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# Carshalton Central FOCUS

News from your Lib Dem team



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## Renovation of The Lodge in Carshalton set to begin

We are delighted to report that the lease for The Lodge - situated next to the Ecology Centre by Carshalton Ponds – has been signed by the Council and local residents' charity Ecolocal.

Residents overwhelmingly supported keeping Carshalton's old buildings in local community hands. They are important parts of the Carshalton Village Conservation Area.

Contrary to what you may have read elsewhere, The Lodge has most definitely NOT been sold. It has been leased to Ecolocal, and remains part of the Council's, and the community's, assets. Work on renovation and conservation will take about a year. We look forward to seeing all the benefits



this will bring. Support for Ecolocal taking on the lease has been strong.

Ecolocal will create an ecological centre of excellence while protecting our local heritage. This is a considerable achievement for Sutton as a Green

Borough, its present and future residents - and a great heritage success!

## Plans for The Old Rectory

Plans have been drawn up for the conversion of The Old Rectory to mixed commercial and residential use.

When the building was leased to Sutton Living, the Council pledged to maintain its historic features for future

generations to enjoy. Heritage England recently carried out a new inspection of the building.

All the listed features will be preserved as key parts of the building when the conversion takes place.

## Charles Cryer Theatre update

The Council has invited bids from those interested in taking on the Charles Cryer Theatre site for local community use.

A number of groups have shown interest in leasing the building. The aim is to find a viable use of the site that can contribute to Carshalton over the

coming years. We are delighted that progress has been made on so many of our heritage buildings, and that imaginative long-term solutions have been found for them.

"We know that to preserve our heritage buildings we have to find creative ways to give them purpose in the future.

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