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Brown Backs Better Lovers Walk Lights

- **Brown demands action to keep neighbourhood safe.**
- **Ian Brown speaks up for concerned residents.**

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Hardworking Local Lib Dem Councillor Ian Brown is campaigning for **improved lighting for Lover's Walk.**

Ian said, "Riverside residents have told me how concerned they are about the poor lighting on Lovers Walk. **This is a very well-used route** to the supermarket and elderly people are frightened to travel this way in the hours of darkness."

"I have discovered that 60% of Stirling Council's existing road and footpath lighting levels are below recommended levels and further investment is needed," added Ian

"Lovers Walk is amongst 100 locations that have been listed for street lighting renewal. I will **continue to press for Lovers Walk to be moved up the priority list,**" said Ian.

Brown Digs In To Help Local Project

Local Councillor Ian Brown picked up a spade recently and joined the Community Council to plant an orchard of plum and apple trees in Riverside.

This was the brainchild of Ann and Sandy Bain who were able to access funding from the Central Scotland Green Network Orchard Grant Scheme.

Ian said "The Riverside Community are to be congratulated on this initiative and I was only too glad to be able to help".

When the day was finished 15 trees had been planted, 4 Plum and 11 Apple. "Well done to everybody who helped on the day."



Labour Budget Madness

Local Scottish Lib Dem Councillor Ian Brown has condemned the Labour group on Stirling Council for voting to cut nearly £200,000 from the local schools budget.



to any of the meetings to negotiate the council budget."

"While the Lib Dems were working hard to protect local services, the

Their move has also put at risk £20,000 of funding for local kids' breakfast clubs.

Ian told Focus, "I'm appalled by the actions of the Labour group who didn't even turn up

Labour group were more concerned with political posturing. Their actions now threaten vital services and jobs - all for the sake of a 23p a week cut in council tax," added Ian.

Action Required on HMO's

An investigation by hardworking local Councillor Ian Brown has revealed that the proportion of Houses in Multiple Occupancy (HMO's) in part of Riverside has already reached 18%, which is over the council's target of 15%.

"HMO's play a valuable role in a university city but care must be taken to ensure a fair distribution," said Ian.



"Action needs to be taken to address the concentration of houses in multiple occupation in Riverside."

Rennie Secures College Funding



Councillor Ian Brown and Willie Rennie MSP

A tough campaign at Holyrood by Scottish Lib Dem leader, Willie Rennie MSP, has secured vital extra funding for Scotland's Colleges.

"The Lib Dems made the case for a reversal of the £40million cut imposed on colleges by the SNP. The Scottish Government have now largely reversed that cut," said Willie.

Can Willie help you?

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