

Wheatley and area FOCUS

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Liberal
Democrats

Lib Dem victory in Horspath by- election

Liberal Democrat Stella Edwards won a superb victory in the by-election in Horspath last December, gaining almost 80 per cent of the votes cast. The by-election was caused by the resignation of Cllr Sue Bullock, Liberal Democrat Councillor for Horspath since 1995 on South Oxfordshire District Council. Sue moved away after getting married, and left behind many friends and grateful constituents. Now Stella Edwards has shown that she is equally popular in Horspath, and we wish her well at SODC.

The results in full

Stella Edwards
Liberal Democrat
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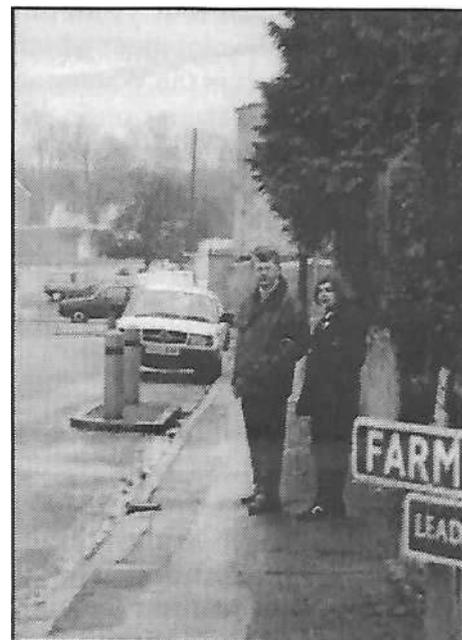
Daphne Minty
Conservative
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Traffic calming in Wheatley

Now that we have had a chance to see the effects of the traffic calming we can also see more clearly what is working, what needs some adjustment and what more needs to be done. Most people seem to feel that the traffic calming marks the beginning of what needs to be an ongoing process towards a safer village. County Councillor Anne Purse is listening to the Parish Council and to what local residents are saying. She is committed to working with the Parish Council to get the best deal possible for Wheatley.

What Next?

There is still plenty to be done to make **Wheatley's** roads more pleasant and safer for all — particularly pedestrians. **Ladder Hill, Littleworth Road, Church Road and London Road** immediately come to mind. And one suggestion is an **increased 20mph zone**. The need to get government approval for any 20mph zone delayed Wheatley's system, but from April that approval is no longer needed. However, **Road Safety Officers at County Hall consider that some physical measures or speed cameras will still be needed for any new or increased area**. Whatever the solution may be to



Anne Purse discussing Wheatley's traffic calming with Parish Councillor Roger Bell

Wheatley's remaining traffic problems, the problem — as ever — is where to find the money. Unfortunately the County Council is still having further cuts to its highways budget. The Parish Council may choose to spend more money on traffic calming, but of course that is their decision.

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Meeting for all Wheatley pedestrians

Do you walk in Wheatley? How can pedestrians make their voice heard?
Come to a meeting at the Merry Bells on Thursday 11th March at 7.30 pm
to find a future for walking in Wheatley