

**Broomfield &  
the Walthams**



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*News from  
**Malcolm Taylor**  
your  
**Liberal Democrat  
Councillor***

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## Malcolm Taylor soon makes his mark

### Council confirms Broomfield may have to take more than 800 houses

Since his sensational by-election victory in September new local Cllr. Malcolm Taylor has been speaking up for local residents. He has challenged the Conservative Council's proposals for 800 more houses in Broomfield. He has also expressed concern at the Council's confirmation that more than 800 houses could be put in Broomfield if other sites are ruled out by the Planning Inspector.



### Liberal Democrats win more money for pavement repairs



Lib Dem Malcolm Taylor checks out the the state of Broomfield's pavements.

After years of pressure the Liberal Democrats at Essex County Council have won an important battle for more money to be spent on pavement repairs. The Tories originally said it was not necessary but recently they agreed that it was. Essex Lib Dem Leader Councillor Tom Smith-Hughes said, "The Tories kept saying it wasn't needed but they had to bow to pressure and recognise the serious problem of not properly maintaining pavements. The trouble is they are now backtracking because of mismanagement of the budget!"

**See 'Biggest pot hole' competition over the page.**

## Thank you!



Cllr. Malcolm Taylor (left) celebrates with Lib Dem Group Leader Mike Mackrory

It seems a long time since September when Malcolm Taylor overturned a Conservative majority of 745 to win the by-election by 456 votes. Malcolm told Focus, "I would like to thank everyone who voted for me and those who worked so hard to help me in achieving this stunning victory.

*I promise to work my hardest to preserve the village life we all enjoy."*

State of the Parties	
Conservatives	31
Liberal Democrats	26
Labour	0

**Liberal Democrats work all year round not just at election times**

# No outside pool at 'new' Riverside

The Council proposes a new Leisure Centre on the site of the existing Riverside. It would be paid for by the developer building flats, offices and shops as part of the scheme. The Council



say this means there would be no space for an outdoor pool or diving boards for the indoor pool. A modern Centre is needed but local people and users must be properly consulted

in the final design, especially in deciding what facilities are provided.

If you have views on what facilities should be provided please let us know.

## A130 is downgraded but there's no lorry ban

Although during the recent by-election the Conservatives claimed that the A130 was to be downgraded with immediate effect, the change has only just been announced by the Department of Transport.

Lib Dem Councillor Malcolm Taylor who campaigned for this change said, "I'm delighted that all our efforts have paid off. However, I'm sorry that there isn't going to be a lorry ban as well. Although maps and satellite navigation systems will give preference to other routes, drivers who are already familiar with this road are likely to continue using it."



Malcom and the Lib Dem team will continue their campaign to relieve our villages of heavy traffic.

## Lib Dem action gets results!

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## Nick Clegg's message to Chelmsford

The new Leader of the Liberal Democrats congratulated local Lib Dems on their recent by-election gains from the Tories. He told Stephen Robinson, Parliamentary candidate for Chelmsford, *"Labour and the Conservatives have failed Britain's families. I will lead my party to change politics, and change Britain, for the better. Only the Liberal Democrats are committed to giving the people of Chelmsford a greater say in the decisions that affect their lives, by shifting power away from Westminster and back to local communities."*



## Find the biggest pot hole competition

We're asking YOU to send us photos of potholes you've found in

Broomfield, Great & Little Waltham and our other villages, to show the County Council just how stupid it is to cut the funding. We'll

be awarding a bottle of wine for the best photo we receive by Monday March 31st



**You can send your photos to us:**

**by email to [info@chelmsford-libdems.org.uk](mailto:info@chelmsford-libdems.org.uk)**

**or by text/multimedia to 07940 576825**

**or by free post - see address bottom of page**

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