



From your local **Liberal Democrat** team

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Don't lose HOPE!

There's something special about old cast iron street name signs. They've stood the test of time, seeming to last much better than newer plastic or pressed metal versions.



But they do need a bit of tender loving care once in a while - or we end up losing them, like



those that have gone from **Orchard Close** and **Smith Avenue**.

Local campaigner **John James** says "Respecting our heritage is important. It should include things of local character like these.

"I know of people in other areas who have maintained signs like these themselves. Why not here? If not, we need to get the Council to organise repairs to keep signs like the one on **Hope Street** in good condition."



Local campaigner and Lib Dem **John James** is calling for repairs to cast iron signs before more are lost.

Remember: You have three votes on May 2nd (or earlier if you are voting by post).

SDDC, Melbourne by-election

John James



Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner

David Hancock



East Midlands Mayor

Helen Tamblyn-Saville



Helen says "The environment matters too!"

Helen Tamblyn-Saville, the **Liberal Democrat** candidate for the new post of East Midlands Mayor, says that with all the talk about the economy it is vital that the environment isn't forgotten.

Helen says "Farmers are warning that the recent very wet weather has damaged their crops. This will mean food prices will rise, imports will increase and people will have less money to spend.

"Extreme weather shows how our climate is already changing. The mayoral role gives a real chance to take stronger action over a wider area to combat this."

Helen is keen for people to get in touch with her and the local team with ideas about building climate and biodiversity into mayoral projects.

Her contact details are overleaf.



Tell us what you think...

Your local **Focus Team** wants to know what you think needs doing in your area. Let them know by returning this slip to the address below.

Your Name _____

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Can we keep you updated about our activities including campaigns, events, fundraising and details about how to get involved? Yes please No thanks

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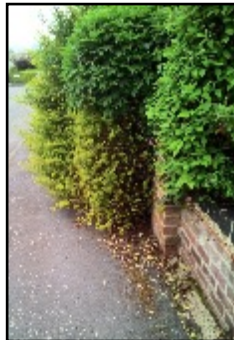
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Empty Homes are bad news

When homes are in short supply, why are some standing empty? This includes council houses, where the Council reported in March that - on average council homes took over 160 days (5 months) to re-let. In Derby the average is under a month.

Local campaigner, **John James** asks "Has our Council asked its near-neighbour Derby for advice? They are a top-performer when it comes to council housing. I'm not too proud to listen to others and then act. The Council should too."



While a property is empty rent is lost, people remain poorly housed and hedges continue to grow. Empty properties can also attract vandalism and other anti-social behaviour.

The **Lib Dem** candidate for Police and Crime Commissioner, Cllr **David Hancock**, said "This is just one small reason why it is so important for people to work together to make our areas good places to live."



Lib Dem candidate for police and crime commissioner, Cllr **David Hancock** says the police need to work with others to deter crime.

Better walking routes

As a small place, many people could walk to the shops and other places in Melbourne, but are paths good enough?

Sustainable travel is one of the new East Mids mayor's jobs, so let's be ready to say where money needs to be spent to help.

Get in touch with one of the Focus Team.



Cutting the corner at **Jawbone Lane** can be slippery. Where else is a path needed?

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