www.wilmslowfreecycle.org.uk for all the details", says Adrian.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS - STANDING UP FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

NEED HELP OR ASSISTANCE?

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LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

Liberal Democrats held all their seats in both Wilmslow and Macclesfield and remain the major Opposition party on Macclesfield Borough Council. We will be able to keep the Executive Members on their toes. We hold the two crucial Chairs of the Scrutiny Committee and the Performance Monitoring Committee.

COMMUNITY ACTION MEETINGS

Don't miss the opportunity to meet local officers from Cheshire Police, Macclesfield Borough and your local councillors at the next Community Action Meeting on Wednesday 29th August at 7.00pm in Clough Avenue pavilion. Call Cllr Adrian Bradley for details or look out for local advertising.

RECYCLING SUCCESS

Following the recent changes in refuse collection made by Macclesfield Council, recycling rates have risen from 8% a little while ago to nearly 40% now.

This will avoid the heavy taxes that the Government has introduced on residual waste going to landfill. It has also allowed fortnightly collections to be introduced.

Most of the local problems caused by fortnightly collections have now been resolved, although there are still issues in one or two roads which need to be sorted out. If you are still experiencing difficulties or experience problems in the future, call Cllr Bradley on 525966 or the Town hall on 500500.



CONGESTION CHARGES TO PAY FOR MANCHESTER'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT?

Manchester is planning to bid for a £1bn grant from the Government and to borrow £2bn to improve Public Transport.

This is dependent on 'Congestion Charges' paid for by commuters into Manchester from areas like Wilmslow and Handforth. Some commuters could pay over £1000 extra each year.



Most of this money will be spent on 40km (approx.) of new Metrolink track, including track to the Airport, the Trafford Centre and East Didsbury. There are no plans to improve Public Transport from the Wilmslow and Alderley Edge Area.

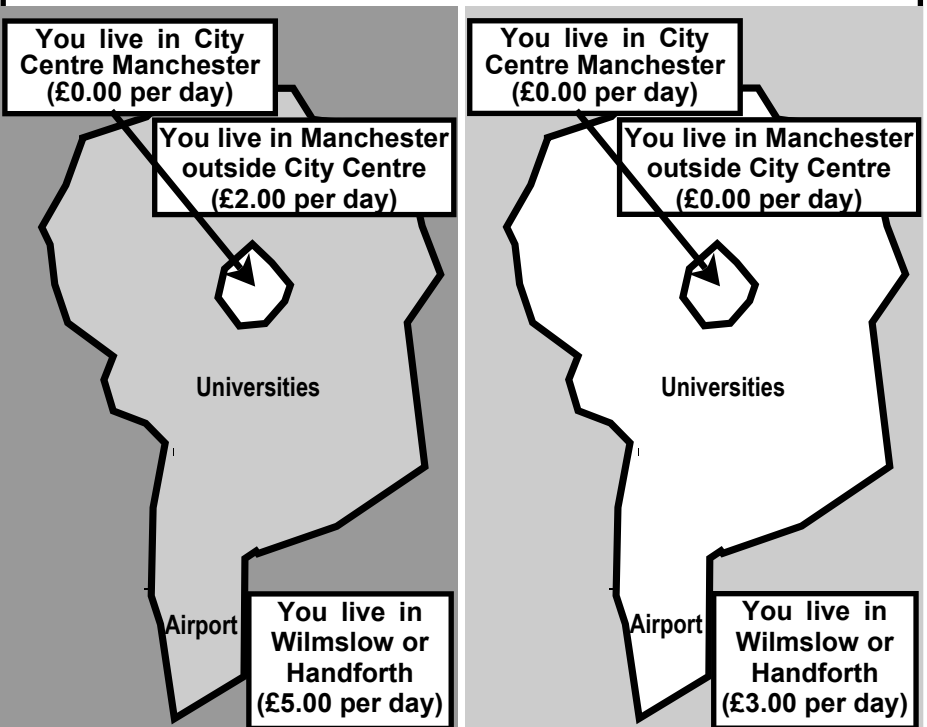
'The "Congestion Charge" will need to raise at least £118m to pay for the £2bn Loan. The charge is designed to persuade people who drive to work from outside the M60 to switch to Public Transport. (See diagrams below.)

Would this "Congestion Charge" persuade you to travel to work by Public Transport? Is it practical for you to make this switch? Please let me know', says County Cllr Pat Fearnley.

What the CONGESTION CHARGE Means

How much will it cost to drive to work in City Centre Manchester?

How much will it cost to drive to work in Manchester outside the City Centre?



Examples for people living in Wilmslow.

- 1 Charles works in Central Manchester but visits clients all over Greater Manchester everyday. He will pay £1150 per year.
- 2 Anne is a single parent and works in a store at the Trafford Centre. She uses her car so she can drop off and pick up her children. She will pay £690 per year.
- 3 Freda cares for her elderly mother and pays for care in the mornings so she can lecture at the University. She will pay £460 per year.