

BRAISWICK



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Edited by Anne Turrell



Thank you to Braiswick Residents' Association!



Anne Turrell and Martin Goss again want to thank you for the very warm welcome we received at the Braiswick Residents' Association.

Various issues were raised and along with fellow Lib Dem Cllr. Scott Greenhill we are very happy to be assisting residents to improve the quality of life in our area. Please find details of the progress we have made below.

Commuter Parking

Residents of Braiswick, New Braiswick Park and Bergholt Road raise the issue of Commuter Parking on a regular basis. New Braiswick Park will at some point have a proposal for Yellow lines which will be sent to residents for comment.

We suffer commuter parking from both the station and hospital as people don't wish to pay to park their car. Essex County Council's yellow line policy is far from helpful so we have written to Cllr Norman Hume asking the policy is reviewed and we look at parking as a whole in Mile End and Braiswick to eradicate the problem once and for all, rather than in the current piecemeal fashion.

We will keep you updated.

Bergholt Road and Braiswick Speeding

Various speed checks have been carried out by Essex Police at the request of residents in the last 6 months to check the speed of users of Bergholt Road and Braiswick. Some drivers have been stopped and given a ticket.

North Station Bus Lane

A number of residents have raised concerns about the small bus lane in North Station Road being closed to traffic. A resident has suggested that the bus lane could be opened to normal traffic outside of peak times to allow for traffic flow to be eased. Essex County Council have been asked to see they can investigate the feasibility of opening it between 10.00 – 16.00.

We will inform you of their response.

Flooding at North Station

New drains have been added under North Station railway bridge and at the bottom of Mile End road to help remove the flooding issues. These have been in place for several weeks and are already making a difference with the recent heavy rain.

Playgrounds

A new playground is to be built as part of New Braiswick Park behind Apprentice Drive. This is part of the planning conditions enforced to ensure local children have somewhere to play. We will be making sure this is built to the correct specification and that plenty of litter bins are installed!

The voluntary group chaired by local Dentist Stephen Pitt has recently submitted another grant application to try and raise funds to regenerate the Bergholt Road play area.

If you wish to get involved with the voluntary group of local parents, please get in touch and we will pass your details on as this is a very worthwhile community project.



Cymbeline Meadows Underpass

During a recent litterpick of New Braiswick Park, Martin and Scott noticed that someone has vandalised all the CCTV cameras which are monitoring the subway.

These have been reported to Essex County Council and we await an update on when these will be repaired.

New sculpture

The new "Vortices" sculpture has been put in at New Braiswick Park just off Apprentice Drive. It is well worth a visit if you haven't seen it already.

Mobile library dates and times

The mobile library calls in Braiswick and New Braiswick Park at the following times and locations:

- November 18th December 2nd; 16th and 30th
Between 14:50 and 15:45 at the bus stop in Tufnell Way
- November 17th, December 1st, 15th and 29th
between 11.05am to 11.20am on Braiswick opposite Achnacone Drive

Please tell us what you think!

*We need to know your problems/comments on local issues.
Please write them down in the space provided below.*

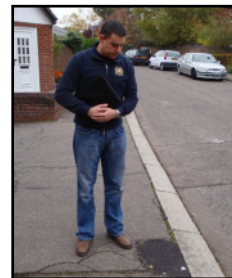
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Please return to: **Mile End Focus Team, FREEPOST
NAT6287, Magdalen Hall, Wimpole Road, Colchester,
CO1 2BR**

We may write to you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish to be contacted for this purpose.

Bergholt Road and Fernlea Pavements

We have raised the issue of Bergholt Road and Fernlea pavements again. Essex County Council have made minor repairs but describe the pavements as safe.



We will continue to press for these areas to be resurfaced.

Buses in Tufnell Way

A number of residents have raised concerns over the buses calling on New Braiswick Park. We have raised concerns with Persimmon Homes, the bus operators and Essex County Council. Currently buses are driving the wrong way around the development compared to the proposed bus stop plan and concerns have been raised about the size of buses. We are working with all parties to try and address these concerns.

Broadband speeds

A number of residents have raised concerns about Broadband speeds and although the Council does not supply Broadband there are various discussions ongoing to try and improve this for Colchester as a whole.

Once we have a further update we will let you know.

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