

Angela Eagle MP confirms extra 2p tax on petrol

- Cost of living is our top worry, say residents
- Petrol costs set to rise after new tax whammy

WALLASEY'S MP has confirmed that tax on petrol is set to rise again in October. The Treasury Minister was replying to a question in the House of Commons.

Ms. Eagle, when asked if the Government had looked at the impact of higher fuel prices on road users, responded with comments about 'market transparency, adding:

"The Chancellor also announced that the planned 2p per litre fuel duty increase scheduled for 1 April would be deferred to 1 October."

Meanwhile, big increases in the tax on cars registered between 2001 and 2006 are also on the way.

Vehicles Excise Duty will rise for cars such as Citroen C8, Renault Espace or VW Passat from £210 to £455

While owners of a Citroen Picasso, Ford Mondeo, Vauxhall Astra or Honda Accord will see their tax rise from £210 £310.

Out and about in
seacombe
and poulton

by local campaigner
Leah Fraser
 www.leahfraser.com



The Wallasey Action Team has kicked off their summer campaign with a doorstep survey in Seacombe.

Starting on the 10 June, the Action Team will be calling on homes in different parts of our community each week.



We started with Birkenhead Road, New Street and Bridle Avenue

We think it's really important to get out and about, listening to the issues of local people and doing what we can help.



Last week, we went to Gorse Lane and spoke with residents there

We'll report back to residents, personally, though this newsletter and on our website. We've dedicated a page on the website just to Seacombe and Poulton as well.

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Biggest pressures on family budgets:

- 1.** **Travel costs:**
Petrol and diesel taxed heavily and tunnel tolls up 10p
- 2.** **Food and drink:**
Prices are rising much faster than Government figures
- 3.** **Gas and electric:**
More price rises are on the way. Fuel poverty is up as well.

New threat to Post Offices revealed

- Nine have closed in Wallasey, including Poulton Road
- Post Office Card Account next to go?

Post Offices around Wallasey are campaigning against the latest Government threat to their survival.

The Post Office Card Account, which people use to have their pensions or benefits paid into, could be given to a private company to run instead.

Leah Fraser said: "The Post Office Card Account has proved to be really popular with some of the pensioners and young mums I've spoken to. Post Offices in Wallasey also depend on the Card Account for extra business. We've already lost nine Post Offices; we mustn't lose any more!"

Senior Lib Dem switches to the Conservatives



Another Liberal Democrat joins the Conservatives: Rob Earl, pictured here with Jeff Clarke and William Hague MP

A senior member of Wirral Liberal Democrats has switched to the Conservatives.

Rob Earl, pictured here with William Hague, was the Constituency Secretary of the Lib Dems but was unhappy with their decision to keep Labour in power at Wallasey Town Hall.

Rob told Newsline: "It is now clear that only the Conservatives can replace this hopeless, dithering Government."

"The decision by the Liberal Democrat councillors in Wirral to prop up this failing, two-star Labour Council was the final straw. It's time for change."

Election results in Seacombe prove that **ONLY** the local Conservatives can beat New Labour

It was third place again for the Liberal Democrats in Seacombe in the May elections.

Their vote fell as more people switched to the local Conservatives.

Con.
+2%

Lab.
-11%

Lib.
-8%

Seacombe election results for 2008 compared to 2004

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Lever Avenue

Following complaints from residents, the Action Team took up the problem of the poor condition of the road surface.

We contacted the Council and asked for an inspection to see what could be done.

We're pleased to report that, following this visit, they have agreed that the road surface does need to be repaired.

Lever Avenue, off New Street, has now been added to the list of roads needing repair.

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Gorse Lane

Several people living on this busy road told us they were concerned about cars parking near the traffic island.

Double yellow lines near the island (at the Gorsedale Road end) had been lost when a utility company did some work.

As a result, people catching the bus to Liverpool were parking there, making visibility difficult for pedestrians.

We contacted the Council and they've agreed to have the lines replaced as to how they were BEFORE the utility company dug up the road.

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Liscard Hall

This fantastic former building, in the middle of Central Park, has been derelict for several years.

The building is gradually falling into disrepair, not helped by the constant attacks by vandals and yobs.

The Council is currently looking to have the building brought back into use. Two companies are putting together ideas and we hope the council will be able to make a decision by the end of the year. We'll keep you informed.

Mums and Dads back plans for new health visiting service

Young mums and dads in Seacombe and Poulton have given the thumbs up to plans for a new health visiting service.

The plans will see a universal health visiting service set up.

Local campaigner and mum-of-two Leah Fraser welcomed the plans, put forward by the Conservatives: "All families deserve the best start in life, no matter where they live."

"These new plans are great news for parents across Wallasey," said Leah.

Among the proposals are:

- At least two home visits during the pregnancy
- A minimum of six hours Health Visitor support during the first two weeks after birth
- Regular visits after that up to the age of five
- A new Child Health Inequality Fund to support families in the most deprived areas

More details can be found at www.leahfraser.com

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