

Christopher Garnett

To help us help you, please take a few moments to complete this survey and return it **FREE** to:

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May we take a little of your time to complete this survey. This is your opportunity to give us your views on what National, Colchester and village matters are of importance to you. All replies will be read and we will make every effort to deal with your concerns.

Christopher Garnett
Dedham and Langham Ward Councillor

With Dedham & Langham



1. What are the 3 most important national issues affecting you or your family at the moment ?

Transport/congestion <input type="checkbox"/>	Pensions <input type="checkbox"/>	Rising Taxation <input type="checkbox"/>	Crime <input type="checkbox"/>	Asylum/Immigration <input type="checkbox"/>	Climate Change <input type="checkbox"/>
Europe/Single Currency <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Health Service <input type="checkbox"/>	Terrorism <input type="checkbox"/>	Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Liberties <input type="checkbox"/>
Iraq/Afghanistan War <input type="checkbox"/>	Economy <input type="checkbox"/>	Red Tape <input type="checkbox"/>	Debt <input type="checkbox"/>	Jobs/Work <input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

Do you believe the Labour Government is tackling your concerns adequately? Yes No

2. What are the 3 most important local issues affecting you or your family at the moment (please give details below)?

Anti-social behaviour <input type="checkbox"/>	Council Tax <input type="checkbox"/>	Refuse collection <input type="checkbox"/>	Condition of roads & footpaths <input type="checkbox"/>	School Standards <input type="checkbox"/>
Vandalism/Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Hour drinking <input type="checkbox"/>	Leisure facilities <input type="checkbox"/>	Facilities for young people <input type="checkbox"/>	Housing <input type="checkbox"/>
Street Cleaning/Litter <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Transport <input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____		

3. In your view, which one of the following would make the biggest difference to:

a) Crime	<input type="checkbox"/> More Police	<input type="checkbox"/> Tougher sentences	<input type="checkbox"/> More CCTV
b) Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut teachers' paperwork	<input type="checkbox"/> Better school-community links	<input type="checkbox"/> Offer vocational options to pupils under the age of 14
c) Hospitals	<input type="checkbox"/> More new hospitals	<input type="checkbox"/> Cleaner hospitals	<input type="checkbox"/> More nurses
d) Immigration	<input type="checkbox"/> An annual limit	<input type="checkbox"/> ID cards	<input type="checkbox"/> Create a dedicated Border Force
e) Tax	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrap Inheritance Tax	<input type="checkbox"/> Raise higher rate threshold	<input type="checkbox"/> Support Married Couples in the tax system
f) Transport	<input type="checkbox"/> Expand rail capacity by 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> More privately funded toll roads	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax foreign lorries to fund removal of road bottlenecks

Roads & Traffic

4. Does the County Council's Road and Highways programme meet your needs?
 Yes No

5. Please tell us about any road and highway improvements you would like to see made in the area:

6. Please tell us about any unsafe or poorly maintained roads and footpaths in your area:

Rubbish & Recycling

7. Do you know of any local roads/areas which have a litter or fly-tipping problem?
 Yes No
If yes, where? _____


8. How do you feel local recycling facilities could be improved?

Crime & Policing

9. Which, if any, of the following, do you think are serious law and order problems in your area?
 Burglary Graffiti
 Car theft Vandalism
 Anti-social behaviour
Other _____

10. Have you been a victim of crime in the last 5 years?
 Yes No

11. Do you think the area has enough Police Officers?
 Yes No



Please continue overleaf...

Dear Resident,

I am pleased to introduce my latest "In Touch" newsletter, which is delivered free to homes in Dedham and Langham. In this edition, you will find updates on a number of issues, including changes to the way local roads are maintained and the inauguration of a Speed Watch scheme in Langham. It has certainly been a busy time, with more changes on the way. Regional Development Agencies are replacing the Elected Regional Assemblies. Consequently, Essex County Council and Colchester Borough Council are actively promoting close liaison with other agencies within East Anglia. Meanwhile, as your Borough Councillor, I have been working closely with both Dedham and Langham Parish Councils and other village organisations, particularly Dedham's new CSPO and the Police.



As always, my Council work has been supported by many villagers who have patiently reported problems, made useful suggestions - always with good humour and patience. My thanks to you all for making this possible. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy New Year,

Christopher Garnett
Dedham and Langham Ward Councillor

County Council Take Full Control Of Highways

The move to give full responsibility for all major Highways to Essex County Council (following Colchester Borough Council's loss of the Highways Agency) has allowed a number of local road improvements to go ahead. The resurfacing of Dedham's main Highways after so many years of justifiable complaint from Parish and Borough Councillors, has improved the village immeasurably. Road improvements are also still being made to Lamb Corner and elsewhere.



