

Street Visits

Uplands Lib Dem Councillors regularly drop in on streets to see that all is well and pick up issues directly from you, our constituents that need solving. Here are some of the problems that we have tackled:



Mirador Cres

Residents of Mirador Crescent asked for advice about a forthcoming planning appeal on our visit. The effect would be to overturn a Council decision that was favourable to them. We advised them on procedure to assist their submission. We also arranged for building debris to be cleared from the pavement.

Llythrid Avenue

On our visit residents brought up that people were confused by the street numbering due to the road being split across Sketty Road. We sorted out a street name sign clearly showing which house numbers were where.

King Edward Road

In this street, residents asked as for a litter bin near the shops at the bottom of Rhyddings Park Road. Request Granted. Also we provided litter bins on Nyanza Terrace, and Glanmor Road. Unfortunately, the latter two have been vandalised so we are seeking a remedy.

Westbury Street

Uplands Lib Dem Councillors picked up a flooding problem due to insufficient kerb height when talking to residents in Westbury Street. After we acted, the kerb has now been raised. A further street visit revealed that this had solved the problem to the constituents satisfaction.



St Helen's Ave

Resident's in St Helen's Avenue asked us to get building and food waste cleared from front gardens and to chase up the resurfacing of the remaining half of the street -promised by the previous Labour Councillors. We obliged on both with the resurface to happen on 22nd September.

Lon Pen-Y-Coed



Residents pointed out a listing lamppost that we promptly had straightened in Lon Pen- y-Coed. Also we are dealing with a cross border issue with Cockett Lib Dem Councillor Keith Morgan regarding fly tipping in the back lane and steps down to Cockett Road.

Lon Coed Bran

Residents in this and neighbouring streets have informed us of their petition to the council to provide resident's parking for them. They are having difficulty during the Swansea Institute's term time. We are now negotiating with the Institute on their behalf to provide some relief until we find funding for the bays.

Rec: 1500 Sign Petition

1500 names have been collected opposing the idea by outside consultants for the University to build on the Rec. Uplands Lib Dem Councillors all oppose this. We are also questioning why, in 2001, the Labour Administration re-registered the Patti Pavillion, St Helen's Ground and the Recreation Ground with the Land Registry and wonder what these 3 sites would be now had they retained control of Uplands Ward and the Council in 2004.



My comment, complaint, idea, or suggestion is.....



Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Postcode: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

- I have something of interest for Brynmill Park.
- I can deliver FOCUS locally.
- I would like to be recorded as a Lib Dem Voter.
- I would like to join the Liberal Democrats.

Please return to:

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 Brynmill, Swansea, SA2 0AH.
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The FOCUS team may contact 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 the information above to be used for this purpose.

Cwmdonkin Park

Councillor **Stuart Rice** has initiated the formation of a Friends Group for Cwmdonkin Park. Around 25 residents attended the launch in the park on a Sunday afternoon. Its long term goal will be to apply for small funding as a constituted body, to enhance the image and, highlight its links with Dylan Thomas. Stuart asks any resident to phone (611015), write to him :27 Glanmor Road, Uplands, Swansea, SA2 0PX, email: uplands@swansea.gov.uk



Brynmill Park

Work is now well underway in Brynmill Park as a result of the £1.3 million Heritage lottery grant. The park firmly on the road to recovery after 3 Uplands Labour Councillors ignored a residents' petition of 5,200 names to keep the Aviary open. They voted under whip in a named vote against a Lib Dem motion to shut it in 2000, because previous neglect meant it needed £150,000 to keep it open. At the moment Councillor **Peter May** who chairs the Tom Morgans Friends Group is asking for any photographs, memories or postcards to form an exhibition when the Discovery Centre opens. Please contact him below.

Terrace Road & Oakleigh House School

Last month the Council has announced that it will be introducing a 20mph zone around Terrace Road School to improve safety for the local children. Cllr **Stuart Rice** welcomed the proposal and said "This is a credit to all of those parents and residents who have campaigned for this to take place". This follows the recent road markings outside Oakleigh House School in Penlan Crescent to improve safety."

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Lib Dems Continue City Recovery



Building work has started on the flagship three-storey retail complex at the former David Evans site in the City. Contractors are expected to be on site for 60 weeks and the retail complex is expected to be complete by the late autumn of 2008. The finished scheme will measure 70,000 square feet and has already attracted the likes of Zara, Slater Menswear and JT Morgan as tenants.

Intensive marketing is also currently taking place as Swansea Council seeks to add further household names to the list. **Lib Dem Council Leader, Cllr Chris Holley**, said: "This is wonderful news as it shows yet more progression for an exciting project that will breathe more life into Swansea city centre and will attract further investment."

