

MILE END matters

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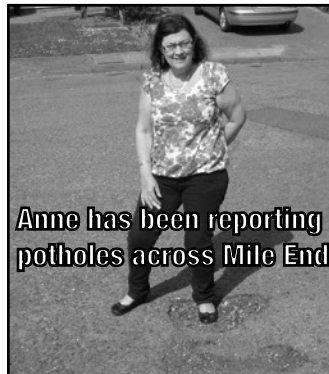
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MILL ROAD RESURFACING

The team is continually reporting for repair potholes and broken road surface on Mill Road - we don't know about you but we are fed up trying to avoid the larger holes whilst driving.

We have asked that Mill Road is checked by Highways Inspectors on a monthly basis and the pot holes filled in before they expand to large gaps. Also we have asked that the whole of Mill Road is repaired and resurfaced to a standard that will last.

Anne has brought this issue to the attention of the Portfolio Holder for Highways at Essex County Council and is pushing him to get this road made safe.



Anne has been reporting potholes across Mile End

A message from Anne

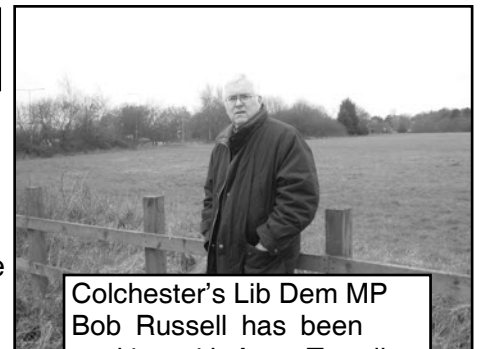
As you probably realise it is very difficult for me to visit everyone of the 4500 homes in Mile End in such a short space of time during the election period. Throughout the year Martin, Scott and I meet and speak to many of you and we will continue to do so. If I don't manage to get to your door and you have a question for me please contact me at anneturrell@msn.com.

Housing in Mile End

The Borough Council's development strategy has land between Bergholt Road and Nayland Road as a site for future development although nothing is earmarked until 2016. Fortunately all development sites are being reviewed in 2012, and Anne and the Lib Dems will be pushing for less development in Mile End as we simply do not have the infrastructure to cope.

Meanwhile Anne and the Lib Dem team are working on ways to either reduce or remove the housing numbers in Mile End. With our MP Bob Russell Anne is also working on saving a large part of the land from any development.

The land in West Mile End does not have any planning permission and cannot be developed until at least 2016.



Colchester's Lib Dem MP Bob Russell has been working with Anne Turrell to save Mile End's fields from developers. Bob has even got Government Ministers to come down to Colchester to assist the campaign.

New playground at Highwoods Country Park

A new playground has opened at Highwoods Country Park which is accessible from the Turner Road Country Park entrance from the visitors' centre.

As you may have seen in the press, some idiots decided to try and set fire to the playground before it even opened, causing some damage to the wooden structure. This has been repaired and security and patrols will be stepped up to ensure local vandals don't ruin brand new equipment.

Funding for this play ground came from grant funding.

Col U Stadium Car Park

Funding has now been agreed between the Club and Colchester Council to get the stadium car park improved. The Borough Council and the Club have worked together to ensure the car park has a more hard wearing and future proof tarmac surface adding.

We are also still applying pressure to Essex County Council to try and get the pavement and lighting improved to ensure safer passage for pedestrians to and from the stadium.

Fords Lane Playing Fields - An Update

Colchester Borough Council has now applied to Fields in Trust to name the playing fields The Queen Elizabeth II playing fields.

In her jubilee year the Queen will be giving her name to playing fields around the Country, this adds even more protection to our green space in Mile End.

Local News IN BRIEF

New Allotments

New allotments have been opened on Sunday 17th April (Martin's 37th birthday!) which will give Colchester 33 new allotments. The land that has been changed into allotments is off **Bergholt Road**. Funding for this came from developers as part of planning permission from previous developments that have happened in our area. No taxpayers' money has been used on these allotments.

Lights at Turner Rise

Planning Permission was granted for new lighting on the footpath from Peto Avenue to Asda but funding and implementation for this lighting will be down to Cardales who own the footpath. The lighting specification has been agreed and Martin has asked Cardales to get this work completed by September if possible before the dark nights get drawn in. We will continue to apply pressure on Cardales.

Crossing signs - Northern Approach Road

Following residents' complaints, new warning signs have been added to the Northern Approach Road to warn drivers that pedestrians will be crossing to the Queen Boudica Primary School. We are working to try and get a safer crossing, but we have been honest in saying this will be an uphill struggle with Essex County Council.

Tower Lane Footpath

The footpath next to the Water Tower on Mill Road has been cleared by the probation service, so it is now clear for use by local residents. It is a wonderful pathway and walk which goes all the way to the stadium. Anne, Martin and Scott coordinated activities by ensuring all local authorities worked together on removing the waste.

It also becomes a formal public footpath on May 13th. The Myland Parish footpath group were behind the adoption of the pathway so well done to them.



New Braiswick Park Rail Gateway

A meeting was held between local Councillors, Network Rail and National Express to look at different ways in which a safe and secure gateway could be added to the car park, where residents keep breaking down the fence and walking across the rail car park.

Various options are being costed up, but now National Express has lost its rail franchise there remains the major question as to who will pay. We will keep you updated concerning progress.

A Special Message From Bob Russell MP

On May 5th, there are elections to Colchester Borough Council, where Anne Turrell is seeking re-election as your Councillor for Mile End, the area where I grew up.

Anne is one of the most impressive Councillors in Colchester - working long hours, and always with the interests of residents at heart. I urge the people of Mile end to re-elect Anne on May 5th.



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It's Lib Dem or Conservative here!

Lib
Dem
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Con
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Can't
win
here!

Number of Councillors
of Colchester Borough
Council.

Lab
7

Only the Liberal Democrats or the Conservatives can run Colchester Borough Council.

If the Conservatives win seats like Mile End they will win control of the Town Hall which will put jobs and services at risk of privatisation.