

CARSHALTON VILLAGE NEWS

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Protecting Carshalton's Heritage Council Makes Decision

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Cllr. Jill Whitehead says "On 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011, the Council's Executive Committee decided to reject plans to move all its staff in the Civic Centre, owing to the high costs of this in the current economic climate. The property market and cost of borrowing were seen as too uncertain, and this involved too many risks". Jill is Vice-Chair of the Council's Scrutiny Overview Committee which in October had asked the Council to look at alternatives other than relocating Carshalton staff to the Civic Centre.

Cllr. Alan Salter adds "The Council has now decided to continue with its series of Smarter Services Sutton Reviews, which will give a better idea of what the council's accommodation needs will be over the coming years. Owing to the government's requirements for councils to cut costs and be more efficient in difficult economic times, fewer staff may be required in some operational areas in future."

Cllr. Hamish Pollock, Chair of Carshalton Local Committee says: "We have been assured that the ideas local residents came up with for the future uses of Carshalton buildings at the meetings held with local groups over the summer and at the **Special Local Committee** of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011, will be returned to, and reconsidered in the future when the time is right. The Council believes that the consultation undertaken with residents had been very important in reaching its decision."

## ~~~~~ New Public Realm Projects Proposed

Local community representatives recently have proposed to allocate Public Realm (community improvement) funds of £3,800 to Sutton Ecology Centre in Carshalton for interpretation and notice boards, and £4,800 for fencing to secure the Westmead Allotments off Colston Avenue, in the final distribution of sums for the current financial year. This will be finalised at the next local committee in December. (See panel, above right).

## December Meeting of Carshalton and Clockhouse Local Committee:

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The Council's next Carshalton & Clockhouse Local Committee will be held on **Tuesday 13th Dec 2011 at 7.30pm** at Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton Beeches. Chairman Cllr. Hamish Pollock says: "Our main guest will be the **Leader of the Council**, Cllr. Sean Brennan who will talk about the Council's recent decision to retain the historic Carshalton buildings. We will also have a report back on progress with the Honeywood Heritage Centre upgrade project, to turn it into a major museum". **All residents are welcome - do come along and participate in what we hope will be an interesting meeting.**

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**Tom, Hamish, Jill, and Alan and out and about at Carshalton Ponds**

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