

News of the Ward

Polling Stations

Voters from the Ashfield Avenue and Abraham Heights areas will be going back to their original polling station at the Friends Meeting House (ward councillors could never understand why it was moved in the first place!). The rest of the Marsh will vote at St Thomas More Walk.

Cowdrey Mews

County Councillor Gina Dowding used money from her County fund to finance the planting of rowan trees on the Green Space at the end of Cowdrey Mews. This was part of an election pledge from local green councillors after the original line of poplars was cut down as part of the Luneside West housing development.

Coronation Field Basketball

Cllr Jon Barry has been working with the local friends group to apply for funding for a basketball hoop and hard surface on Coronation Field. This idea originally came from a resident on Milking Stile Lane. The project costs £1,150 and money has been sought from the University's wind turbine fund and a City Council small grants pot.

Freemans Wood

An article on the battle for Freemans Wood appeared recently on the national Guardian's online version: <http://bit.ly/2187AHv>.

Hospital Cycle Path

The path from the canal that led through the hospital is due to be re-opened in May, once the work on the new housing has finished.

FAUNA news

The oldest of the White Park Cattle was humanely put down before Christmas. She was 22 years old. The Fairfield Association had been given permission by Natural England to allow her as an extra to the herd's numbers so that she could live out her life on the reserve. Fairfield fun day is on Saturday July 2nd.

Tennis open day

Saturday 16th April, 2-4pm. Free for adults, juniors and wheelchair users. Come and try out the new courts. Lancaster Tennis Club, Lune Road. Entry via the cricket ground.

Visitor Parking Permits

Plans by the City Council to change the system for visitor parking permits in residents' parking areas have been put on hold (a decision was supposed to have been made in February) because the County Council says that it might take over administration of the residents' parking schemes.

Quay planning application

A second planning application for 14 houses has been made on land on the Quay, opposite the Luneside West development. One of the reasons for refusal of the first application was because it would have interfered with the flood defense operations. Marsh ward councillors continue to oppose the scheme because it will result in traffic crossing the cycle path and because the area would make an excellent community green space for Luneside West residents.

Dallas Road resurfacing

After continued pressure from Green Councillors, Dallas Road is due to be resurfaced during the

next financial year (i.e. after April 1st).

Carr House Lane

Works for a gas main replacement on Carr House Lane have been rescheduled to a future school holiday. Cllrs Gina Dowding and Dave Brookes objected because the diversions meant that there would be chaos and risks to road safety outside Dallas Road and the Girls' Grammar school.

European Union: Greener In or Out?

Public meeting:

Tuesday 7th June, 7.30pm
Quaker Meeting House

The Green Party's official position is to stay in the EU and push for major reforms

(see www.anothereurope.org) but not all Greens agree!

Come and hear the issues and arguments around Europe from a Green perspective.



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