

Holly Bush Telegraph

DEAR NEIGHBOUR,

Novelty characterised the Victorian age. This is the era best known for inventions, for remarkable technological advances and engineering marvels. They built sturdy long lasting homes. Throughout, the speed of change was phenomenal.

Yes, the Victorians were smart. But they were rubbish at predicting the rise and rise of the motor vehicle and the need for hard working families to park them at night.

Not for the first time, and I'm sure not the last, a number of neighbours have collared me about parking problems in Hollies Drive.

I guess they come to me because I happen to be the Member of Parliament for the next door seat in West Bromwich East. Whatever the reason, I don't mind representing the views of local residents although I need to say – I'm not the elected representative for this area – I'm doing this out of neighbourly responsibility.

Our basic problem is that there are too many cars for too few places. There may be a few things we can do to improve things though. Library users might be encouraged to use the car park for example.

I know that some years ago, the council examined creating a residents parking scheme for Hollies Drive. I don't mind acting as the 'honest broker' if you think that this is an issue they should look at again.

From experience, when consultations of this kind take place, there are always strongly held views on both sides of the debate, but I don't mind representing the aggregate views of all neighbours to council officers.

If you are interested in exploring this issue and others affecting our area, then fill out the survey – preferably online, visit <http://thehollybush.wordpress.com/>. If you are not online, then please fill out the attached and return it to me at 3 Squires Walk.

Best wishes

Tom

Tom Watson



War Memorial This is a beautiful little spot. Can it be improved?

Library How do we encourage library users to use the car park over the road from the library rather than using up valuable space? Do you use the library?

Any other issues?

Join the email group and let your neighbours know your views. You can sign up at <http://thehollybush.wordpress.com/>

**Fill out the survey
by visiting
[http://thehollybush.
wordpress.com](http://thehollybush.wordpress.com)**



Hollies Drive Parking Survey



Your Name

Your email address

(so that we can report back as quickly as possible)

Your address

post code

Have you any other

comments on parking in Hollies Drive?

Would you be prepared to give your time to

support a permanent residents group in our road?

(Please tick just one of the following boxes)

Yes

No

Would you like to see a residents parking scheme set up in Hollies Drive?

(Please tick just one of the following boxes)

Yes

No

And whilst we're here - are there any other issues that need sorting out in Hollies Drive, Brunswick Terrace or Squires Walk?

The council charge a small fee to administer parking schemes. Whatever your answer to question 3, if a scheme was set up, would you be prepared to pay about £20 a year for a permit?

(Please tick just one of the following boxes)

Yes

No

Please return to: 3 squires walk or better still, fill out the survey online instead at

<http://thehollybush.wordpress.com/>

Useful Numbers

Anti Social Behaviour hotline:

0845 359 7500.

Take an old fridge or bulky item:

0845 359 7501

Street lighting:

0121 569 4154

Graffiti, litter and fly tipping:

0845 3597501

Sandwell Council:

0121 569 2200

Rign and Ride:

0121 505 7316