

# Oldington & Foley Park

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# Matters

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## COUNTY COUNCILLORS' COMMUNITY FUND EXCELLENT NEWS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Birchen Coppice Primary School to support after school activities	£2,200
Kidderminster Harriers, Football in the community (Birchen Coppice, St Marys & Foley Park)	£1,500
Birchen Coppice Scouts for tents	£800
St Peters Church to support the Youth Cafe	£500
Kidderminster Ex-Serviceman Association	£200
St Marys Primary School for new books	£300
Samurai Judo Club for new equipment	£300
Birchen Coppice Primary School for new books	£300
Rainbow Children's Centre for speech and language	£300
Tree Tops Children's Centre for outdoor equipment	£300
Severn Area Rescue Association for life saving equipment	£300
YMCA for table tennis equipment	£450



Cllr Nathan Desmond is pleased to announce the £10,000 Community Fund that all Worcestershire County Councillors were allocated last August has now nearly all been spent on a large number of groups and organisations within his division of St Mary's.

Nathan said, "I am delighted to be able to support as many voluntary and community groups within my County Division as possible and in order to be as open and transparent as possible I have listed the groups that I have supported so far."

### Contact Nathan, Nicky or Mark

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## Local Conservative Team call for Yellow Lines For Neville Avenue

Concerned local residents have contacted your Conservative Team about parking problems on the corner of Neville Avenue and Beauchamp Avenue.

It has been reported that vehicles are parking too close to the junction, causing a visibility problem for drivers trying to get out. This issue has also been raised at the local PACT meetings.

Cllr Nathan Desmond has contacted the Highways to ask for double yellow lines to be installed which will help alleviate the problem.

Cllr Nathan Desmond said, "I'm confident that the double yellow line's proposal is processed quickly as they are much needed. I am doing all I can to have them installed as cars parking close to the junction of Neville Avenue and Beauchamp Avenue are causing a real problem for local residents."



*Councillor Nathan Desmond in Neville Avenue*

## Jubilee Drive to be Resurfaced

Your Conservative Councillors Nathan Desmond and Nicky Gale are delighted to announce that Jubilee Drive is to have a complete road resurface, which will include the junction with Goldthorne Road and all the pot holes along Jubilee Drive to the top of the hill. Nathan and Nicky have had an assurance from WCC Highways Department in September that the worn junction with Goldthorne Road would be completely resurfaced.

However, since then Nathan and Nicky have been putting pressure on Highways to resurface the whole of Jubilee Drive, which is in a poor condition. It is important that the whole area is improved rather than continuing to patch the surface as it breaks down.

The Highways Department has agreed with Nathan and Nicky's request and will resurface the whole of the road. They were planning to resurface the junction in January but the extra work will mean a slight delay and the whole road will be resurfaced next April.

Cllr Desmond says "It was great to get the junction resurfaced but to get a further agreement to resurface the whole road is brilliant. I'm sure the residents will not mind waiting a few more months to get a new road surface."



*Councillor Nathan Desmond in Jubilee Drive*

## Cllr Desmond Allocates £2200 to Birchen Coppice Primary School



Cllr Nathan Desmond is delighted to have given £2200 to Birchen Coppice Primary School from his £10,000 Community Divisional Fund. The money was much needed for the school and has been spent on After School Clubs to help reinforce pupil learning.

The first sessions of After School Clubs the money funded was a week of activities in the autumn half term. These clubs ran every day for many pupils and included a wide range of activities. For two days 32 children took part in cooking lessons, where they learnt how to make pasta from scratch, and learnt techniques such as kneading bread.

There was also a fitness club to encourage children to become more active. This included circuits, running and ball games. A dance club for girls was also hosted where they got to showcase their talents at a competition held at

Kidderminster Town Hall. There was an art and craft session with activities such as papier mache, making badges and fridge magnets.

Children were also able to go to a Ukulele Club to learn the musical instrument and later perform in front of classmates and parents.

