

Safety First



- Focus Team member Bruce Tennent demonstrates the crossing problem



- Look right, look left, look right again and wait, wait, wait until it is safe to cross



Cllr David Goodall reports: For years the crossing of the busy A27 has been a problem. Now at long last some help is on its way for the residents near Romill Close and the many residents who cross the road when out for a walk or those who simply catch the bus.

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Eastleigh Borough Council has designed a scheme to provide a pedestrian refuge, dropped kerbs, a widened footpath and a new Arun style bus shelter near the awkward junction of Romill Close and footpath access to Upmill Close.

The preferred scheme has been provisionally costed at £13,545 and nearly £13,000 will come out of the Council's West End transport initiatives pot that is funded by housing developments in West End.



- ... and Bruce did cross safely, but quickly.



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Telegraph Woods improvements



Cllr Peter Humphreys reports: Telegraph Woods, is a popular open space comprising mature woodland, open heath areas and woodland trails. It is managed by the Countryside and Recreation Service at Eastleigh Borough Council and the much used facilities in the woods are to receive an uplift.

The £8,000 proposal, recently approved by the Local Area Committee, is to provide new interpretive panels, public signage and to upgrade the footpaths (particularly steps on sloped sections).

These improvements are again funded by housing developments in West End and so save council tax payer money.

- **Joyce Sortwell, Parish Councillor and keen dog walker, supports these improvements to the paths, signs and information panels**



Play area improvements

Cllr David Goodall reports: Following consultation with some of the parents and children using the play area in Carpathia Close it was decided to upgrade the play area by adding :-

- a trampette
- a spinning dish
- and a low rotator

- **Joyce Sortwell shows how to use the Low Rotator - a stand on roundabout.**

The full program of works includes removing an old roundabout, installation of an additional gate and additional wet pour safe surfacing, as well as installing the new equipment. The total cost is about £20,000 and the works will be a great improvement to the play area.

To comply with the Disabilities Discriminations Act both play area entrances will be painted in contrasting colours.

All the equipment is subject to ROSPA Certification.

Photo ACTION File

• Cutbush Lane



...Tree Cleared

• Barnsland Recreation ground



...goal action

Parish Councillor Joyce Sortwell says,

“Good partnership work between the Parish & Borough Councils has added goals to both Barnsland and Moorgreen Recreation grounds.”



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Townhill MUGA



Cllr David Goodall reports: Eastleigh Borough Council have invested nearly £30,000 in a MUGA (or Multi-use Games Area for those not up on the latest local government jargon).

This games area not only gives Townhill Junior school a valuable extra asset for the school children during daytime, it also gives an additional area for anyone to play games in at weekends and in the evenings.

- **The gates are open at the weekend & evenings ...**

A simple system of gates allows the school grounds to be locked up in the evenings and at the weekend, as well as allowing the children to be protected during normal daytime use.



And of course it has the added benefit of giving young people a good space to exercise.

... and let the games commence



Ed Davey MP

It's about quality not choice

The governments planned education reforms, backed by the Tories, put the emphasis on admissions policy and centralising control further with the government directly determining the level of funding for each school. They will do nothing to improve the quality of the education.

To improve education you need to affect what happens in the classroom not who is allow into it. Commenting on the proposals, Liberal Democrat Shadow Education Secretary **Edward Davey MP** said:

"Our schools need smaller class sizes, more specialist teachers and a new curriculum; reforms that actually change what happens in the classroom. Blair's plans will make school admissions more complicated and less fair."

Policy Point: Schools

Policy footnote...

The recent decision by Eastleigh to follow the lead of the majority of Hampshire local councils and have no side waste for the gray bins was taken after other councils found it increased the recycling rates.

It was also necessary to protect the 'bin men' as they have received a number of serious injuries picking up black sacks, containing things like broken glass.

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Tackling Football Racism



David Goodall reports : South East MEP Sharon Bowles is supporting a written declaration in the European Parliament that calls for real action to tackle the problem of racism, both on and off the pitch. Sharon said :-

"We saw recently that players want an end to the unacceptable racism that sadly exists in football, with players wearing anti-racism bracelets. Now it is time for Parliamentarians to back them up with some solid plans for how we crack this problem."

The written declaration calls for a number of measures including giving referees the power to stop or abandon matches where there are racist incidents, and asks UEFA to consider sporting sanctions for clubs whose players or supporters commit serious racist offences.

Now Sharon wants to ensure the declaration becomes the best supported in the Parliament's history. She said :-

"This problem affects every single European country and it is high time action is taken. We owe it to the players, the clubs and the fans to show that racism in football will not be tolerated."

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