

# Shepway's SHAME

**'Our dirty streets are a disgrace'**  
 Kentish Express

You Hit Out at the State of Shepways Streets, Pavements and Parks

**Our Photo File highlights a few of YOUR reported Shepway Grot-Spots**

**'The whole of Folkestone is a dump. The Council needs a kick up the backside.'**  
 Ethelbert Road Resident

Some of YOUR Grot-Spots: The Viaduct Arches, Folkestone West Station, Broomfield Road Car Park & Market Square Folkestone



**A challenge to Folkestone residents to name the worst Grot-Spots across the area has been flooded with replies.**

A letter from Folkestone Town Councillors backed local residents views, saying "Shepway Council are failing to keep our streets clean."

**Time and again, people are saying that Shepway's Conservative and People First Council are FAILING Folkestone.**

**Week after week, litter is left uncleared and vandalism left unrepaired.**

The Lib Dems want Shepway Council to urgently review its services to make our area cleaner and greener.

- **All** roads swept regularly
- **Regular** spot-checks for litter, weeds and graffiti
- **Simple** to contact "clean-up hot-line" that responds
- **Express** reaction clean-up squads

Local Lib Dem **Lynne Beaumont** says:

**'Litter, dirt and cigarette-ends are turning too many of our public areas into unpleasant grot-spots.'**

*14 Folkestone Town Councillors*

"Shepway Council need to concentrate on getting the simple jobs right.

"Clean our streets. Keep the area green, but tidy. Empty bins and collect recycling efficiently."

## Safer Shepway Streets: Lib Dems Call for Life to Mean Life

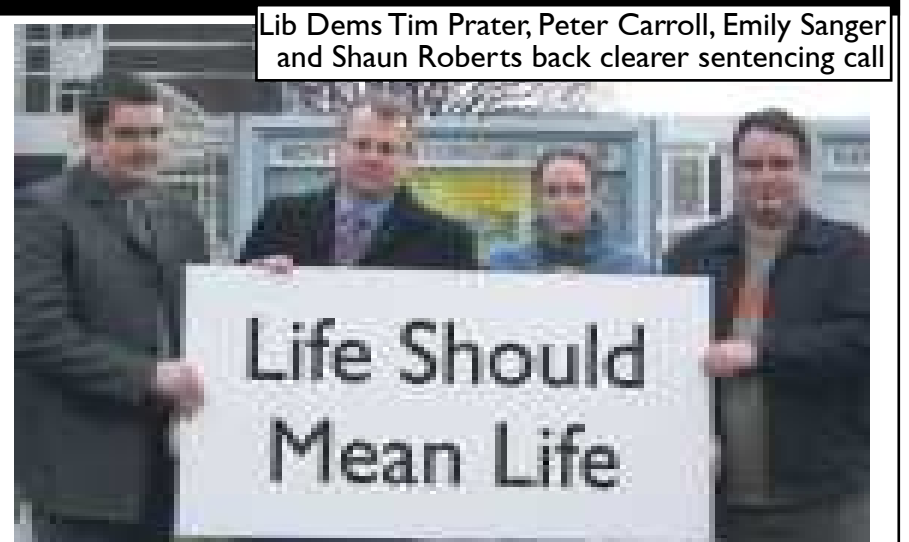
**The Lib Dems have unveiled new law and order policies, calling for "tough and transparent sentences".**

The party would see the confusion around life sentences ended with the introduction of a life custody sentence where "life will mean life". Automatic early release would be scrapped under the proposals.

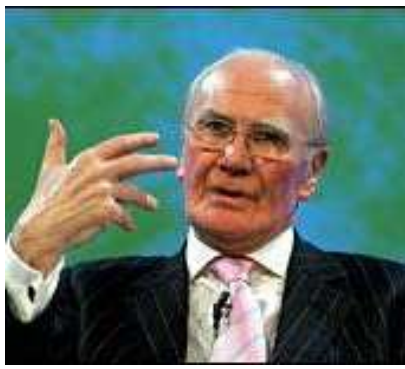
The proposals would amend the automatic discount for a guilty plea and non-custodial public punishment sentences for some non-violent criminals.

"Our proposals mean that sentences will do exactly what they say on the tin," said local Lib Dem **Darren Briddock**.

"This is a balanced package which would ensure the most dangerous criminals do their time in prison, whilst finding new ways to deal with lesser offenders."