25 African drums have also been purchased with the money to help children with their coordination skills and social interaction. In the New Year the school is bringing in drummers to demonstrate and help pass on their skills to the children. In the Spring Term the school are starting a board games club, maths club and a Wii club to further enhance the after school club programme.

Sarah Turner from Birchen Coppice Primary School said, " We are all delighted with the money from Cllr Desmond. These clubs are thoroughly enjoyed by the children and help reinforce the learning that takes place during the school day. The funding we have received to do these extra activities is truly appreciated by both staff and pupils. Without such help we would not be able to offer such a wide variety of interesting clubs that are fun to do and excite imaginations"

## New Street Lights for Farm Close

Cllr Nathan Desmond and Cllr Nicky Gale are delighted to announce that they have secured the necessary funding to have improved street lighting in Farm Close, Birchen Coppice. Residents in Farm Close have contacted your Conservative Team to ask if they could improve the lighting columns which are very poor. Both Nathan and Nicky have finally persuaded the County Council to modernise the light columns with much brighter lights.

Currently there exist only two lighting columns and Nathan and Nicky have secured enough funding for an additional lighting column and the column at the back of the close will be resited to a more appropriate location. The new columns will have state of the art light bulbs emitting a much brighter light to help community safety. Cllr Nathan Desmond said, " After two years of campaigning I'm delighted to have finally secured funding to have the lights replaced by new modern, brighter ones, and I'm sure the residents of Farm Close will be delighted"



*Councillors Nathan Desmond and Nicky Gale in Farm Close*

# GOLDTHORNE ROAD TO GET SPEED ACTIVATED SIGNS

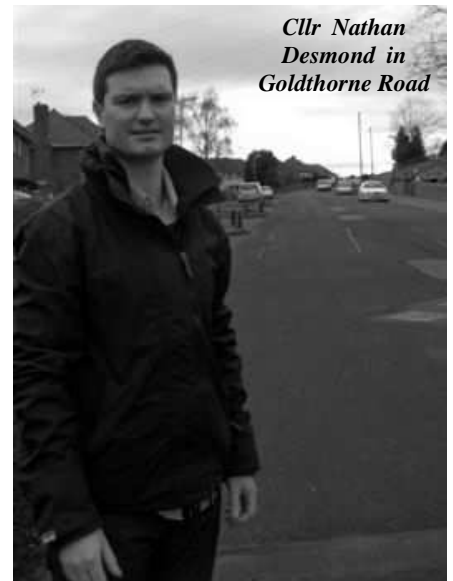
Councillors Nathan Desmond and Nicky Gale are delighted to announce that they have secured Speed Activated Signs to be installed on Goldthorne Road to tackle the ongoing problem of speeding traffic. The issue of speeding cars has been a constant problem on Goldthorne Road and one that needs tackling. Local residents are especially concerned with boy racers and the danger they pose to other drivers and pedestrians.

Both Nathan Desmond and Nicky Gale met with Highway Officials from County Hall to see what could be done from a road safety point of view. They are delighted to announce that they have secured Speed Activated Signs to be located on Goldthorne Road. These signs are activated by speeding traffic and alert the driver of their exact speed. They have been very successful in the parts of the county where there have been localised speed issues.

Cllr Nathan Desmond said, "I'm delighted to have reached an agreement with the County to install Speed Activated Signs on Goldthorne Rd for a period of time. These signs have been proved to work and I'm very hopeful that they will work, as something has to be done".

Cllr Nicky Gale said, "Speeding traffic on Goldthorne Road is a real problem and I'm sure these signs will help to warn drivers to reduce their speed". The Speed Activated Sign will be installed in the coming months and will be sited for four weeks at a time.

**The Speed Activated Sign will be on site on the following Dates: 5th March to 26th March, 28th May to 18th June and 20th August to 10th September.**



*Cllr Nathan Desmond in Goldthorne Road*



## **Need Help From Your Local Conservative Team?**

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Something should be done about.....

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