

# Westbury Matters

Local news from Ashley Fox,  
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## Local woman, Charlotte Leslie, on track to be your new MP

Conservatives have chosen a local woman, Charlotte Leslie, to be their Parliamentary Candidate at the next General Election. Charlotte has lived in Bristol for over 25 years and went to school in Westbury.

**Bristol North West is going to be one of the closest run contests between Labour and Conservative in the country!**



Boundaries have changed which means that Bristol North West once again includes

you in

Westbury, as

well as Henleaze and Stoke Bishop. With only 4 out of 18 Councillors in the new constituency, Election experts predict that the Lib Dems are out of the race.

Charlotte said, "This is where I grew up, where my friends and family live, and where I count my home. It now looks highly likely that we will return Bristol North West to the Conservatives. I would be proud to serve the interests of every resident here as your local MP."

Lab  
18,671

Con  
17,596

Source: UK Polling Report (notional 2005 result).

## Stoke Lane Former Tyre Depot

Geoff Gollop says, "Thank you to everybody who wrote objecting to the nightclub licensing application at 135 Stoke Lane." This has now been withdrawn by the applicant because there were so many objections. We now have to wait for a new application. Geoff says, "Time is vital and any objections, if necessary, will need to be re-submitted when the new application is made." If you want to be included in Geoff's email to interested neighbours (about new applications, timescales for submission and any other relevant issues) please e-mail him with '135' in the title and your name and address in the body of the email.



Geoff and Charlotte at the former garage site



Charlotte campaigning with care workers

## Care for the elderly

**Charlotte Leslie supported the Bristol Home Care workers' successful campaign to prevent further Lib Dem privatisation of home care.**

Charlotte said, "The Liberal Democrat plans to further privatise home care were brutal cost-cutting measures that would have put the welfare of our elderly at risk. The Lib Dem Council presided over gross mismanagement, paid out an excess £800,000 of our money to private companies, and then had plans to cut the in-house service to compensate. I do not think that the vulnerable and elderly should have to pay for Council mistakes. This is not about party politics. This is simply about our duty to the older generation."

[www.charlotteleslie.com](http://www.charlotteleslie.com) - Conservatives working for you

**Ashley and Geoff hold surgeries at 131 Westbury Road on the first Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays) at 7.30pm. No appointment is necessary.**

## Unsafe routes to school

You may recall that the first consultation on the Westbury-on-Trym Safer Routes to Schools took place over three years ago. The former Lib Dem Executive member triumphantly claimed credit for introducing the scheme when the public consultation took place well over a year ago. Sadly the Council has now decided not to proceed with the scheme for two reasons. Firstly the parents grouping has been so successful in converting children to walking to school and secondly, there are insufficient child casualties to proceed with the scheme. Geoff says, "This is an outrageous treatment of local residents and, most of all, parents and children of Westbury C of E school."



If you share this view, please do write to Geoff and let him know. Geoff is also setting up an e-petition, if you would like to put your name to the campaign to make Westbury safer for its school children please go to <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/item/epetition.html>

## Westbury Hill Car Park

The immediate chaos of the closed road is now behind us but the building work on the new surgery means that the car park will be halved in size for some 40 weeks and will then be permanently operating at a level reduced from its original capacity. This is outside the original planning approval for the site which recognised that to sustain trade in the village ideally the maximum number of parking spaces should have been retained. The Westbury-on-Trym Society have already taken this matter up with the Planning Department. If you or your business are affected by restricted parking in Westbury please contact Geoff (geoffrey.gollop@bristol.gov.uk).

## Education, education, education...

Ashley Fox has been appointed Chairman of the Children's Services scrutiny commission. This body is responsible for scrutinising the Council's education policies, rather like a select committee in Parliament.



Ashley said, "I am delighted with my new appointment and will do my best to hold the Council to account for its education policies. I know that parents in Westbury have access to very good primary schools. Westbury C of E Primary School and Elmlea Infants & Juniors are all very popular with local parents and have received excellent reports from OFSTED. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for of their choice of local secondary schools."

Ashley comments, "The new school at Redland Green has proved so popular that hardly any children living in Westbury managed to obtain a place. When I questioned Cllr Clark, the Liberal Democrat in charge of our education system provision in April, her reply was that this wasn't a problem!"

## Canford Park

The Friends of Canford Park Group has met with Council officials and agreed the format of a survey. This has been distributed to residents closest to the park. The Council will collate the results and hopefully we will see some improvements in the months ahead. If you'd like to become involved with this group please contact Ashley (ashley.fox@bristol.gov.uk).

## Road Tax: Have your say on what we pay...

**Charlotte Leslie has launched a petition for Bristol people to approve any final decision of the Council to introduce a road-tax pilot.**

There are arguments for congestion charging - reducing carbon emissions is a priority and at peak hours, Bristol is grid-locked. But charging people to use the roads while our public transport is so inadequate seems unfair. Until we have decent public transport, it is unlikely people will get out of

their cars. Instead of reducing carbon emissions, it could simply push more traffic congestion out into areas of Bristol like Westbury-on-Trym, Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Horfield, and make it even harder to park outside the Congestion Zone.

**Conservatives believe this is an issue for the people of Bristol to decide. Please sign our petition calling for a referendum on congestion charging.**

**"I/we oppose the introduction of a pilot scheme of congestion charging in Bristol without giving Bristol's citizens a referendum on the issue."**

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