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News and Views from Heatherside Liberal Democrats

## CAR PARK PETI-

Local campaigner Mark Dewey, supported by Cllr Fran Bennie, has raised a petition requesting Surrey County Council to remove a defunct shrub bed to provide extra parking spaces in Honister Walk car park.

Residents of Honister and Thirlmere Walks have also requested the County to mark out the parking bays to provide more efficient parking in the car park.



Fran Bennie and Mark Dewey with the petition at Honister Walk car park

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***Cllr. Fran Bennie***

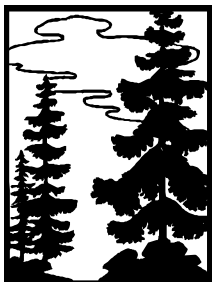
Fran presented the petition to Graham Hodgson of the County's Highways Department at Bagshot. After a meeting on site the County Council have agreed to provide marked bays, but as yet there is no funding for the removal of the bed.

"I fully support the residents in their requests" said Cllr Bennie. "Parking is becoming a real problem in certain areas of Heatherside. I am grateful to Surrey County Council for listening and am hopeful we may find a solution to the removal of the shrub bed."

## CLEAN UP HEATHERSIDE!

Councillor Fran Bennie has made **garages on Heatherside** the latest target in her campaign to smarten up tired areas of the ward. She says "I am receiving e-mails every day from residents concerned at the dilapidated, run-down appearance of the old garage blocks.

"What was a good idea in 1969 is simply not working now, I appeal to anyone who owns one of these garages to take a fresh look at their garage and do any necessary work to smarten up the appearance of their block."



"So many of the garages have changed ownership or are now rented out, but the owners are still responsible for their own garage. I hope it may be possible to identify which garages are not in local ownership and approach these owners to get out the paintbrush!"

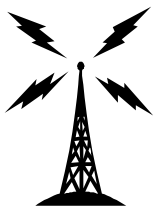
## MAST SUCCESS

***On 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Tomlinscote Residents Association, backed by Fran Bennie won their battle against the proposed communications mast on the Frimley Fuel Allotments.***

*At a meeting at Pine Ridge Golf Club, The Trustees of the Fuel Allotments voted not to allow the mast to be constructed on their land. A candlelit vigil was held outside the Club attended by local residents and the media whilst the Trustees made their decision.*

*Campaigners had expressed concern that the new "Tetra" technology had not been properly researched and could be linked to ill-health clusters elsewhere.*

***Fran, who signed the petition and attended the vigil, told Meridian TV "I am here to show support for the residents in my ward. This is not the right location for this mast. We do not need it near schools and houses in Heatherside".***



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