

# Kingsley FOCUS



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## New Lighting Planned for Racecourse

The County Council have agreed to fund new lights and improved pathways around the Racecourse.

This follows action by **Cllr Richard Church** in conjunction with the County Council and Friends of the Racecourse. The plans involve replacing most of the old style yellow lights around the park and replacing them with the white ornate style lights as already installed around The Pavilion car park, and on the pathway from The Pavilion to Trinity Avenue. The path from The White



New lighting planned for The Racecourse

Elephant to The Pavilion will be lit for the first time whilst the pathway along the back of Colwyn Road and Watkin Terrace will be moved to be in front of the line of trees. The total cost of the work will be in the region of £200,000 and is due to commence in March. **Cllr Richard Church** said "This is a major step forward in improving the Racecourse and making it more accessible and safer I hope this is the start of further improvements".

### New Changing Rooms

Meanwhile the Borough Council has been successful in a bid for funding from the Football Foundation for the construction of a controversial new changing room facility on the park. The plans are for a large changing room block along from The Pavilion by the pathway from the car park to Trinity Avenue. Local Lib Dem Councillor **Andrew Simpson** has opposed the plan as 'not being in keeping with the park and not adequately thought through'.

## Poets Corner - traffic action

Plans are being drawn up by the County Council to ease traffic and parking problems and make the roads safer in Poets Corner.



Plans include:

**'Table junctions' along Kingsley Park Terrace**  
These raised junctions will slow down traffic entering or exiting the streets and make it easier for pedestrians to cross. They will also



Action to slow traffic down in streets like Chaucer Street (pictured)

discourage traffic cutting through the area. **Cllr Richard Church** has also asked for a table junction outside the corner shop on Junction Road at the junction with Kingsley Road.

**'Re-profiling' of road humps** in Junction Road to make them safer and match current standard - like those in St George Avenue.

**A review of yellow lines** - throughout the area to free up more spaces for parking and make it safer.

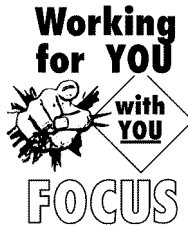
If you have any comments on the plans please contact the **Focus Team**.

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# Local News in Brief

## Lord Byron pub

The Council have refused a planning application to extend the opening hours of the Lord Byron pub on Kingsley Park Terrace. Cllr **Andrew Simpson** spoke in support of residents who had objected to the plan, Council staff had recommended approving the application but this was overturned by the Councillors. The pub has now appealed against the decision.



## Esso Garage

Plans have been submitted to convert the former Esso garage on the Kettering Road into a motor vehicle lubrication and MOT testing garage.

## Homestead Way Yellow Lines

Over 18 months have passed since the **Focus Team** were told by the County Council that they would be extending the yellow lines at the junction of Homestead Way and Kingsley Road. Cllr **Richard Church** has seen plans for the changes and has been informed that the work will commence shortly.

## New Police Officer for Kingsley

WPC **Ellie Setchell** is the new Community Beat Officer for Kingsley. She replaces PC John Gardner who after 4 years in the role has moved on. We would like to thank John and wish him well for the future.



Ellie can be contacted via the Northampton Police switchboard 01604 700700 or by e-mail: [ellie.setchell@northants.police.uk](mailto:ellie.setchell@northants.police.uk)

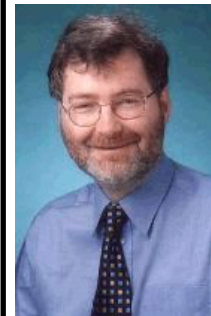
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## Kingsley Area Partnership Meeting

Thursday 23rd February at Kingsley Park Methodist Church Rooms at 7.30pm

**Your chance to have your say to local Councillors.**

Other topics being discussed include:

Trading Standards & Council Communications

**All welcome**

## Calendar & Contact Card

We are delivering this Focus with a 2006 calendar and contact card. It includes useful phone numbers, emergency contacts and Focus Team details.

Keep it handy for future reference.

## Grumble Sheet

This space is for you to tell us what you want and about any local problems. Continue on a separate sheet if you need.



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