

# New pedestrian crossing refuge for Sutton Park Road



New safer pedestrian crossing confirmed for on Sutton Park Road

Councillor Nathan Desmond is delighted to announce that work to install a safer pedestrian refuge on the junction of Sutton Park Road and Stourport Road, will start on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Currently it's very dangerous for pedestrians to cross the busy junction and Cllr Desmond has been campaigning to Highways to make it safer for pedestrians to cross. **The work will see a new, longer and wider central refuge crossing built that will force pedestrians to cross further up Sutton Park Road and away from the busy junction. Together with new drop kerbs and guard rails on the junction, will make crossing the road a safer experience.**

**Work to start on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March for a week and unfortunately there will be disruption to motorists as the junction will be closed to traffic and rerouted around Sutton Road.**

## Silverwoods Way Speed awareness

Nicky and Nathan are continuing to look into the issue of speeding traffic on Silverwoods Way, especially between Worcester Road and the roundabout, following residents concerns. **Despite speed data survey's showing that average speeds are low, there is still concern that a small minority of drivers continue to break the 30 MPH speed limit.**

Both Nicky and Nathan have spoken to the local police team to highlight this issue and request the police carry out speed enforcement. The neighbourhood policing team have reassured Nicky and Nathan that they will **prioritise Silverwoods Way, with organised speeding operations, including the deployment of the Pro-laser speed gun.**

**Nathan has also had one of his speed activated signs relocated to Silverwoods Way to flash warn drivers if they go over the speed limit. This sign will be installed at 4 week intervals on two different locations on Silverwoods Way.**

## Kevin & Nicky support

### "Love where you live" initiative

Cllrs Kevin Gale and Nicky Gale were delighted to attend the launch of the "love where you live" at St Peter's Church on the Birchen Coppice on the 29<sup>th</sup> January.

**This important project is designed to get local residents to appreciate their area by helping to keep it clean and tidy by litter picking, getting involved in community groups and attending community events.**

The launch saw a community fayre, a market scheme where local businesses could sell their products, a repair café and advice on how you can live more sustainably.

Nicky said, *"It was a really great community event, that was well supported and hopefully gets more local residents to get involved in their community, to help them live more sustainably and to support local businesses"*



Cllrs Nicky and Kevin Gale at the launch of Love where you live

Inflation is back  
**Relief for households with energy bills**



**After years of low inflation, we are now seeing prices rise up to three times as quickly as we are used to. This is not just the UK. Prices are rising across Europe and the US – in some cases faster. And the cause? Energy prices.**

As the world economy recovers from the pandemic, and we move away from coal, gas prices have shot up. And that has a knock on effect across prices.

**1 The government will help households in three ways.**

**2 All households will get a £200 loan** to tackle the unexpected hike in fuel bills. This will be repayable at £40 a year for the following 5 years.

**3 £150 non-repayable grant.** If you are in Council tax band A to D.

**The government has made available £144 million** to local councils to help with people's fuel bills. At the discretion of local councils, this money will be available for other hard hit households.

And with a long list of other help available to make homes more energy efficient, we are tackling these extraordinary times in a way that still delivers our carbon neutral ambitions by 2050.

**New pavements for Ludgate Avenue** - Cllr Sally Chambers and County

Cllr for St. John's, Tracey Onslow are delighted that **the new pavements in Ludgate Avenue have been completed** and look amazing. Many residents contacted Tracey and Sally to highlight that large sections pavement, were uneven and very worn. Both campaigned to Highways to get the work completed.



**Ludgate Avenue pavement resurfacing completed**



**Pavement works for Hoo Road confirmed for 1st week in April**

**New pavements for**

**Hoo Road** - Cllr Nathan Desmond can confirm that the **pavement refurbishment project for Hoo Road, between Kennedy Close and just passed the Scout Hut, has been confirmed for the first week of April.** This project will see the removal of the dangerous slabbed area and the complete resurfacing of the pavements, which is long over due and is largely being funded out of Cllr Desmond's devolved Highways monies.

**Flooding to pedestrian crossing on Stourport Road**

Cllr Kevin Gale is still pushing **Highways to tackle the ongoing problem of flooding of the pedestrian crossing on Stourport Road, next to Northumberland Avenue.** The crossing is heavily used, especially by parents on the school run and the flooding is extremely bad with heavy rain. Your Conservative team are pushing for Highways to install new drains.

**Double yellow lines installed on Beauchamp Avenue**

Cllr Sally Chambers has had double yellow lines installed on the bend at the bottom of Beauchamp Avenue. Vehicles were parking on this bend causing problems for drivers on this junction. Cllr Chambers is working with Cllr Desmond to **tackle the issue of vehicles parking on double yellow lines in Beauchamp Avenue and Blount Terrace and they have requested WFDC enforcement team to carry out patrols.**

**Locally Determined Funding - apply today!**

Cllr Nathan Desmond **has monies available to distribute to local groups, charities or organisations** from his £10,000 County Divisional pot. If you would like to apply for funds please contact Cllr Desmond by emailing him on **NDesmond@worcestershire.gov.uk**

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