



Three local campaigners chosen for May 4th Council elections

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Hugh CLEAVER lives at 91 Malford Grove E18 2DH

Born locally he lives with his family in South Woodford. Hugh was educated at Forest School and Cambridge, before becoming an accountant specialising in the insurance industry.

A member of the Focus team for 25 years. First elected in 1990, he now leads the ten strong Liberal Democrat Group on Redbridge. His strong command of local government finance gives the Lib Dems particular expertise over the strained finances of Redbridge Council.

Hugh campaigns hard on Social Care & Health issues where the Council has to develop partnership with other bodies.

In his limited spare time he studies the campaigns of the First World War.

Richard HOSKINS lives at Briar Cottage 9 Stanley Rd E18 2NR

Richard's 16 years as a Church End councillor are part of a lifetime of local community activity. He co-chairs the Area 2 Committee

A campaigner for better local education, chairing Woodbridge Governors for over 20 years.

A Board Member of the Kenneth Moore theatre he fights to protect the theatre from being destroyed in

the Council's Unity Square project.

As Chairman of the Redbridge Magistrates he led the fight to keep our local courts open, and to halt crime & anti-social behaviour in the borough.

He challenges the developers cramming more homes into our already overcrowded area

Richard, Nicola & Hugh - The FOCUS Team

Nicola SINCLAIR lives at 3 Silvermead, Churchfields E18 2TH

Nicola, her two children, and partner Gary live in South Woodford where she was born.

A lifelong Liberal Democrat Nicola's family has already produced two Lib Dem Councillors

Her experience as a driving instructor gives her concerns over highways and road safety matters.

With Churchfields schools near her home she is particularly aware of dangers for children. She wants to see the 20 mph limit extended to all local schools.

A keen environmentalist she wants to see Redbridge improve its recycling facilities. Cleaner, graffiti free, streets are among her priorities for our area.



Putting Church End FIRST !



Richard & Nicola by the new lights we got erected in Churchfields park.

When the lights are switched on they should add to the security of the area.

The lights have been welcomed by many residents.

Residents win victory in St Ronans planning decision

Planning permission has been refused for an unpopular extension in the Laings Estate Residential Precinct. Residents fought a vigorous campaign against the application.

Despite being recommended for approval by planning officers, Cllr Richard Hoskins led the opposition at the Regional West Planning meeting on March 8th which turned the application down.

HOGSHEAD BATTLE RESUMES

The Hogshead is applying for changes in the planning restrictions which limit its late night openings at weekends. Residents now look to the Regional Planning West Committee to back them.

And problems at the Napier as well

Neighbouring residents are fighting to stop an extension in the licensing hours which disturbs nearby homes & residents. This will be decided by the Licensing Committee not Planning.

MARLBOROUGH RD BRIDGE LIGHTS

Better lighting has been installed on this footbridge. We are working to get similar improvements on the Central Line bridge between Churchfields and Gordon Rd.

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Lib Dem Councillors work all year round

Ideas, comments, ways to make things better ?

Dear Focus Team

I / we think



Your name/s.....

Address

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Weekly recycling collection for parts of our area.

We are delighted to see the recycling collection extended to a weekly trial service in the area of the Church End ward north of the A406.

If you need a recycling box please contact the Council's Customer Contact Centre on 8554 5000

Cabinet's Education Member says he is "unmoved by the plight of Churchfields School children"

Cllrs Cleaver and Richard Hoskins tried to get the the Churchfields Junior School rebuilding programme back up to speed at the Council's Budget meeting.

The original 2 year rebuild has been stretched over 4 years. This is because new primary and other school building work in the Ilford area has been given a priority.

The Church End Councillors were unable to persuade the Tory Cabinet member to even agree to spend unused money from other projects on Churchfields next year.

Instead he dismissed their concerns saying he was "unmoved by the plight of Churchfields schoolchildren" in having to go to school on a building site for the 4 years.

Flats Application for 16 Chelmsford refused

As forecast in our last Focus permission to build flats at this address was refused.

Cllr Maureen Hoskins told the committee the site was quite unsuitable for flats, there was inadequate amenity space and it would be a wrong precedent to set.

Planning Application to extend 37 Churchfields



There is an application to substantially extend the Nursing Home in this Victorian house overlooking Churchfields Park.

The application number is 0334/06

We would like to hear any views you have on the application, which can be viewed in South Woodford Library.

You can also write to the Planning Officer. PO Box 2, Town Hall, High Rd, Ilford Essex IG1 1DD and let him know what you think. You should quote the application number we have given above.

Council's Parking Scheme Consultation Delayed

Despite promises from Council officers (who even showed us the documents) nothing happened on February 13th. And we are sorry you have been kept waiting while officers made changes to their proposals.

They later told us consultation would start as soon as possible. As we go to print with this Focus we can only wait and see.

Crime up in Charteris Road Car Park

We have had a worrying number of reports of cars being broken into during the daytime.

Police warnings not to leave valuables on view in empty cars is indeed right.

But we have asked them to mount an operation like the one a while back at Sainsburys in George Lane.

There are thieves about - and we want them caught.

**The FOCUS Team -
going strong after
25 years !**

YOUR
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Hugh CLEAVER
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Action File



Nicola & Hugh by the empty Iceland store. Will Marks & Spencer food outlet threaten or revitalise George Lane ?



Hugh & Richard in the Laings Residential Precinct for which we campaigned.

Richard & Hugh by Weight Limits sign we got brought in for Marlborough Rd at residents request



Nicola & Hugh outside Churchfields School, where money for rebuilding has been delayed by the Tory administration and instead spent on schools in Ilford

Nicola & Hugh in the empty Derby Rd Car Park we want to see used by the community



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said it
yourself**

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work hard for local people !"***