







Faye Forde



Geoff Lawrence

HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS = TRAFFIC OVERLOAD!

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GREEN TEAM STARTS CAMPAIGN FOR SAFE CROSSINGS

Concerned local residents have raised issues about the number of new housing developments in Sileby. Local campaigner Naomi has contacted the borough council to voice concerns, particularly increased flooding risk, school places, GP appointments, construction traffic, increase in traffic, and reductions in public transport. We have been informed that all construction traffic must follow pre-agreed routes to/from any construction site and these have not yet been agreed for the Cossington Road development. Local campaigner Geoff is taking action on the issue of increased traffic in the village centre by starting a campaign for safe pedestrian crossings on King Street and Barrow Road. He said: "I am alarmed by the inability of village centre road junctions to cope with the volume and type of traffic, causing danger to pedestrians, cyclists & drivers. It is scandalous that the county highways authority failed to



Geoff assessing the traffic on King St

object to any of the planning applications for new housing developments. This is despite saying in 2017 that significant highway changes would be needed if more than one large-scale development went ahead in the village. Since then both Seagrave Rd and Ratcliffe Gardens developments have been built. Work on 'Tommy Hunt's Hill' site off Homefield Road has recently started, and there are no conditions on the developer to contribute to proper road network or public transport improvements". Geoff raised these concerns at a recent parish council meeting. Geoff added: "I am grateful to the parish council for agreeing to consider pressing for safe pedestrian crossings." If you have ideas for improving road safety in Sileby or Seagrave, please get in touch.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR COATS FOR KIDS CONTINUES

NAOMI, FAYE & GEOFF BLOWN AWAY BY SUCCESS OF SECOND EVENT



Faye, Geoff and Naomi at the Community Centre

Local campaigners Naomi, Faye and Geoff held a second Coats for Kids Day at Sileby Community Centre on 14th January. More warm winter coats were donated on the day and given away for free to local parents & kids. Naomi said: "It's amazing to see the community spirit in Sileby. Everyone is so willing to help their neighbours. It was great to meet residents too and chat to them about their concerns & ideas". Faye added: "The children's hospice Rainbows also benefited from residents' generosity, we donated the remaining coats to them. And the remaining knitted hats & scarves went to the Sileby foodbank". A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Coats for Kids Days. To the parents and grandparents who donated, the businesses and schools who helped us promote the events, the locals who knitted hats and scarves — a massive thank you to you all!

MORE WELCOME WARM SPACES NOW OPEN

SILEBY COMMUNITY GROUPS STEP UP SUPPORT DURING COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS

Local campaigner Geoff Lawrence has kept in touch with the support available in Sileby during the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Geoff says: "It is fantastic that our community has stepped up its support. With assistance from Leicestershire CC, the Methodist Church on King Street has opened its warm Welcome Hub on Thursdays offering hot soup and drinks. Sileby Community Library continues to welcome residents to their warm building at any time when the library is open". Full day by day details below:

➤ Monday: 9.30 -12 Hope Café: Sileby Baptist Church, Cossington Road

10 -1 & 2 -5 Sileby Community Library, Cossington Road

> Wednesday: 10 -1 Sileby Community Library

2 -3.30 Warm Spaces Project: St.Mary's Church, Little Church Lane, Sileby 12 noon first Wednesday of month Lunch Club: St.Mary's Church Centre



Geoff meets Pastor Rob Newton at the Welcome Hub on King St

CAN WE HELP?

If you have a comment or query Naomi, Faye and the team would love to know. Here are the ways you can get in touch:



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> Thursday: 12 -4 Welcome Hub: Sileby

Methodist Church, King St 4 -6 Sileby Community Library

> Friday: 10 -1 & 2 -5 Sileby Community

Library

> Saturday: 10 -1 Sileby Community Library

LITTER PICKS ARE BACK

JOIN THE GREEN TEAM TO KEEP SILEBY CLEAN

We've heard from lots of locals that they take huge pride in the village. Join the Sileby Green Team at **11am on Saturday 18th February** to help keep Sileby village centre looking its best. The Team will meet at **11am at King St Car Park**, feel free to join us! Litter pickers will be provided, accompanied children very welcome!

····· NEWS IN BRIEF ······

Contact us to let us know you are coming.

MAJOR WORKS starting on the A6 near Wanlip roundabout starting February for 12 months.

The **Green Team** have been hearing from residents in **Seagrave about icy roads**, **churned up verges** and issues with speeding in the village. If any of this affects you, please get in touch.

New **housing development** approved in neighbouring Barrow, **265 new houses** to be built and money pledged for a **new school**.

NAOMI, FAYE & GEOFF: WORKING WITH PEOPLE AND GETTING THINGS DONE