Uplands Lib Dem Councillor Jayne Woodman adds: "People will see tangible progress of the three-storey retail complex coming on in leaps and bounds as we build towards the autumn of 2008. After years of Labour neglect, people are telling us that they can see the city is now moving under the Lib Dems," "The complex will complement other projects such as the £32million redevelopment of the leisure centre and the £3.8million City Centre Core retail scheme." says **Uplands Lib Dem Councillor Peter May**.

THANK YOU!!

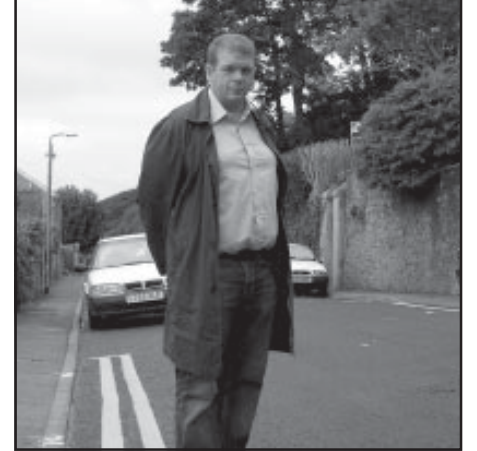
Uplands Lib Dem Councillor Peter May would like to thank his Uplands Constituents for their support in the recent Assembly elections. He says: "Lib Dems are firmly established in 2nd place as the main opposition to Labour in both Westminster and Assembly Elections for Swansea West. The gap has now closed to a mere 6%. The Uplands results showed strong Lib Dem support. On the doorstep people were telling me that a big factor in voting Lib Dem was the hard work put in locally by the Uplands Lib Dem Councillors."



Name	Party	Votes	%	+/- %
Andrew Davies	LAB	7,393	32.3	-3.9
Peter May	LD	5,882	25.7	+7.6
H. Lloyd Davies	CON	4,379	19.1	+3.1
Ian Titherington	PC	3,583	15.7	-7.3
Richard Lewis	UKIP	1,642	7.2	+5.4
Majority		1,511 (6.6%)	Turnout	22,879 44.5 +11.5
Swing: 5.8% from LAB to LIB DEM				

Road Improvements Continue

Shortly after gaining control of the Council the Lib Dem Led Administration got down to the job of improving our roads and pavements. To remedy the decades of Labour neglect, Swansea Council became the first in Wales to submit a 5 year programme to start repairing the damage. Since 2005 Uplands Residents have told us that they have noticed a big difference. Roads such as: **Brynymor Road, St Helens Crescent, Westbury Street, Alexandra Terrace, Westbury Lane, Ernald Place, Parc Wern Road, Rhianfa Lane, Duke Street, Pantygydr Road, Terrace Road, and Rosehill** are among those to benefit in Uplands Ward with more to follow starting with the city end of **St Helen's Avenue**. **Uplands Lib Dem Councillor Stuart Rice** says: "A total of £10 million covering 200km of roads has been set aside across the city since the Lib Dems gained control. Uplands Lib Dem Councillors will continue to press to bring Uplands roads and pavements up to scratch once more."



Parc Wern Road

Westbury Street

Terrace Road

Council Tax Doubles in Ten Years Under Labour

A report by the Halifax Building Society says that the average Council Tax bill has almost doubled since Labour came to power. In Swansea, Council Tax bills rose by 83% between 1997 and 2004. It took a Welsh Liberal Democrat led Council to bring the budget back under control.

Average Council Tax Increase	%
Under Welsh Liberal Democrat led Administration	3.90%
Under Labour	8.66%

Look Out!!!

Here Comes Labour's Westminster Candidate



Labour have chosen the former Croydon MP who lost his seat in 2005 to fight a General Election in Swansea West when Alan Williams retires. Their Candidate does have experience of topping one poll. He to hit the national headlines by claiming the most expenses of any MP (£176,026) in 2005, the year he lost the election in Croydon. The amount he spent on postage alone jumped from £6291 in 2003/4 to £38,750 in 2004/5: an election year.

In contrast outgoing MP Alan Williams spent £86,159 finishing 651st in the table. His postal were a mere £826 in 2003/4 rising to £913 in 2004/5. Swansea West Lib Dem Spokesman Peter May said: "I was in Croydon chatting to his former constituents outside the Post Office. I asked how one man could post 184,000 2nd class or 138,000 1st class letters in an election year at taxpayer's expense. As you can see in the picture, I'm still bemused!"



Uplands Liberal Democrat Councillors - DELIVERING - Not Promising The World Near Election Time