



FOCUS CASTLE WARD



Ward Councillors



Jim Tootle



Olwyn Luckley



Colin Farmer

Dear Resident,

I am very grateful to all the residents who supported my candidature in the County Elections.

Having been a City Councillor for Castle Ward for some years, I appreciate your continuing support for my work in the ward.

With my fellow councillors, Colin Farmer and Olwyn Luckley, I am keen to address the issues and the improvements needed and that you would wish to see tackled by our team.

With regards,

Jim Tootle

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UNITED UTILITIES - NEW SEWER PIPING SCHEME

Update: With Tait Street improvements completed, the remainder of the work will take place in St. Aidan's Ward. Parts of Warwick Road will be closed for up to 6 weeks and Georgian Way to Victoria Place for southbound traffic will be closed at the same time. United Utilities have been able to keep largely to the timetable.



Your Lib Dem Councillors continue to meet regularly with United Utilities and if residents have any questions regarding the scheme, please pass them on to us.

Western/Northern By-Pass

Following many years of waiting, the construction of the **Carlisle Western/Northern By-Pass** is now in sight. The contract, is expected to be signed very soon and the start of work on the northern end of the scheme between Kingmoor Park and M6 Junction 44 is to commence in early October. The northern end will open to traffic in August 2011 and full completion by April 2012.

The western part of Castle ward should significantly benefit from the road, easing traffic volume in Caldewgate/Wigton Road and Newtown Road. The Liberal Democrats have always supported this project, knowing the pressure the current volume of traffic has had on life for the residents of the Ward.

The Centre of Excellence, Shaddongate

Following publicity and advertising, residents and businesses were invited to a consultation event in the University of Cumbria premises in Caldewgate on the 9th June. The plans met with the approval of those came along. However, advice from residents was that the project needed more parking spaces. This was noted and added to the plans.

Olwyn, who attended the event, was pleased that the potential of this project to provide a community facility for all who live in the area, as well as services needed by others, is supported by many Caldewgate and Shaddongate residents. **The next step will be a planning application in August and if approved, we should see building commence in the spring of next year.**



Sport In Bitts Park

SUMMER OF SPORT

– Something for Everyone between 5 years and 16 years.

The City Council, Carlisle Leisure and other partners are providing sports activities during the summer holidays. These include sessions in: Basket Ball, Tennis, Rowing, Boxing, Fitness, Golf, Cricket, Squash and Dancing. All sessions are organised around the city in venues such as Dowbeck, Raffles, Harraby, Botcherby and Upperby and other venues. **If you want more information, please contact the organisers on Carlisle 817581 or your Councillors.**

St. Aidan's School is demolished

The building of its replacement, **the Richard Rose Academy** is due to start in the autumn. Your Councillors have arranged to keep in touch with the construction company and if any residents have queries, please get in touch.



Former St.Aidans Site

The proposed Sainsbury's Store in Caldewgate

UPDATE: Sainsbury's recently gave a presentation to the business owners in Willowholme after also giving a presentation for residents and councillors in February. Most residents and business owners are supportive of Sainsbury's coming to our area. The Planning Application for this project was submitted to the Local Planning Authority in July and we now await the outcome.

Flytipping

Castle Ward Councillors check, report and take action to curtail fly tipping in the Ward. We get the flytipping removed. We work with the Enforcement officers of the City Council to address the problem of regular culprits who receive warning letters and some times where necessary, penalties. We have also used the Ward's Environment Projects budget to have new litter bins sited in the ward. We have on order a number of Cigarette Disposable boxes to be placed in hot spots in the Ward, particularly in the City Centre.



Colin inspecting a back Lane in Caldewgate

Street Improvements

As mentioned previously, we have had new light columns installed in Morton Street and Howard Place and have requested the painting of the road directional signs in Howard Place following similar work in Chiswick Street, Hartington Place and Chatsworth Square. Presently, we're planning to include other streets and if you feel that your road could benefit please let us know.



Morton Street Improvements

POTHOLES!

We continue to report the Potholes in the Ward's roads. Recent reports were on Brookside, Bower Street, Peel Street, Hartington Place, Cecil Street and Lismore Place. Please let us know if we've missed your street's problem.

STOP PRESS:

After their terrible results in the June 2009 Election, **Labour** have become part of the **Conservative Cabinet** on the County Council. **Carlisle Liberal Democrats**, on behalf of residents, will closely watch the outcome of this!

Please get in touch with your Councillors if you have concerns or wish to support the Liberal Democrat Councillors in their work:

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