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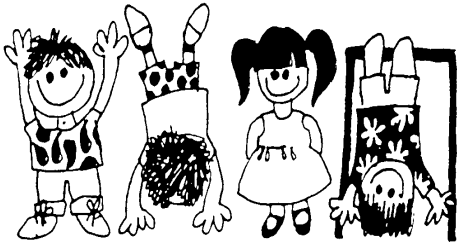
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Your Local Newsletter

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Council is letting down our children



Two damning reports released at the end of last year show that the results from Primary schools in Waltham Forest are some of the worst in the country and the worst in London.

Primary education figures show that we have been below the national average for two years and a recent Ofsted report has shown that our children are now the least likely, in the country, to be able to attend a good or outstanding primary school. Of the 150 authorities across the country Waltham Forest is the 11th worst authority and along with Hackney we are the worst in London.

Money spent on fireworks and other events can't hide the fact that this Labour Council is letting our children down.

Focus says: *Every parent in Waltham Forest should be able to say that their child attends a good or outstanding Primary School.*

There are excellent schools and excellent teachers in our borough but many schools do not get the help from this Labour Council to overcome the difficulties they face.

We don't believe more Academies are the answer but we do need better local leadership to deliver a better education for our Borough's children.

**Liberal Democrat Focus Team
Working for YOU All Year Round
NOT just at election time**

Leyton Town Centre



The Council is proposing that the area of **Leyton High Road** from just before **Leyton Underground station** to and including **Coronation Gardens** to be designated a Conservation Area. This would enable the Council to have extra powers to protect or improve the character or appearance of the area. Consultation is being carried out with businesses and residents in the area as well as interested groups, plus a display in the foyer of the library. The consultation will finish on 18th March.

Any comments/views or questions please phone **Jacinta Fisher, Conservation Officer** on **020 8496 6737** or contact the **Focus Team**.

Fire Stations - Stop The Cuts!



Liberal Democrats have launched a campaign against Mayor Boris Johnson's cuts to local fire services. Leyton is due to lose one fire engine and there are to be further losses in Waltham Forest. **Leytonstone Fire Station** is planned to be demolished and a new station built, but with these swingeing cuts the future of Leytonstone station is not certain.

The Focus Team says: *Fire stations and engines are a vital part of our local fire service. These cuts are short sighted, as the number of call outs have risen. Please support our campaign by signing our online petition – <http://eepurl.com/uztfb>*

Liberal Democrats launch their campaign to save our Fire Services outside Leytonstone Fire Station

Liberal Democrats - Keeping YOU informed

No Lidl supermarket for Leyton High Road



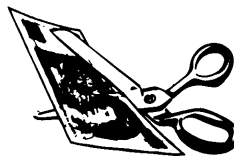
The possibility of the food retailer **Lidl** coming to **Leyton High Road** has been dashed by the Met Police. We believe Lidl's offer to buy the area on the **High Road** at the back of the **Police Custody building** was outbid by a developer. It now looks as this whole area of the **High Road** and the corner of **Hainault Road** could become a large development of flats.

The Focus Team says: *We have too many blocks of small flats in the area which means more people and cars puts more pressure on school places, GP services and amenities. This needs to be taken into account when the Council looks at the planning applications.*

Focus - Keeping you in touch

More Money in Your Pocket

One of the main targets of the **Liberal Democrats** when they went into Government was to raise the income tax threshold to £10,000. This means that anyone earning under that amount would be taken out of tax altogether and anyone earning over that amount would pay less, leaving more money in their pay packet.



In April this year the tax threshold will rise to £9,440 which means 95,600 of Waltham Forest taxpayers will have an extra £600 in their pockets to spend and over 9,000 working people in Waltham Forest will have no income tax to pay at all.

Focus says: *This is good news for all working people in Leyton and will bring in an extra £57m. into taxpayers pockets in Waltham Forest.*

Francis Road Police Station

As well as Walthamstow Police station, **Francis Road Police Station** has now closed. This is part of Mayor Boris Johnson's policing policy. The front counter services previously at Francis Road have been transferred to the **Custody Centre, in Boreham Close, off Hainault Road.**

Unfortunately our local police have been moved to Leytonstone Police Station, Kirkdale Road in Leytonstone shopping centre - at least a 15 minute walk from where they work. **The Focus Team** will be pressing for our local police to be stationed locally.

We want to hear from YOU

Name _____ Tel. No. _____
Address _____ E. Mail _____

I think something should be done about.....

RETURN TO: THE FOCUS TEAM, 24 THORNHILL ROAD, E10 5LL

The Liberal Democrats may contact you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish the information above to be used for this purpose.

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Lib Dems Get More Money for Our Schools

In Government the **Liberal Democrats** introduced the **Pupil Premium.**

This is additional money put into our schools to help the more disadvantaged children.

Schools can use this money as they think best – catch-up classes, one-to-one tuition, extra IT support, etc. This year the pupil premium will rise to £900 per pupil.

This will bring over £12 million extra in to Waltham Forest schools.

The Focus Team understands that **Norlington School** will receive an extra £198,900, **Dawlish:** £60,300, **George Mitchell:** £428,400 and **Newport:** £199,000. Using this money wisely will give all our children a much better start in life.

Lib Dem Councillors Surgery

Every **Saturday** between
10.00 am and 12 noon
at **Leyton Library**
corner of Leyton High Road and
Ruckholt Road
no appointments necessary