

Cross Ward News from Cllr. Eugene Kraft

What Residents Think

You may have been wondering what happened to the Town Plan questionnaire. The volunteers who have been organising this have been working hard and are now ready to give us the results before they publish these in final form. **This will be on Saturday 27th October in the William Loveless Hall from 10am to 12 noon.** You will have the opportunity to see what residents think on a range of issues. You might even get a cup of tea.

The Town Plan Group is run by a residents' committee. I helped to set it up and am its secretary. I am now preparing an application to the lottery Awards for All to cover the printing costs of the Plan.

Funds permitting, the results will be published in booklet form so that planners and service providers can consult this when considering the future development of Wivenhoe.

Litter/Dog Bins

I am doing a survey of litter and dog bins in Wivenhoe and would like to hear from you if you know of any bins that are regularly overflowing and if this is on certain days of the week.

The Borough clears litter bins three times a week, including weekends, and dog bins are cleared once a week.

It won't be possible to increase this but it may be possible to change the clearance days if bins are used, for example, more on the weekends.



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Cycle Routes

A report has been prepared by the Colchester Cycling Campaign at the request of Essex County Council and Colchester Borough Homes to identify what needs to be done to make Greenstead more user friendly for cyclists.

I fully support these proposals and will be pressing for their adoption by the Borough Local Development Framework panel that I regularly attend. I am particularly in favour of the proposals to make the Clingoe Hill subway and the Salary Brook Trail in Greenstead more cyclist friendly.

These proposals fit nicely with the proposal for a cycle track between Wivenhoe and Colchester via the University initiated by Wivenhoe Town Council. I have been working with the Council on this. I am keen to promote more cycle tracks for people to use for work or pleasure.

Surgery

My monthly surgery continues in the Horse and Groom pub on the first Saturday of each month at 10am. Come along if you think there is anything that I can help you with.

Crime and Safety

The Neighbourhood Action Panels (NAPs) have been set up to hear your views on crime and safety issues that concern you. The NAPs are charged with developing action plans to deal with crime and these are monitored by senior police and borough officers.

Residents are invited to attend and raise issues of concern. I attend as Deputy Chairman of the Wivenhoe Neighbourhood Watch Committee and can pass on any concerns you may have.

The next meeting of the NAP will be at 7pm on Tuesday 13th November 2007 in the Congregational Church Hall, Wivenhoe.

Blogging

Those of you with an internet connection, which means most of us these days, may like to visit my blog where I give up to date information on what is going on. There is also the opportunity to post comments or ask questions on issues that concern you. I will do what I can to help.

If you would like to visit the site the address is:

www.eugenekraft.blogspot.com

Your Views are Important

Help me to help you. Tick your selection

What are the 3 most important issues affecting you and you family?

Anti social behaviour
Council tax
Refuse collection
Condition of roads and footpaths
School standards
Other _____

Which, if any, do you think are law and order problems?

Burglary
Graffiti
Car theft
Vandalism
Anti social behaviour
Other _____

If you wish fill in your name and address so that I can contact you.

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

Return your comments to me at: Cllr Eugene Kraft, 6 The Nook, Wivenhoe CO7 9NH.