Green Party

BATTENHALL NEWS

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Cllr Louis Stephen & Tom Piotrowski

COVID-19 RESPONSE - THANK YOU

The three political groups on the City Council came together on a united cross-party basis at the last full council meeting to thank everyone working in the NHS, all key workers and the very many volunteers who helped shield vulnerable residents.

Passionate and thoughtful speeches were made by all three Group Leaders on the city council. Green Group Leader Cllr Louis Stephen said:



Cllr Louis Stephen: "Thank you key workers and volunteers helping those most in need during the Covid-19 crisis."

"… I'd like to thank everyone who helped with a massive drive to collect food for Worcester's foodbank. Demand has been increasing over many years but the financial shock imposed on many people with low and or precarious incomes has increased the pressure on the foodbank still further. I know that many communities have organised street by street food collections – thank you to everyone who gave food and thankyou to the people who organised the street collections."

NEW EV CHARGING POINTS



Louis welcomes investment in new EV charging points

Worcester City Council has successfully applied for £1m in central government funding to pay for ten more electric charging points, new employment space and facilities to help boost skills in local communities.

"We are fully committed to improving air quality in Worcester – and providing accessible infrastructure to support the growing number of electric car drivers will help to achieve this," says Cllr Louis Stephen, Chair of Worcester City Council's Policy and Resources Committee.

INCREASED SECURITY - NEW BOLLARDS INSTALLED

Following publicity about Travellers illegally occupying parks in the St Peter's area local residents raised concerns with Louis and Tom about the security of Battenhall Park via the passageway leading from the bottom of Battenhall Rise.

Tom Piotrowski said, "I was very pleased with the speed in which the council procured and installed the new concrete bollards that now replace the old rotten wooden posts."



Community campaigner Tom with new bollards

CLLR LOUIS STEPHEN & TOM PIOTROWSKI: GETTING THINGS DONE

HATE CRIME AWARENESS

Every year in October we mark the **National Hate Crime Awareness Week.** Hate crime is any crime committed against people in person or online because of who they are. No one should suffer it. If you have been a victim or witnessed a hate crime incident, including those online, please report it.

To report a hate crime call 999 if it's an emergency. Call 101 if you are not in immediate danger.

You can also report Hate Crime online or by text message.

For more information visit: Report Hate Crime



Tom raising awareness of hate crime

FIREWORKS

Many animals find fireworks scary.

It's estimated that 45% of dogs in the UK show signs of fear when they hear fireworks. It doesn't have to be that way though. Please be considerate when organising fireworks at home and warn your neighbours so that they protect their pets.

St Peter's residents Matt and Beatrice Payne: "Lots of pets don't like fireworks. We urge local residents to be considerate. "

For more advice on keeping pets safe with fireworks please see RSPCA advice:

Keeping pets safe



GREEN HOMES GRANT

What is a Green Homes Grant?

Grant money can help pay for insulation, double glazing, and a host of other improvements.

You could save up to £600 a year on energy bills. Installing energy efficient home improvements also cuts emissions, which is better for the environment.

Is your home eligible?

Check if you can get vouchers worth up to £5,000 to make your home more energy efficient under a new Government scheme known as the Green Homes Grant. Low income households can get 100% of the cost of work covered up to £10,000.

There are 3 steps to the process:

1.Check if you are eligible for the grant.

CHECK

2.Find an approved trader to do work for you.

FIND

3.Finally, apply for the voucher.

APPLY



DON'T BE A TOSSER !



At a recent full council meeting fellow Green Party councillor Marjory Bisset suggested that the council adopt a hard hitting street sign campaign to reduce littering like a successful scheme carried out by York council.

Some councillors thought the language to be too coarse.

Language too Offensive? Please let us know what you think.

HAVE YOUR SAY

SATURDAY MORNING FOOTBALL

Following lots of concern raised by residents Cllr Louis Stephen said,

"It's fantastic that the Battenhall playing fields are being used for such a positive and healthy use as football for young people. **I'd rather the field were used for community sports than building on more green spaces.**

I'm working constructively with the football club and local residents to reduce the negative aspects of the car parking."



Local resident and club secretary Kerry Ward and Cllr Stephen



Dashcam: Saturday morning car parking issues

NEW RAILINGS FOR CROMWELL CRESCENT PARK

A number of years ago a car crashed into the railings on Cromwell Crescent Park and 'temporary' wire mesh *heras* fencing was erected. This then became overgrown with brambles and the fencing then seemed to become permanent.

So far a survey has been carried out to see what needs to be done to shore up the bank. Council officers have told us me that there is a budget to remove the heras fence and replace it with a fence more in keeping with the area. Some ideas and options are now being considered and when plans are a bit more firmed up, but before any final decisions have been made, these plans will be shared with the nearest residents overlooking the park.



Temporary fences will hopefully be replaced soon

CAN WE HELP YOU?

If you have a comment or query about our area, Louis and Tom would love to know. Here are the ways you can get in touch:



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