

**Sam Boote (Borough Councillor for North Keyworth)**  
**Report to Keyworth Parish Council on 9 July 2007**

- (1) The developers William Davis have submitted their appeal against refusal of planning permission for **two blocks of flats at the Wrights Garage site**, and this can be expected to take several months to resolve. In my view, it is regrettable that a revised (and more modest) application was not submitted, as this would have been resolved more quickly and could have had a higher chance of success.
- (2) Spirita (formerly Rushcliffe Homes) claim that virtually all the arrangements for re-housing the remaining residents of **Debdale House** have now been made.
- (3) A further meeting about the **Church Drive parking situation** is being held on 11 July.
- (4) Plans are still in hand to reinstate **recycling bins** next to the new Health Centre. The Borough Council is evaluating recent developments with “soundproofed” bins.
- (5) The **Keyworth Connection bus service** is being re-launched on 5 August with new wheelchair-friendly vehicles. The existing service levels are being maintained.
- (6) The Borough Council’s role in dealing with **anti-social behaviour** has been reorganised. The reactive task of dealing with specific cases has been transferred to Environmental Health, while the proactive and preventive functions will continue to be delivered by the Community Safety team.
- (7) Several cases have been reported of **green wheelie-bins splitting** (possibly because of heavy loads and heat being internally generated). The Borough Council will replace any damaged bins, and the suppliers are investigating.
- (8) **Keyworth Police Station** is now fully open, and Emma Thacker is back on duty at regular times. The Borough Council will operate a customer services function there on Friday mornings.
- (9) Some **vandalism** has been reported on the Rec field, affecting adjacent residents at 20 Nottingham Road and the Rectory. The police are aware and have asked for instances to be reported immediately.
- (10) The County Council is offering **free £5 travel vouchers** to the over-50s for use with selected dial-a-ride and taxi services.
- (11) The new **leisure centre contract** with Parkwood has been slightly delayed for legal and bureaucratic reasons. The Friends of Keyworth Leisure Centre are pressing ahead with plans for a leaflet campaign and a stall at the Keyworth Show, but are concerned at an apparent falling-off in interest.
- (12) The Borough Council passed a motion supporting better public transport but expressing caution about having the **tram network** extended into Rushcliffe, as other alternatives should be explored first.
- (13) The County and Borough Councils are making some more progress in jointly arranging for some **grass verges** to be cut. Following my visit to the waste management conference, I have arranged for a “weed-ripper” to be evaluated by the County Council.
- (14) Keyworth Primary and Nursery School held a traffic-management **“Action Day”** (actually it was an action half-hour) as part of the adoption of its school travel plan.
- (15) The Borough Council is pressing ahead with more plans for **joint working** and joint delivery of services with other district councils (notably Broxtowe and Gedling) and with the private sector.
- (16) Two **Deputy Chief Executives** have been recruited by the Borough Council. One is Colin Bullett (latterly Borough Treasurer) and the other is external. Paul Randle has already been confirmed in the third DCE post.
- (17) I have received complaints about the **play area** being locked during the day. I have a spare key and am happy to open the play area if necessary.