

**NFDC REPORT  
CLLR CHRISTINE FORD  
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AS MOST OF YOU ARE AWARE MY PRIMARY DUTIES AT NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL ARE CONCERNED WITH THE ENVIRONMENT.

SO I'VE HIGHLIGHTED ONE OR TWO ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO RINGWOOD. FIRST OF ALL **ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS ...**

THE CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT (2005) HAS ENABLED ME, WORKING CLOSELY WITH CLLR EDWARD HERON THE CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TO ACTIVATE THE APPROPRIATE SECTION DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM WHICH ENABLES THE NFDC TO TAKE ACTION IF THE STORE DOES NOT RETRIEVE THEM AFTER BEING NOTIFIED OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS. (BY THE PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS)

I HOPE YOU'VE NOTICED A REDUCTION OF THIS MENACE BUT THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE WHO USE TROLLEYS AS PLAYTHINGS, OR ARE TOO LAZY TO TAKE THEM BACK TO THE STORE OR TROLLEY BAYS. THE DISTRICT COUNCIL IS HOPING TO PROVIDE MORE BAYS AROUND THE CAR PARKS TO ALLEVIATE THIS PROBLEM

ANOTHER SUBJECT OF MUCH CONCERN TO RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO RINGWOOD ALIKE IS THE CONDITION OF THE FURLONG **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**.

THE REPLACEMENT OF THESE HAS BEEN A CRUSADE OF MINE FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS OR SO. OVER THAT TIME VARIOUS PLANS HAVE FALLEN FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, INCLUDING THE COLLAPSE OF THE UNPOPUAR RE DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR A LARGE PART OF THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CARPARK.

I AM DELIGHTED TO TELL YOU TODAY THAT PLANNING PERMISSION IS BEING SOUGHT FOR WHAT WILL BE TEMPORARILY KNOWN AS THE RINGWOOD GATEWAY BUILDING. IT WILL PROVIDE A HOME FOR THE ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF TOWN COUNCIL, DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILS, INCLUDING THE REGISTRAR, VISITOR INFORMATION AND YES, NEW PUBLIC CONVENIENCES. MY COLLEGE COUNCILLORS MAY PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS LATER.

I'M PLEASED TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE RINGWOOD DEPOT TEAMS WHO DO SUCH A FINE JOB OF COLLECTING OUR **RUBBISH** EVERY WEEK AND KEEPING OUR STREETS AS CLEAN AS POSSIBLE. IN PARTICULAR I'D LIKE TO MENTION KEVIN OUR TOWN STREET CLEANER WHO IS SO COMMITTED TO HIS WORK, AND HAS THE UNENVIABLE TASK OF CLEANING UP AFTER THE MORE CARELESS AMONG OUR NUMBER.

NOW, A BRIEF WORD ABOUT **RECYCLING**. RINGWOOD HOLDS THE INTERESTING ACCOLADE OF BEING PARTICULARLY GOOD AT GLASS RECYCLING. IT MUST BE THIRSTY WORK LIVING IN RINGWOOD, AFTER A HEARTY BREAKFAST WITH LOTS OF MARMALADE OR JAM.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO USE THE GLASS BANKS SO WELL, AND REMEMBER YOU DON'T HAVE TO SORT INTO DIFFERENT COLOURS ANY LONGER.

ALL COLOURS CAN GO IN THE SAME CONTAINER

GOOD NEWS TOO ANOTHER ITEM MAY NOW BE RECYCLED IN YOUR CLEAR SACKS. AEROSOLS i.e. FURNITURE POLISH, HAIR SPRAY, ROOM FRESHENERS ETC. IN BULK THESE ITEMS NOW HAVE A MARKET VALUE. I DON'T KNOW AT THE MOMENT HOW THEY FINISH UP, BUT I DO KNOW THAT PLASTIC BOTTLES END UP AS FLEECES TO KEEP US WARM IN WINTER!

ALL OUR NEW FOREST DISTRICT BLACK SACKS AND CONTENTS STILL GO TO THE ENERGY FROM WASTE INCINERATOR AT MARCHWOOD – THAT BIG SILVER DOME ON THE WATERSIDE - AND NONE TO LANDFILL

RUBBISH IS A FASCINATING SUBJECT!

MY MONTHLY OPEN SURGERIES WITH CLLRS RIPPON-SWAINE AND THIERRY CONTINUE TO BE A SUCCESS. WE FEEL THAT BY BEING AVAILABLE FACE TO FACE IS A VERY VALUABLE SERVICE. WE CAN'T SOLVE EVERY PROBLEM PEOPLE BRING TO US BUT WE DO OUR BEST TO HELP WHERE WE CAN.

FINALLY I WISH TO THANK MY FELLOW RINGWOOD DISTRICT COUNCILLORS; STEVE RIPPON-SWAINE, CHRIS TRELEAVEN, JEREMY HERON AND MICHAEL THIERRY FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND TEAM SPIRIT,

ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'VE BEEN UP AGAINST RESISTANCE IN MATTERS WE FELT WERE IMPORTANT TO RINGWOOD.