## Lib Dems Call for Renewable Power Not New Nuclear



Lib Dem Leader **Menzies Campbell** has said new nuclear power stations would be "too late, too expensive and too risky". Sir Menzies said:

"We need a strong emphasis on renewables and clean-coal technology. **New nuclear power is not the answer to climate change.** It would come too late. It is far too expensive. And it is too risky.

"Urgent action on climate change is about the human rights of future generations; it is about their right to live in a habitable planet. We must not fail them."

## Action Call for Road Black Spot

Shepway Lib Dems have taken positive action to support **Black Bull and Pavilion Road** residents in their efforts to get speeds cut at an accident black-spot in the area.

Following a number of serious accidents and near misses, local Lib Dems have worked with local residents by erecting a new traffic sign in Black Bull Road asking vehicles to slow down.

Foord resident **Maureen Speller** said:

"There have been a number of accidents - including one fatality - here, and something needed doing, fast. Local residents can't wait until there is another accident here, and the Lib Dem team are happy to help."



Lib Dems **Troy Scaum** and **Maureen Speller** with the Black Bull Road new safety sign

## Tories Select Northampton Loser

The next Conservative candidate for Folkestone and Hythe will be advertising manager **Damian Collins**. Mr Collins (32) last stood and lost in Northampton in the 2005 General Election.

In Northampton North, Mr Collins saw the Lib Dem vote surged to within 3,000 votes of the Tory while his vote remained almost static.

*The Liberal Democrats in Folkestone and Hythe have begun the process of selected their candidate, with the final choice to be made by local members in the Autumn.*

## Get in Touch with the Lib Dem Team

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# Fairer. Simpler. Greener.

The Lib Dems have unveiled plans for a fairer, greener and simpler tax system. Shepway Lib Dem Council Group leader **Lynne Beaumont** has welcomed the proposals.

"These proposals would mean lower tax bills for most households in Folkestone and Hythe, as well as tackling inequality and environmental damage."

"The current system of taxation is not fair. The poorest 20% of households pay a bigger share of their income in tax than the richest 20% - that just isn't right.

"These Liberal Democrat proposals will make the tax system fairer for those on low and middle incomes. Specifically this will benefit the vast majority of pensioners, key public sector workers and young professionals.

"These tax cuts for the majority will be paid for by the wealthy and those with environmentally damaging lifestyles. We've got to get serious about protecting the environment - before it's too late."



## A Good Deal for Shepway: Lib Dem Tax Proposals

**WINNERS:** Typical Shepway pensioner couple **SAVE** around **£1,600** a year through proposals including scrapping council tax

**WINNERS:** Typical Shepway double-earning couple **SAVE** around **£1,500** a year through measures including a 2p cut in the basic rate of income tax

**WINNERS:** Around **2,500** in Shepway on low income **REMOVED** from income tax completely by reducing the 10p tax rate to zero

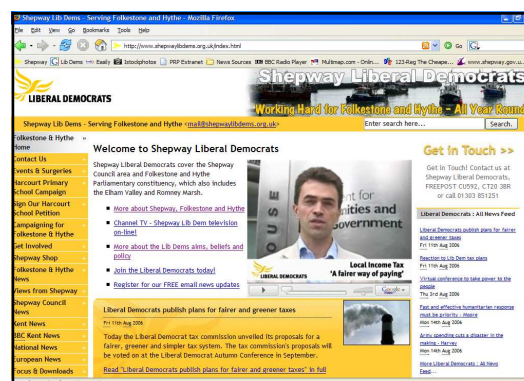
**WINNERS:** Around **1,500** people in Shepway **OUT** of the top rate of income tax by raising the threshold to £50,000 a year

## Shepway Lib Dem TV Live!

Shepway Lib Dems are leading the way on-line locally by using TV on their web site to explain their commitment to scrap Council Tax.

You can see a range of Lib Dem TV broadcasts at [www.shepwaylibdems.org.uk](http://www.shepwaylibdems.org.uk) and more are promised in the future. Shepway Lib Dem web master **Tim Prater** said:

"The Lib Dems have long been the most 'wired' party in Shepway. We always try to have up to date local news and updates on our campaigns."



## GREEN TOP TIP

Next time you shop for fruit & veg look at the 'country of origin' and choose the product that has travelled the least.

Choosing locally produced food saves energy and pollution from the truck, ship or plane(!) that brought those goods to the shop.

## For Action: Tell Us!

The Lib Dem team are working to get the problems resolved from this Focus, and many more across Shepway. Got another issue you would like us to take up or help with? Tell us!

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Name ..... Email .....

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- I can deliver leaflets  I can help with Clerical work

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