



Wheatley Ward InTouch Autumn 2019



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OUR NEW PRIME MINISTER



Congratulations to Prime Minister The Rt. Hon. Boris Johnson. We wish him well as he strives to unite our great country and the United Kingdom. There are many problems to solve, not least life after Brexit, the defence of the realm, crime, industry, education, (the list goes on and on).

It is now up to us, the residents of the UNITED KINGDOM to make our combined countries Great again. The politicians can only lead but it up to us to stop whinging and to get on with ensuring we take our rightful place in the world.

HOUSING

We need **affordable** houses to accommodate the increasing number of Rayleigh residents. Children grow up and wish to leave their parents' nest.

The councillors are lobbying for better infrastructure for the whole of Rochford District in particularly Rayleigh to get improvements to the road network.

It is also misleading that the council can stop someone from outside the area from buying a house. The council does not have the power to do that. In new developments the policy of the council is that the social housing has to be 35% of the total number of houses built and that the council has 100% nomination rights to those homes for people on the housing list.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN WHEATLEY?

The town recently held a very successful Trinity Fair. It was well supported by the town residents as well as many from the surrounding areas. Congratulations to all those who took part.

Another excellent event was Rayleigh In Bloom. In 2018, Rayleigh obtained its highest ever achievement with 3 gold awards and a silver gilt award.

Congratulations to the 24 differing sections of our community and the various helpers who make this event a memorable occasion for the town.

This years judgement day was on July 11th.

Thanks must also go to Rayleigh Town Council for arranging both this event and the Trinity Fair.

We now wait for the results.

POLICING AND CCTV

It has been announced by the police that there is to be more policing in Essex towns due to the increase in funding.

There are 2 new police officers in Rayleigh and 4 in the district as a whole. The chief Inspector for Rochford and Castle Point has confirmed that Rayleigh Police Station is not closing but is undergoing refurbishment.

Thanks to our Conservative District councillors for making contact with the Chief Inspector for this update.

Wheatley Ward and CCTV

Your councillor/s will be looking into the feasibility of CCTV. This is due to be looked at by the District's Review Committee which will then make recommendations to full council.

THE DANGERS OF PENSION RELEASE

More than £17 billion has been withdrawn legitimately from pensions in the form of cash lump-sums and annuities since the new freedoms were introduced in 2015. But the new freedoms have brought new dangers.

Some companies are now specifically targeting the under-55s, telling them they're able to access their retirement fund.

While this is not necessarily illegal, it is an unauthorised payment from your pension (apart from two very specific exceptions) and therefore it should certainly be avoided because you will end up losing a lot of money.

Why will I lose money?

There are two ways you'll be hit in the pocket by trying to access your pension before you turn 55.

First, the company unlocking your pension will charge fees. This can be as much as 30% of the amount you're taking out.

Your pension provider will then tell HMRC you've withdrawn this money – they're required to do this by law. You will then be hit with a tax bill of 55% on what you withdrew.

This means you could lose up to 85% of what you wanted to take out!

Further information can be obtained from Rochford District Council's website.

CAN YOU HELP WHEATLEY?

We are always looking to improve our services to you the residents. Can you help the committee by helping deliver the InTouch newsletter? We aim to produce three a year. If you could deliver say 100 copies in or around your home area it would considerably help us to keep to this schedule.

The newsletter helps keep residents informed on items that may be of interest in the Ward.

You can also help with campaigning, joining the Party and attending the many social events which are often non political.

You can contact us at wheatleyconservatives@gmail.com Or telephone via our secretary Jenny on 01268 907337

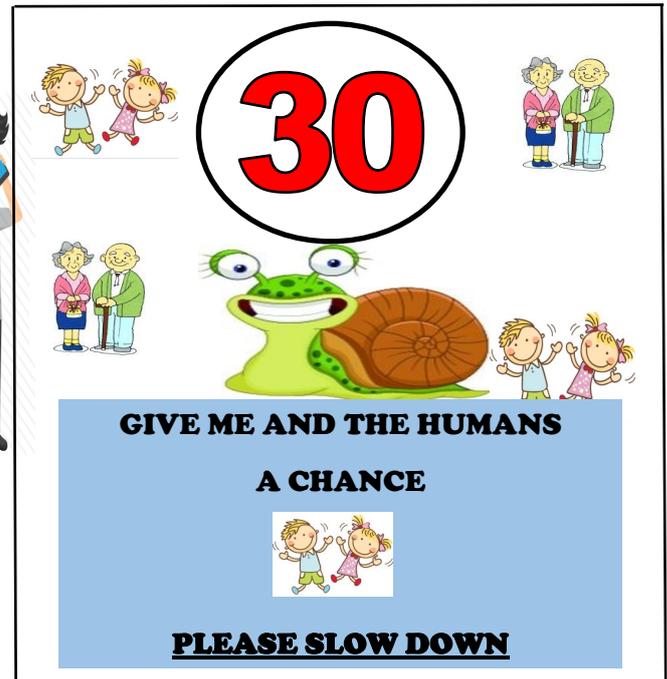
CLYDE CRESCENT

Residents could soon have the crescent part of Clyde Crescent turned into a one-way system.

Hopefully this will help with the free passage through the road which is often made difficult by inconsiderate parking causing vehicles often meeting head-on with no place for either driver to pull into, meaning one has to dangerously reverse to a safe passing place often 100 meters or more away.

The council wrote to those effected for their comments. We now wait for the responses and to see if the scheme gets approval.

Congratulations to our County Councillor June Lumley and to your Conservative Wheatley Ward committee who first suggested the scheme.



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