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– Getting  
Things Done



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# NOT SO F.A.S.T!

## Stroke Services at Risk

We're told to act **F.A.S.T** in the event of a stroke. (Face, Arms, Speech, Telephone) but the plans to centralise East Kent stroke services into a Hyper Acute Stroke Unit in the William Harvey hospital, removing the existing stroke service at the Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother Hospital in Thanet threaten our ability to get treatment quickly.

The implications of these proposals is that residents in Thanet will encounter an unsafe journey time of over 50 minutes in order to reach their nearest services in the event of a stroke. The implications for **Ashford residents** is that the already straining services at the William Harvey Hospital will now be required to cater for the entire population of East Kent.



Liz says 'Stop The Cuts'



Steve at a recent Save The NHS Demo

When questioned about how the Hyper Acute Stroke Unit at William Harvey will be accommodated, the response from East Kent University Hospital Foundation Trust was that it will be housed within the existing buildings using the existing beds. This makes us wonder, which services and quantity of beds will the William Harvey Hospital lose in order to accommodate the Hyper Acute Stroke Unit

Ashford's health service already covers a region with a fast growing population and cannot reasonably be expected to accommodate the health needs of the whole of East Kent. We firmly believe there shouldn't be cuts or downgrades to Kent's Hospital services and that East Kent needs at least three good hospitals, all with appropriate emergency care.

# ON YOUR BIKE!

## Staying Safe on the roads

Recently a friend came off his bike along Hythe Road. He's new to cycling and nervous, and had attempted to get out of the road and away from the traffic. The gap between the road and the drop kerb threw him off his bike, and he ended up spending the night at A&E, and walking with crutches for two weeks.



Steve wants everyone to feel safe on the roads and pavements around town.

We know that many cyclists have expressed their reluctance to cycle on Hythe Road, and we know many motorists and pedestrians alike see cyclists as a danger or hindrance. We'd love to see cycle lanes along the road to make it safer, leading to less traffic, less congestion and less pollution.

We continually report potholes, but they are often badly repaired and quickly break up again. We've asked KCC to resurface the whole of Hythe Road – a big job we know, but as one of the main arterial roads into and out of Ashford it needs more than just sticking-plaster repairs. The roads needn't be a battle ground between cyclists, motorists & pedestrians.

# 60 SECOND SURVEY

## Your Ward, Your Views

In September we undertook another of our regular surveys of residents in the area. to find out what key issues are concerning you. We're currently collating all of the responses. Thank you to all of you who took part.

We've previously surveyed Hythe Road, Harvey Road and several other parts of North Willesborough, and we find it really useful to hear your thoughts. It helps us to know what to campaign on and how we can help and support.

With over 2,500 houses in the ward, it's nigh on impossible for us to knock on every door as much as we'd love to.

So, if you live in North Willesborough, and haven't yet had the opportunity to speak to us, but would like to take part in our 60 second survey, please let us know. We'll happily pop one round to you, or send you an email!

We'll bring you all the news in our next newsletter!



# POTHOLE PATROL

As well as reporting Potholes we've also been on the case with blocked drains in the ward over the last few weeks.

Remember, if you spot a bad pothole or a blocked drain, upload a picture to our Facebook page, or send us an email. We'll get it reported for you!



Blocked drain in High Trees Close has been reported by Steve & Liz

# WOMBLES OF WILLESBOROUGH

We had two teams of Wombles out on 9<sup>th</sup> September, and yet again quite a haul of litter. Thank you to those of you who came out and joined us. Remember to keep us posted about any areas in North Willesborough that you think could use a visit from the Wombles of Willesborough. Check our Facebook Page for details of our next Community Litter Pick planned for November 4<sup>th</sup>.



# CAN WE HELP?

If you have a comment or query about our area, Steve and Liz would love to know. Get in touch via email or our social media pages.



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# NEWS IN BRIEF

**Litter Pick** – Ashford Greens – **Wombles of Willesborough** will be Litter Picking on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2-4pm. Contact us if you'd like to get involved! Check the Facebook page for more info!

**Newsletters:** All our newsletters & leaflets are delivered by ourselves and volunteers. If you'd like to help out then please let us know.

# STEVE & LIZ: WORKING WITH PEOPLE AND GETTING THINGS DONE