

ROVING SURGERIES



We feel that roving surgeries are a better way of keeping in touch with our residents. We recently carried out a surgery in Lyvelly gardens and were able to accumulate a significant amount of casework. We hope to continue these surgeries in a street near you soon. Please follow the Labour East Action Team for upcoming dates and sites of surgeries.



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YOU ASKED, WE DID

- ~ We have requested that that PCC look into installing traffic lights on Parnwell Way, to allow easier access out onto the road, from St Michael's Gate, Finchfield and Keys Park
- ~ Anti-social behaviour is still causing problems in some parts of the ward. Cllr Hemraj and Cllr Qayyum are liaising with the Police and Peterborough City Council Safer Peterborough, to try and resolve some of these issues.
- ~ The residents of Lyvelly Gardens have signed up to Neighbourhood Watch. If you would like to get involved in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme or start one in your area, please get in touch.
- ~ It has been requested that the bushes in the planters on Saxon Road be removed and be replaced by "bee-friendly" flowers.
- ~ We are setting up a multi-agency meeting regarding anti-social behaviour in Parnwell
- ~ We have sent correspondence to the Anglian Water Chief Executive Officer (CEO) regarding a smell of Sewage in Hammonds Drive apartment complexes and we are continuously monitoring the matter.

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WELCOME AND THANK YOU!

Welcome to the latest edition of our East Ward Newsletter. Our residents will no doubt agree, that it has been an extremely busy time in the ward.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in the Local Council Elections that saw Dr Shabina Asad Qayyum elected as an East Ward councillor alongside Cllr Samantha Hemraj. They will both serve East Ward to the best of their ability. It has been a very busy time both in and out of the ward. Both of your two councillors work within the NHS and are active within the ward taking on casework. Details of how to get in touch with them are at the end of our newsletter.



SPEEDING AND PARKING ISSUES

With the recent implementation of Zone A parking by the current Council Administration, we are aware of a number of difficulties that residents have been facing regarding parking and online permits and we are working with the Council to see how we can address these matters. Dr Shabina and Sam have recently set up an online petition to implement speeding restrictions along Park Lane, Saxon Road and Norman Road. We hope we can present this to full Council in October and we have over 250 signatures currently thanks to the hard work of our residents in collecting them. This follows an incident, whereby a child was knocked over by a speeding car. Neighbourhood watch schemes are useful in communities to help combat crime, Dr Shabina is trained in speed watch training and Cllr Sam is pursuing the training. We are currently awaiting registration of streets within the ward where we can carry out speed monitoring sessions. Speed monitoring needs to take place on registered roads with the constabulary and with persons trained in Speed watch training. Soon, we will be conducting these sessions on the main roads where we identify that speeding is an issue.



CRIME

The bi-monthly Parnwell Resident Association meetings are well attended by us as your local Councillors. We are fully aware of the problems with drug dealing, anti-social behaviour and car break-ins that have been reported by residents to both ourselves and the police. The local PCSO is in regular contact with us on these issues. A number of cases have been taken up by the Enforcement Team at the Council in relation to drug dealing. We are following up on these cases in co-operation with Police and Enforcement teams and a multi-agency meeting is being set up to identify risk in the area, in the near future and will involve your Councillors and Enforcement Teams.

GOOD WORK

We are delighted to share that Councillor Sam presented a motion on Mental Health at the recent full Council seconded by Dr Shabina, and passed unanimously. The motion proposed a one-day event, (which will now be a two-day event), to take place in the City Centre and create awareness of Mental health and the services that can be accessed.

This is a timely occurrence to take place in time for World Mental Health Day on October 10th. Emotional wellbeing is something we take seriously as the social implications surrounding poor mental health are many and we will support our residents to signpost them to the correct services if needed.

CAMPAIGN FOR FAIR NHS FUNDING FOR OUR AREA

Your Councillors both sit on the Health Scrutiny Committee of the Council and we were informed that the Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), has recently announced cuts of £33 million.

These cuts will see a loss of services such as Dermatology and Ophthalmology community clinics and cuts to the Stroke Association. Your East Ward Councillors recently ran a stall, gathering signatures for a petition to protest against these cuts in services. The spend on patients is £1125 per head, compared to other CCG's who are granted significantly more funding. The aim of the petition is to lobby the CCG to demand more funding from Central Government, to salvage the local NHS services and wellbeing services. You are welcome to sign the petition, lobby the CCG and, in turn, Central Government for more funding and prevent these services from shutting down completely. Please get in touch with Dr Shabina or Cllr Sam to sign the petition. You can also receive updates about developments within the CCG in regard to this matter on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG Facebook page and Twitter handle. Please respond to the BIG CONVERSATION that the CCG will be launching with all residents in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This is due very soon. Please keep a lookout for this.



FLY TIPPING

Fly tipping continues to be a major issue both in the Ward and across the city.

Our roving surgeries and walkabouts with officers of the city council have identified hotspots within the ward such as Parnwell, Cobbet Place, Whalley Street, Cavendish Street, Charles Street and other areas. These have been incorporated into the East Ward Action Plan and are being followed up with the Council. Our actions have included enforcement action against a perpetrator caught on a video filmed incident of fly tipping and we hope that will serve as an example to anyone partaking in such activity that they will be fined. We would welcome any reports or photos of fly tipping to be brought to our attention and reported to the Council. We welcome the installation of new needle bins on the Dickens Street cycle path and Morris Street cycle paths. We still realise the menace and hazard of discarded needles throughout the ward and are continuing to work with residents to tackle this.



EASTFIELD HIGHWAYS WALKABOUT

A walkabout was conducted recently with Peter Tebb, the Highways Officer, and your Labour Councillors in the Eastfield area. Some of the problems identified are now in the process of being resolved, they are:

- Parking provision on Eastholm Close and reduction of double yellow lines to allow for more parking
- Kerb edge issues on Saxon and Chester Road.
- Planter removal on Buckle street to make way for more parking
- Removal of graffiti from the underpass on Star road
- Given the budget provision for this financial year, we will continue to chase the department to receive an outcome on the above matters soon.

