

Tressell News

*From your local Labour councillors: Peter Chowney & Jay Kramer
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Twin Bin Scheme

The twin bin scheme has now been introduced in parts of the town, with alternate weekly collections of recyclable and non-recyclable materials. Assisted collections are available for older people and those with disabilities. Areas not covered by the scheme are getting weekly collections using plastic bags.



However, the scheme is controversial, with many people unhappy about the arrangements. Your local councillors have been arguing for improvements to the scheme, forcing the Council to recognise that some roads and properties are just not suitable. This is one more example of Tory council insensitivity – forcing poorer services onto local people because they're cheaper, and with no consultation. We will continue to press for improvements to this scheme, and to get the Council to take account of local needs and circumstances.

Protecting the Ore Valley

Over the past year, several major planning applications have been submitted in Tressell Ward.

Many of these have been controversial, and have angered local residents. Peter Chowney has worked with local people successfully to oppose inappropriate housing schemes, in particular the Little Acres Farm site and housing on Victoria Avenue. We shall continue to oppose inappropriate high-density housing schemes.

But Tressell ward needs to keep its open spaces, for good. So your councillors will bring increasing pressure on the council to get the Upper Ore Valley (the area of open space between Frederick Road and Victoria Avenue) declared as protected open space that can be enjoyed by the whole community.

Millennium Communities

The Millennium Communities site, extending from Frederick Road across the old power station and down to Parker Road, is earmarked for a new development of 600 homes, shops, green spaces, and a redeveloped Ore Station. However, the scheme is way overdue – the first homes should have been completed in 2004!



Cllr Peter Chowney

Part of the problem has been finding a suitable developer for the site. We know there have been unexpected problems with the scheme, and initial designs were not popular. But your ward councillors believe these continued delays are unacceptable. Peter Chowney has been meeting with Seaspace (the body responsible for developing the site), along with local community representatives, to urge them to get on with it. Development of the site, with high-quality homes and open spaces designed in consultation with local people, needs to start soon. We have waited too long!

Community safety

Community safety issues are always important in any community. The good news is that overall crime levels, and in particular anti-social behaviour and vandalism, have decreased significantly in Tressell Ward. Your Tressell Labour councillors have worked with the police, housing associations and Council officers to help with this. Some of the initiatives have included tidying up the Halton graveyard and moving on street drinkers, working with 1066 Housing Association to identify anti-social tenants, and getting the Torfield Multi-Use Games Area opened and available to local young people.

Peter Chowney identified the site of the Fortune of War pub as belonging to 1066 Housing Association, and persuaded

them to take responsibility for it. This site, at the junction of Priory and Mount Pleasant roads, had been an eyesore for many years. It has now been cleared, tidied and fenced, and will eventually be turned into a garden for the local community. Peter also convened a meeting between the police and local housing associations, to share ideas about how to deal with anti-social tenants effectively.



But improving community safety needs everyone to help. We can all play our part, caring for our community and co-operating with the police and Council to deal with anti-social and criminal behaviour. Your local councillors will continue to work for you to increase community safety, improving the local environment and making sure those who are responsible for anti-social behaviour are dealt with effectively.

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