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Lib Dem awards go to local projects

Borough councillors Steve Kulka and Anna Tarrant have helped to secure £10,000 to support St John's Church new community hall development. This will be a fantastic resource and a great facility for local residents.

As well as this, the £1,000 councillor award money was granted last year to Art Matters towards the wonderful work they do to support people with mental health issues. They have donated a beautiful artists box of 20 prints to be displayed locally, as a thank you for this money.

This year's councillor award money is going to Orbit Shed, a local arts performing group, supporting many young people from our area in inclusive theatre.

Now we are in consultation for other upgrades in the Meadvale and St John's area using money the council has collected from local development charges. Please send us your thoughts on how this money could be used to improve our area.



Award money is going to St John's church(above) and Art Matters (right)



Tory cuts hit community recycling centres



The Liberal Democrat campaign, supported by many thousands of residents across the county who signed petitions, has resulted in the decision to no longer proceed with the proposed plans to close four centres. Unfortunately though the Tory-led council has agreed to reduce the centres' opening hours and end the free daily allowance of chargeable waste.

Community Recycling Centres are an important and convenient method of disposing of waste and help councils improve their waste collection figures. They also help reduce levels of fly tipping (left).

Cutting down fly tipping makes a major contribution to improving our local environment.



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Working to solve the homeless problem ...

Liberal Democrats are working hard to provide solutions to homelessness – tell us what you think.

We would like councils to have a designated person to work with landlords to create positive change and value for money. We believe that the relationship between the council and the private sector could be improved if private landlords were registered. This would also lead to better living conditions for residents, recognition for good landlords and force improvements by poor ones.

... and helping to house the terminally ill.

The Lib Dems have proposed new legislation to help homeless people become housed appropriately, when they have been diagnosed as terminally ill. It is proposed that this law should apply to homeless people with a diagnosed terminal illness, where they are likely to die within 12 months. The average age of death for a homeless person is 47. They visit A&E

There should be a scheme for the temporary leasing of private homes to the council, including those where an elderly resident needs health care or sheltered housing, whereby the family keep the capital and the individual gets their rent to pay towards their own care and housing.

A lodger scheme with registered families renting spare rooms should also be brought in.

six times more often than people with homes. They are admitted to hospital four times as often and stay three times as long.

This change in legislation would allow terminally ill, homeless people to live out their final days in appropriate accommodation and allow them to die with dignity.

Traffic calming measures needed around Meadvale nurseries

Meadvale residents have requested Traffic Calming measures to be implemented in the area of Meadvale Village Hall and Copse Road nurseries. The result of our resident survey was strongly in favour.

At a recent Surrey Highways meeting, Cllr. Kulka made the case, highlighting that we already have a 20 MPH limit around Earlswood schools, St. Johns School and St. Mary's School. In addition he emphasised that other Highways authorities are limiting residential roads to 20 MPH, especially near nurseries. and schools.

SCC Highways officers have said that "reducing the speed limit" would have little effect, as it wouldn't be enforceable. We believe, nevertheless that it would have a positive effect and should be introduced as a matter of urgency.

We are planning to use a RADAR gun to measure average traffic speeds, to help make a stronger case

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