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Pelaw Library and Heworth Leisure Centre saved!

Both Pelaw Library and Heworth Leisure Centre have been saved from closure.

After the Council launched reviews into library and leisure services in Gateshead, there were fears that both the Pelaw Library and the Heworth Leisure Centre might be axed.

Councillor **Paul Diston** said "I am really pleased both the Heworth Leisure Centre and Pelaw Library won't be closed. These community services are so important. We will be working hard to make sure that the Council understands how much our community values them so that these services can continue for hopefully many years to come".

Unfortunately, however, the Council is now consulting on closing Gateshead Leisure Centre and Dunston Leisure Centre. If you think Gateshead Leisure Centre should remain open please sign the petition at www.gatesheadlibdems.org.uk/saveleisurecentre

Ian, Amanda and Paul are celebrating the good news that Heworth Leisure Centre and Pelaw Library are safe from closure



No through road on Low Heworth Lane

There will be a new "no through road" sign installed on **Low Heworth Lane** to warn HGV drivers that the road is not suitable for deliveries to the industrial units on **Stoneygate Lane** and **Abbotsford Road**.

In recent months a number of large vehicles following online map directions have become stuck and blocked traffic while trying to back up and get back on the main road.

Ian said, "a sign warning drivers not to try to use Low Heworth Lane will help HGV drivers get where they need to go and prevent the disruption caused when they take a wrong turn."



Ian has welcomed the move

Warm spaces for this Winter

Warm Spaces have been introduced across Gateshead for a safe, welcoming and heated space during the winter months. Local Warm Spaces can be found at Pelaw Library, Pelaw Community Bowling Club, and Woodgreen. Amanda said "With energy prices rising many people are struggling to heat their homes. 'Warm Spaces' provides a safe place for people to go and keep warm this winter".



Amanda, Paul and Ian outside Pelaw Library which is a 'warm space' this winter

Lib Dem Focus - working hard all year round!

Local news and action

Shields Road bus stop to be repaired



The bus shelter on **Shields Road** adjacent to **Quay Court** (in photo) is finally set to be repaired. This is expected to take place this month. It was damaged in an accident some time ago.

Dropped kerbs to be installed at Heworth Metro

Amanda Wintcher met with the Highways department in August to discuss improving the accessibility of Heworth Metro Station. As a result dropped kerbs are set to be installed in several locations along **Low Heworth Lane**, which will make it possible to access the station and the long stay car park without needing to go into the road.



Amanda said, "as a resident of the area I have often wondered why there weren't any dropped kerbs or ramps leading to the metro car park. On several occasions I have seen neighbours with mobility scooters or wheelchairs using the road to get to the station. Ramps will make it safer and easier to get to the metro."

The work is set to be completed in the coming months.

Parking restrictions to be extended

After many discussions and delays, the Council intends to extend parking restrictions on the intersection of **Brack Terrace** and **Station Road** in Bill Quay.

Paul said "residents have been concerned for a long time about vehicles blocking the intersection and making it difficult for buses and cars to get past. Extending the no parking area will really help with safety and traffic flow".



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Focus Team continues to fight fly-tipping



The Focus Team have asked for fly tipping incidents around Pelaw to be removed, including a fridge that will be picked up from the **Stonehills** complex (pictured), various items dumped on **Meresyde**, and discarded furniture and other rubbish in the back lanes off **Queen Victoria Street**. We would like to remind residents that they can use the council website to report fly-tipping and litter themselves, as well as contacting the Focus team for assistance. The Council's website can be found at www.gateshead.gov.uk

Bill Quay Summer Festival

The Pelaw and Heworth Focus Team were happy to sponsor the Bill Quay Summer Festival in August. The revived festival featured entertainment, food and drink, and activities for both kids and adults. It proved to be very popular with some dates sold out.

Ian said "I have attended the festival in the past and I was pleased to see it return with a broader range of family friendly activities for the whole community."



Have your say:

Please use this space to tell us what you think needs doing in Pelaw and Heworth, or to let us know of any local problem needing attention

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- I can spare 1 or 2 hours every few months to help deliver 'Focus' newsletters

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