

Welcome to the December edition of my e-Focus in which I update local residents on news items, council meetings and planning applications in the Alamein ward. As before if you no longer wish to receive these e-Focus newsletters please email [len.gates@andover.co.uk](mailto:len.gates@andover.co.uk) and I will remove you address from the circulation list.

The county council has now made a decision on how it will handle concessionary fares from next April. The decision represents a partial victory for those of us campaigning to retain all the current TVBC discretionary elements of the current package. For more details see <http://lengates.mycouncillor.org.uk/2010/11/28/partial-victory-for-bus-pass-campaign/>

Several residents have contacted me about overgrown trees, uneven paving stones, potholes and grit bins around the ward. I have passed all of these on to the county's highways department but as yet have has no replies. I will be raising the matter further. In the meantime if you have particular areas of concern let me know or report them direct through the county's web site at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems>

There was another successful meeting of the Roman Way Forum in November . For details see <http://lengates.mycouncillor.org.uk/2010/11/27/roman-way-forum-november-2010/> The next meeting is on 8th January when representatives of local housing associations have also been invited. The March meeting will include a presentation from the council's highways department on traffic calming in the area. Let me know of any questions you have.

Residents of Viking Way have raised issues with motor bikes in the area which I have passed on to the police. Full details of the local safer neighbourhood team are available at <http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/western/testvalley/andover/6TASNT1.htm>

As a result of discussions held at the forum I have now placed and order for a new community notice board for Roman Way. My thanks to Alamein Community Association, Testway Housing, Raglan Housing, Hampshire County Council and private donors for their support of this project. I hope to it will be installed early in the New Year

Listeners to Andover Sound and readers of the Andover Advertiser will no doubt be aware of the debate over councillors allowances. I wont repeat the arguments again here as you can find full details on my web site. I stand by the borough's Lib Dem group decision that to accept any increase in the current economic climate is wholly irresponsible and insulting to both council staff and council tax payers. I will not be taking the increase if re-elected next May.

And finally

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

**Cllr Len Gates, Alamein ward, Test Valley Borough Council**



## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been submitted in the past month. If you wish to see more details or comment on them go to <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=9883>

10/02749/FULLN	East Anton Manor Farm East Anton SP11 6AB	Demolition of existing barns and erection of 8 dwellings together with associated works
10/02622/CLPN	16 Sunflower Way, Augusta Park SP11 6GD	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed development - Erection of conservatory
10/02402/FULLN	10 Newbury Road Enham Alamein SP11 6HG	Erection of rear conservatory

## THIS MONTH'S BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Test Valley council meetings this month are as follows. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings of the council. To view the agenda of the meeting, go to <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=201>

01.12.10	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover</b>	17:30
07.12.10	<b>Council</b>	<b>Council chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey</b>	16:00
09.12.10	<b>Northern Area Planning Committee</b>	<b>Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover</b>	17:30
14.12.10	<b>Planning Control Committee</b>	<b>Guildhall, High Street Andover</b>	17:30
15.12.10	<b>Audit Committee</b>	<b>Council chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey</b>	17:30
22.12.10	<b>Cabinet</b>	<b>Council chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey</b>	17:30
05.01.11	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Council chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey</b>	17:30
06.01.11	<b>Northern Area Planning Committee</b>	<b>Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover</b>	17:30

## NEXT PARISH COUNCIL, OTHER MEETINGS and EVENTS:

<b>Smannell Parish Council</b>	Mon 6. Dec 19:15	Smannell & Enham School, Smannell
<b>Enham Alamein Parish Council</b>	Wed 8 Dec 19:15	Enham Shop, Enham Alamein
<b>Alamein Community Association</b>	Tue 14 Dec 18:15	King Arthur's Hall, King Arthur's Way, Andover
<b>Andover Town Council</b>	No meeting this month	
<b>Roman Way Forum</b>	Sat 8 Jan 13:00	Church centre, Smannell Road, Andover

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