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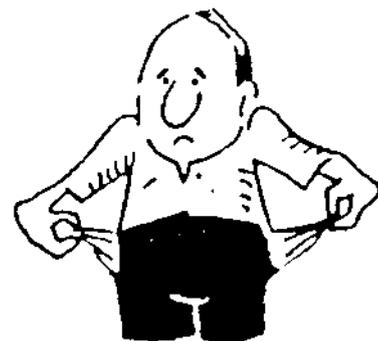
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TIGHTENING OUR BELTS



Everyone knows that the government is having to take some very serious measures in order to try and resolve the country's economic problems, but just how might it affect us locally

At a local level, Kingston Council has been working on reducing its running costs for some time now. Cllr Rolson Davies told Focus "This has been successful and has produced the lowest council tax increase for many years. Even though steps have already been taken to reduce expenditure, we are now faced with even more cuts to our budgets while costs of providing some services continues to increase."



Cllr Sharon Hartley added "As further information becomes available we will keep you informed through Focus but we would also welcome your views of services which you feel should be cut or transferred to other providers, perhaps the private and voluntary sectors."

One casualty of the expenditure restraints within our own Neighbourhood is likely to be the Christmas lights that appear round the lamp columns in December.

"Other areas of the Borough have external sponsorship from businesses and retailers to pay for their Christmas lights but unfortunately in our area we don't have that luxury" said Cllr Vicki Harris. "It was a difficult decision to make not to have Christmas lights this year but when services are being cut and residents are being made redundant it seemed wrong to spend thousands of pounds on light bulbs for a few weeks. But we are hoping to at least have a Christmas tree"



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A planning application for additional flats to be built in **Verona Drive** was deferred at a recent Neighbourhood Committee. Residents were concerned about issues of additional traffic and amenity space.

This is a densely populated area with severe access issue and little space for children to play. Officers have been asked to investigate solutions to both these issues.



YOUR LOCAL LibDem FOCUS TEAM IS :

Cllr Rolson Davies **Cllr Vicki Harris**
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Local residents contacted the Focus Team about anti social behaviour in **Glen Road** and two successful meetings have now been held with Neighbourhood Manager, Councillors and residents. There is even talk of forming a Residents' Association.

If you are interested in getting involved in a Residents' Association for your road please contact us.



Sharon would also like to thank residents and their children for attending the 'rainy' Fun Day supported by Active Kingston and Youth Services.

The first formal Residents' Association meeting was held for the **Crofts Estate**, recently and was very well attended.

A number of issues including traffic, pollution and dog fouling were raised. Vicki, the local Safer Neighbourhood Team and our neighbourhood Traffic Engineer were there to answer residents' questions.

The **Focus Team** would like to congratulate this Residents' Association on a good start and wish them well for the future.

On a damp and dismal afternoon, residents of **Diana Gardens** joined local Councillors and Housing

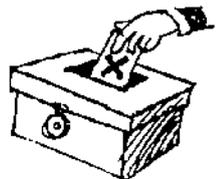


Officers to chat about issues on their estate.

Vicki and Rolson continue to organise this regular event which gives residents the opportunity to air their views.

Election time will soon be on us again!

Next year, residents will be asked to vote in the May 2011 referendum. Are you interested in how you can help ensure politics are cleaned up? Take a look at this independent website www.takebackparliament.com.



GRUMBLE SHEET - Can you do something about :

Mr/Mrs/Miss _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____ E-mail _____

The Liberal Democrats and their elected representatives may use this information to contact you from time to time to keep you informed of issues we think you may find of interest.
 Tick this box if you do not wish to be contacted.

Return to: The Focus Team, 109 Hook Rise South, Surbiton KT6 7NA

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