Christopher Garnett examines a local road surface

Safer Routes To School

Concerns about the safety of children using the Walking Bus to School in Langham have led to proposals to build a fresh section of footway on the north side of School Road. Christopher Garnett is pressing to have its construction included in the 2008 Highway programme.



School Road, Langham



Traffic sign in Langham - now repaired

Langham has had its share of traffic matters and some notable successes. Hundreds Lane has been secured for pedestrians and horse riders only - even the 30mph limit signs have been repaired.



Langham Speed Watch... As Seen On TV

Anglia Television recorded the inauguration of Langham's Speed Watch, which is run by several dedicated volunteers. Their efforts should see a significant decrease in the speed vehicles travel through the village.

Councillors Seek Solution To Lorries Using Village Lanes

Heavy lorries in Crown Street, Dedham



Parish, Borough and County Councillors are working together to find a solution to the problem of heavy lorries using village lanes.

Cllr. Garnett said, "Our village lanes were not designed to take the heavy lorries which are currently using them. An alternative must be found as the current situation is dangerous and discomforting for local people".

Protecting The Rural Environment

Christopher Garnett is continuing to campaign to have Monks Lane in Dedham reclassified as a Bridleway



Monks Lane, Dedham

New Toilet Block For Dedham?



Mill Lane: A possible building

Colchester Borough Council are being encouraged to build a toilet block on the Mill Lane Car Park and to refurbish those on the playing field. Let us know what you think about these proposals by returning the survey on pages 3 and 4 of this leaflet.

Ugly Bins To Be Replaced

Bell shaped bottle banks are to replace the bins on the car park. "This improvement is very necessary to improve Dedham's tourist image".



Mill Lane Car Park, Dedham

Travellers' Site

The Travellers Site on Langham's border continues to cause concern. The footway dimensions have been queried and it is possible that a fresh application from ECC will be submitted to CBC.

Planning and Enforcement



Colchester Borough Council is responsible for Planning, the provision of Decent Homes and the allocation of the excellent Rural Grant Scheme. Enforcement action on temporary building sites and noise abatement notices are being enforced.

Don't lose your vote

The Borough and Parish Elections will take place on Thursday 1st May 2008. Get a postal vote form by calling 01206 323182 or 01376 562862.

Here to help:



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Public Transport

12. Which form of transport do you use most?

- Car Bus
 Motorcycle Train
 Bicycle Walking

13. Are you satisfied with public transport in this area?

- Yes No

14. Would you like to see the Dedham Hopper Bus back again?

- Yes No

15. How do you think transport links in the area could be improved? _____

Europe

16. Do you support the Conservative Party's campaign for a referendum on the European Reform Treaty?

- Yes No

17. The Human Rights Act prevents the Government from dealing with crime, immigration and terrorism. Do you think it should be scrapped?

- Yes No

Health

18. Are you satisfied with the healthcare provision in the area?

- Yes No

19. Would you support a Dedham GP's Surgery?

- Yes No

20. Have you, or any member of your family, had to wait longer than 48 hours to see your GP in the last 3 years?

- Yes No

21. If you, or any member of your family, has been referred for hospital treatment in the last 3 years, how long have you/they had to wait?

- Less than a month 1-3 months
 4-6 months 6+ months

22. Have you, or any member of your family, found it difficult to register as an NHS patient for a local dentist?

- Yes No

Local Facilities

23. What new facilities would you like to see in the area? _____

24. Would you support the installation of Public Toilets and larger Bottle Banks in the car park?

- Yes No

About You

25. Age range:

- Under 20 20 to 39
 40 to 59 Over 60

26. For which Party do you usually vote?

- Conservative Labour
 Lib Dem UKIP
 Other Don't vote

27. If your chosen Party did not have a candidate standing at an election, for which Party would you vote?

- Conservative Labour
 Lib Dem UKIP
 Other Don't vote

28. Would you, or anyone in your household, like to vote by post or proxy at future elections?

- Postal Proxy (Permanent)
 No Proxy (One Election)

29. Would you be willing to display a Conservative poster at election times?

- Yes No

30. Would you be willing to deliver In Touch leaflets in your area?

- Yes No

31. Would you be interested in becoming a member of the Conservative Party?

- Yes No

What have we forgotten?

Please use this space to let us know about any other issues that are concerning you (feel free to use an additional piece of paper if required).

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Tel. No. _____ E-mail _____