

# Eastwood Park FOCUS



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## EASTWOOD'S CAR PARKS - CHARGES SCRAPPED!

As we reported in the last FOCUS, Cllr Paul Collins was very concerned to read in the Council's budget 2021/2022 plan for the Free Jones Corner and Pargat Drive Car Parks to have charges installed.

After a vigorous and clear campaign explaining the damage this would cause our local shops and hit residents with a charge they do not have to pay currently, your Lib Dem Focus team are delighted that the Cabinet agreed with us - they reversed their decision and **SCRAPPED** the proposals for a charge!



Still Free! Cllr Collins & Rob McMullan at Jones Corner Car Park

CLLR PAUL COLLINS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE  
**NO NEW CHARGES FOR  
PARKING IN EASTWOOD!**



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### Comments received from delighted residents:

*Well done Paul. I didn't fancy your chances of pulling that off*

*Brilliant news Paul and thank you for all your endeavours on our behalf*

*Excellent news ... well done Paul! Thanks for fighting our corner*

*Hey GREAT news for Eastwood. Thanks Paul*

*Brilliant news well done!*

**Do you  
have a  
Postal  
Vote?**

Local elections take place on Thursday 6 May. But even with vaccinations and social distancing, many people still worry about going into the Polling Station or waiting in a queue to vote - and the Government has already said we will need to bring our own pencils or pens to cast our votes! **You can still vote without having to go to the polling station - you just need to register in advance to have a postal vote.**

To apply, search online for 'Southend Council postal vote', which will take you to the Ways to Vote page on the Council's website: <https://www.southend.gov.uk/>.

If you don't have access to the Internet or want help applying, please call Electoral Services at the Council on 01702 215010 or email: [elections@southend.gov.uk](mailto:elections@southend.gov.uk)



# EASTWOOD PARK WARD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

The resurfacing of our poor roads and pavements continues in Eastwood. Paul reports that the resurfacing in Eastwood Rise and Green Lane is complete. "We have more to do and I am pleased to see that the Council has agreed to increase the Budget for 2021/2022 for repairs and renewals for our infrastructure.

One of Paul's challenges was to get over the line protection for some of our most dangerous junctions.

"A number have been agreed and completed and we are now working on more. We are also identifying the 90-degree bends in Eastwood and three are being moved forward for protection." Please look at the Team's Facebook page for further updates.



*Cllr Paul Collins in Eastwood Rise, with the new junction protection for the Springwater Road crossroads installed.*

## Eastwood flooding

Cllr Paul Collins has been working with the Council to have plans – agreed in 2014! – brought forward and acted on. Paul says "Residents in Glenwood Avenue have been telling me about the history of the flooding that they've suffered over many years – and they are worried it will happen again. I've been investigating the background and was surprised to see that a detailed plan that was drawn up in 2014 has not been seen through".

Paul remains committed to make sure that our waterways are as safe as possible and good plans are in place to cope with any future extreme weather events. This also includes the continued flooding of Progress Road! Go to the Eastwood Park FOCUS Facebook Page to find the full story.



### Donated Bench in Oakwood Park!

Great news! Rob McMullan, leader of The Eastwood Park Lib Dem Focus Campaign team, is pleased to report that the South Essex College have agreed to sponsor at least one new Bench for Oakwood Park. Watch this space ...

**Rob says: Don't hesitate to get in touch - we're here to help!**

## Eastwood Park Liberal Democrat Team – Here to Help!

Find us on Facebook: **Cllr Paul Collins & Rob McMullan Eastwood Park FOCUS team**



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