



# Haydon Wick Conservatives

Working hard all year round

Haydon Wick  
In Touch -  
November 2005

## Cllr David Renard fights against Extended Opening Hours

Local pubs and food retailers have been applying for new licences under the new Licensing Act over the last few months.



The new laws do not allow elected councillors to object to these applications unless they either live in the immediate vicinity of the location or are asked to speak on behalf of local residents who have objected in writing to the application. In fact, there is not even any obligation on the Licensing Authority to inform that an application has been submitted!

Both the Manor Farm and the Shield and Dagger have applied for extended hours meaning they can open until midnight or beyond. Local residents have made it very clear that they do not find these hours acceptable in a residential area.

At the time of writing, the Manor's application will be heard by the Council's Licensing Committee on a date yet to be announced. The Shield and Dagger application has been approved by default because no objections received from residents within the consultation period although several of them were received just beyond the closing date.



Cllr David Renard says "I have stated repeatedly that the legislation is flawed (Licensing Act 2003). Not only are councillors left powerless to represent the views of residents, the views of residents themselves can be ignored if they fail to spot a small advertisement in the Advertiser or a notice on the premises themselves. The legislation is clearly weighted in favour of the licensing industry and the views of residents count for little and the views of councillors count for nothing at all. No wonder people are becoming disillusioned with the democratic process."

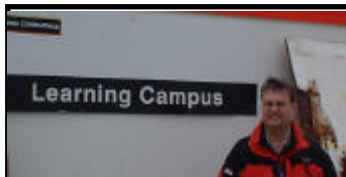
## Local Councillors work for Resolutions to Highways Issues

Residents have raised a variety of concerns with us about many traffic matters around the ward. Below we summarise where we are with each one. It is very difficult to get schemes implemented in Haydon Wick because of the very low accident record. Areas around the Borough with a high accident record receive a higher priority and all schemes are subject to there being sufficient resources in the transportation department budget. However, we will keep pressing to get these works implemented as soon as possible.

- ☛ High Street - I has been agreed to remove some of the double yellow lines
- ☛ Isis Close / Tamar Close - White lines to be implemented at junction with Dart Avenue
- ☛ Pen Close - Overwhelming support from residents for implementation of double yellow lines
- ☛ Dart Avenue - Residents have requested double yellow lines at junction with Thames Avenue
- ☛ Foxglove Road / Haydonleigh Drive - Scheme to re-draw road markings widely supported by residents
- ☛ Westfield Way Footpath - Plans have been drawn up but are subject to approval
- ☛ Rushmere Path Underpass - Residents want to see this filled in. Plans have been drawn up but are subject to approval and finding the considerable resources required
- ☛ Trent Road - Proposals did not receive widespread support so they are being reconsidered
- ☛ Old Blunsdon Road - Request for additional double yellow lines noted by officers
- ☛ Thames Avenue - Traffic speed survey to be done between shops and Old Blunsdon Road
- ☛ Elstree Way - Resident has requested a crossing so a traffic speed survey is to be done
- ☛ Avonmead - Traffic speed survey to be done
- ☛ Haydon End Lane - Working with traffic officers to reduce heavy traffic

For full details and all the latest news on these schemes, visit our web site.





### Education

Primary school admissions were a big problem in the ward last year. Cllr David Renard worked with local parents and persuaded the Council to provide an additional 27 places at Bridlewood. This was widely welcomed as it meant that their children could be educated in a local school.

Cllr Ian Dobie was instrumental in getting the contract signed to deliver 7 new schools including the two new primary schools that will open in September 2006 with the new secondary school in September 2007.



### Cars for Sale

Private cars have been spotted for sale recently on the open space in the ward.

Cllr Ian Dobie spotted two and reported it immediately to the Borough Enforcement officer. Within hours these vehicles had been removed.

He says "We have an excellent enforcement officer in place at the Council and he gets things done quickly."

### Anti-Social Behaviour

The reported crime rate in Haydon Wick is very low but residents do sometimes raise issues with us. We are working very closely with the Police and the Haydon Wick Neighbourhood Safety Team (NeST) to deal with these cases. Top tips:

- ✓ Report all incidents to the Police
- ✓ Insist on a 'Log number'
- ✓ Advise one of us
- ✓ Keep a record of all incidents yourself
- ✓ Attend the NeST meetings. Next meeting 12 December, 7pm, Parish Council offices.



More details on our web site.

### Recycling



Cllr Wayne Lawley got a plastic recycling facility installed at the Haydon Centre and the paper recycling round was extended. We are now pressing for further improvements to this service in Haydon Wick.

### Grounds Maintenance

Residents are reporting a number of issues to us at the moment. We have reported them; some have already been done and the others should all be done by Christmas.

Cllr Renard says "Please let us know if any areas missed and we will get them dealt with."



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### Popular Local Advice Surgeries

We hold regular advice surgeries for ward residents on the second Saturday of every month at Haydon Wick Parish Council Offices, Thames Avenue from 9am to 10am.

All residents welcome, no appointments necessary

Forthcoming dates are:  
10 December 2005  
14 January 2006  
11 February 2006  
11 March 2006



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