

## Crime and Vandalism

Thank you to all of you who completed our survey on crime. Forms are still coming in.

Anne and Sue are pleased to have your comments and an assessment of problems on crime in Byfleet will be published in a future Focus.

The recent spate of crime and vandalism in the village has now focused on South Byfleet.

At St Mary's Church Hall Cllr Anne Roberts viewed the damage to cupboards and doors and the effects of youths letting off fire extinguishers the morning after the event. Anne and Sue are saddened and appalled by the desecration in St Mary's churchyard. They are pleased to note that the police have now apprehended a number of youths in connection with the vandalism related to some of these incidents.



● Lib Dem Councillor Anne Roberts and Sue Kittelsen working for you.



### COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY

Councillor Anne Roberts, assisted by Sue Kittelsen, will be at the library on Saturday, 14 October, Saturday, 4 November and Saturday, 9 December between 10.30 and 11.30am. Subsequent surgeries will be on the second Saturday of every month unless indicated by an amendment on the library notice board.

## Lib Dem led Woking Borough Council praised

Cllr Sue Smith, Leader of the Executive on Woking Borough Council impressed colleagues at this year's Lib Dem conference in Brighton on Woking's achievements for the environment and, in particular, on sustainable energy.

Woking is highly praised for both its energy efficiency - corporate and borough-wide - and its groundbreaking Climate Change Strategy. The strategy aims to reduce CO2 equivalent emissions, aid adaptation to climate change and promote sustainable development in the borough. Woking recognises that although this is a global issue, the impacts of climate change will be felt by our residents locally - the recent floods in August are a good example. 'Woking can feel very proud of its record in this area, a record envied by many other councils' commented Cllr Sue Smith

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## Have YOUR Say - Tell Us What Concerns YOU

Local councillor Anne Roberts and the Lib Dems would like to know if there are local issues that concern you? Can we help solve a local problem? Would you like to help us?

Write to Anne Roberts at Woking Liberal Democrats, **FREEPOST WQ21**, Woking. GU21 4BR.

- I can help to deliver FOCUS
- I'd like to join the Lib Dems
- I would like to help the Lib Dems somehow, please could someone phone me to discuss it.

Name: .....

Address:.....

Phone:.....Email:.....



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## Does Byfleet need a Parish Council?

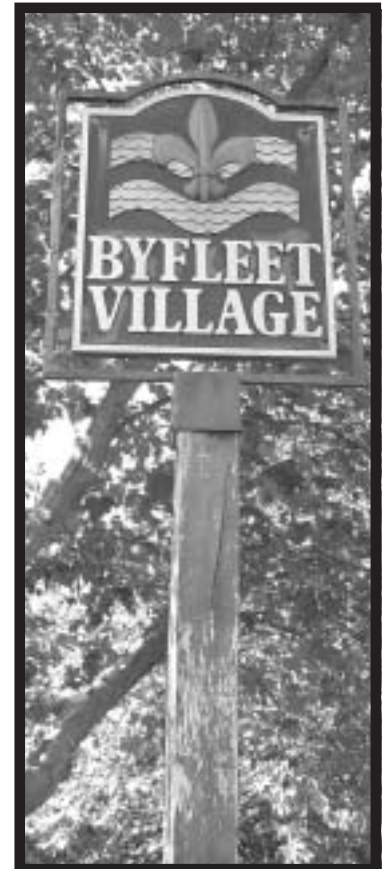
At a recent meeting of the Woking Borough Executive, it was decided that residents of Byfleet should be consulted on the issue of our Parish Council. This decision was taken as it was felt that Byfleet residents should have the opportunity to express their feelings without any political interference.

Byfleet has been without an active Parish Council for three and a half years and residents have now had the opportunity to see the effect that this has had in our village for themselves. The average cost to Byfleet residents of an active Parish Council was £20 per household per year; do you now consider this was a saving worth making?

### What is the Role of a Parish Council?

A Parish Council is a statutory authority and is therefore consulted on issues that affect their parish such as planning applications and licensing. It takes an active role in reporting criminal activities and generally supporting residents within their parish on all issues that affect them. As a non-political body they are able to do this without any political constraints.

In October Woking Borough Council will be asking all residents on the electoral register in Byfleet for their view and it is important that everyone returns their completed questionnaire. Please be assured that the LibDems will support the residents decision on this important issue.



## Bin Your Litter!

This is the message from North Byfleet resident Robin Paul who is also a member of the Amenities Group. Robin has persuaded Woking Borough Council to put two new bins into the area he regularly checks for litter, one at Ferney Court and another next to the bridge at the railway station.

Robin is appealing to residents to use them and is also urging South West Trains to clean the embankments of paper and tins. Neighbourhood Officers are now empowered to impose fines of £75 to people seen dropping litter - a Lib Dem initiative.



● Robin Paul using the new litter bin by the railway bridge