### **CARSHALTON CENTRAL**

# **FOCUS**





Autumn 2012

The local Lib Dem team for Carshalton Central, Councillors Alan Salter, Jill Whitehead and Hamish Pollock with Tom Brake MP

# Local Lib Dem Team Fight Large Development

Local residents and local councillors **Alan Salter**, **Jill Whitehead** and **Hamish Pollock** strongly opposed the application for a massive 3-storey, 74-bed care home with roof garden and a large retail unit on the front part of this very cramped site on **Westmead Road** between **Cowper Avenue** and **Kingsley Avenue**.

Westmead House would be demolished to make way for this huge redevelopment.

Local Cllr. Hamish Pollock says: "We believe that such a bulky scheme is totally inappropriate for our area for many reasons. There was unanimous refusal of planning permission by Sutton Council just a few weeks' ago in June 2012. The developers have now appealed against the council's decision. We understand many residents have sent in objections in the recent consultation carried out by the Planning Inspectorate, an unelected body based in Bristol which hears planning appeals. Your councillors have also written a strong letter of objection to this development"



Jill and Alan joined local residents at a community picnic to protest against the planned closure of St Helier Hospitals A&E, maternity unit and children's wards.

#### Sutton's parks and Carshalton's Ecology Centre win prizes.

The borough's excellent reputation for conservation work was recognised when the **Sutton Ecology Centre** beat off stiff competition at the recent London In Bloom Awards to take first place in the Conservation Awards.

Cllr. **Jill Whitehead** said: "Sutton scooped five awards and two of its most green-fingered residents won another as the London in Bloom (LiB) awards honoured the capital's most beautiful boroughs. The borough as a whole achieved a prestigious Silver Gilt rating for the fourth year running. These awards are a tribute to the beauty of our borough and the hard work of all the people who keep our parks, open spaces and gardens looking so lovely."

# Westcroft Centre update



Cllr. Jill Whitehead recently took a tour of inspection at Westcroft Centre.

Jill said: "The redevelopment of the ever-popular leisure centre will enable our area to have really up-to-date local leisure facilities. The Westcroft Centre will also house the new **Carshalton Library. The building is due to** open in early 2013."

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