

# Postbag

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## Thanks to customers

ON BEHALF of my fellow traders in Dunmow I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of our customers who supported our shops over the festive period.

In a time of economic uncertainty your support ensured that we all benefited from a successful Christmas trading period which enables us to look with positivity towards 2009, to maintain our employment of local people and to continue to do what we do best – offer you an alternative to the run-of-the-mill products you find on the high street and deliver a friendly, welcoming service.

We understand that everyone is facing a tough year ahead, yet we hope that your support is maintained as when every penny counts people turn to brands they can trust and quality products.

On behalf of the traders of  
**Great Dunmow**  
 Sarah Cassidy  
 Cassidy's Delicatessen  
 High Street, Great Dunmow

## Hard choice

LET me see, what would I rather have?

# Travellers' encampment did not work in Scotland

I READ with interest the article about a proposed gypsy encampment in Dunmow (*Broadcast*, January 22).

Some years ago the powers that be in this area of Renfrewshire built a similar project a couple of miles out of town for the travellers, as they are called up here in Scotland.

This consisted of about

eight buildings, each about 8ft by 10ft and divided into two cubicles.

One contained a bath, wash stand and toilet, and the other, deep sink arrangements for clothes, washing and vegetable preparation with electricity provided via meters.

The idea was that travellers could park their caravans alongside one of

these and then make use of the facilities.

It wasn't long before the place was completely wrecked, meters broken into, doors, floor boards, and toilet seats ripped off and burnt.

The visitors moved on, and the site has effectively been sealed off with access no longer available.

I get the *Broadcast* online

weekly and enjoy catching up with all the news of my home town.

**Peter Baines**  
 Renfrewshire,  
 Scotland

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I have lived in Dunmow for 20 years and I have seen firsthand the gradual chipping away at our precious countryside.

On this occasion it is land that doesn't belong to them and once word gets around – which it will – that Dunmow is 'free land' and an easy touch then more are sure to follow in their footsteps.

Then there is the second runway that could be built on our doorstep, and there is the added possibility that there will be more than gypsies flocking to the area.

Perhaps the council is thinking that more people are needed in the town to fill the new sports stadium that's going to be built near The Broadway.

I know the 2012 Olympics is just around the corner, but I didn't realise Dunmow was bidding to host any of the actual events!

This piece of wonderful greenery is designed to stay just that – green.

And can I remind councillors of the recent crowd violence at Millwall?

You put a large group of people together in one place and mob mentality takes over.

I've seen it happen and can see it coming to that in our town.

**Name and address supplied**

A town full of obese bored youths prowling unsupervised around the town, likely to find themselves engaging in all kinds of antisocial behaviour from littering to underage smoking and drinking, to threatening behaviour, vandalism and theft, to verbal or even physical assaults.

Or would I prefer them to have the chance to engage in supervised physical activities to help keep them fit and healthy and give them a sense of pride in themselves, their sports team, and the

town the represent?

It's a really tough one...

**Andrew Brooke**  
 Great Dunmow

## Pavilion dangers

AS RESIDENTS living in The Broadway, we are very concerned about the possibility of a sports complex (*Broadcast*, January 22) not only from the point of view of the invasion of our privacy, but also for the safety of the public.

How on earth will people –

especially children – get to this pavilion and pitches without some kind of transport involved?

This site is situated on a country lane in a very dangerous position where motorcars and bike accidents happen frequently.

**Leanne Vanner**  
 The Broadway  
 Great Dunmow

overtaking by lorries under any circumstances.

It is staggering that the government of this country has completely failed to adopt this most sensible piece of legislation.

**Alan Green**  
 The Hopgrounds  
 Finchingfield

## Keep it green

I AM outraged by the district council's decision to allow Dunmow's precious green belt land to be turned into a gypsy site. What ever will they agree to next?

## It's the law

WHEN I lived in Germany I noticed that vast stretches of autobahn were covered by traffic laws which banned

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  - Free time in Chattanooga, Asheville, Charleston and Savannah
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