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**£10,000 GIVEAWAY
FOR LOCAL CAUSES.
SEE OVER!**

CHIPS IN THE BINS

Snooping fear about Council tracking chips in recycling bins

Shocked residents across Folkestone have discovered that their purple top recycling bins contain a tracking chip.

New recycling bins delivered across Shepway as part of the new waste collection scheme have an electronic chip fitted under the lid.

With scanners, the chips could be used by the Council to monitor the recycling waste put out.

Despite Council pledges that the chips are not currently being used, there are fears that they could allow the Council

to monitor recycling waste from our homes.

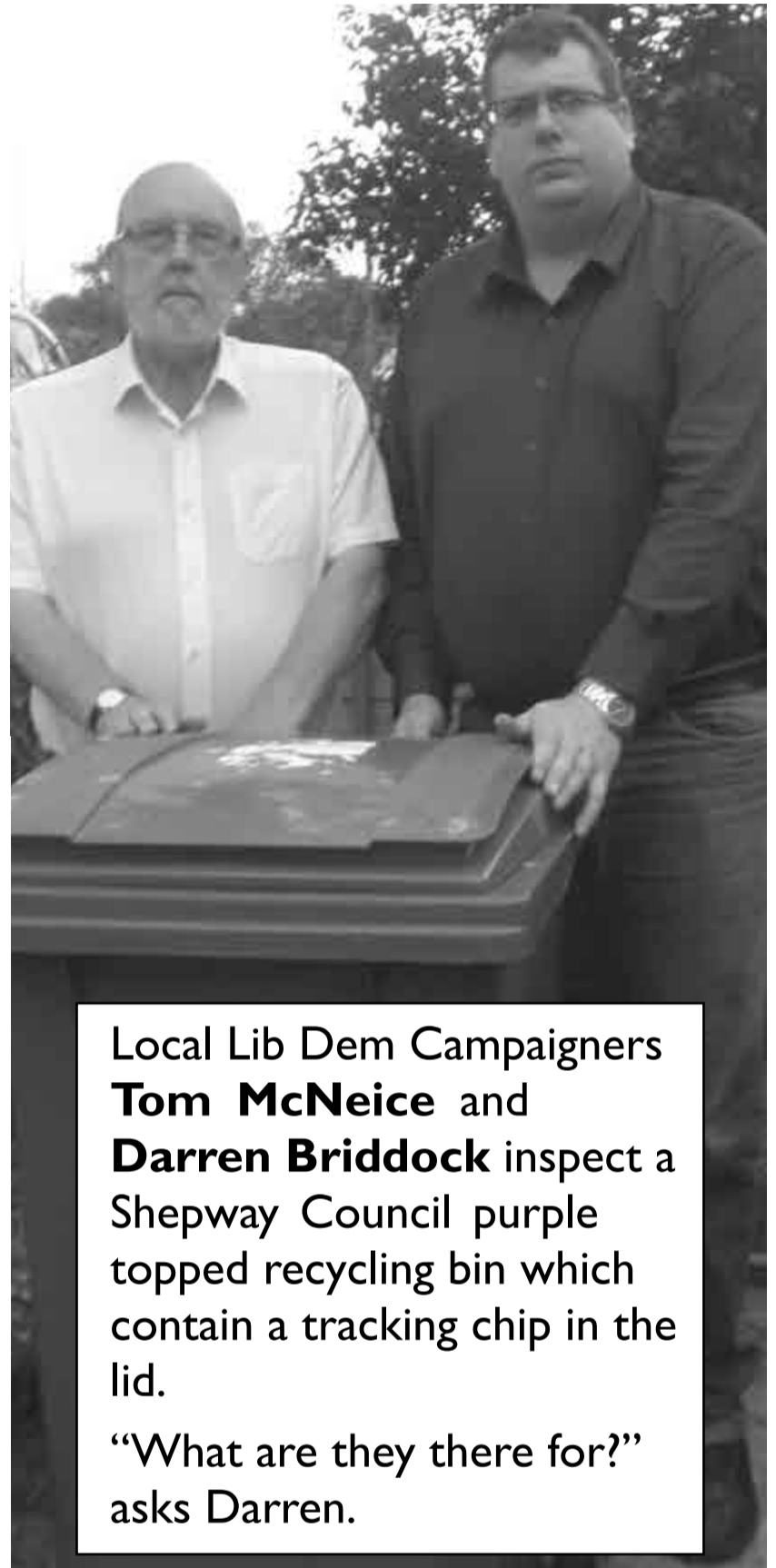
The Folkestone Lib Dem team have joined local residents in speaking out against introducing tracking.

Folkestone campaigner **Tom McNeice** says:

“If there are chips in bins to watch local people’s recycling, that’s a disgrace.

“If our tax money has paid for pointless chips that will never be used, that’s an outrage.

“Either way, Shepway Council have a lot of explaining to do.”



Local Lib Dem Campaigners **Tom McNeice** and **Darren Briddock** inspect a Shepway Council purple topped recycling bin which contain a tracking chip in the lid.

“What are they there for?” asks Darren.

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SPEAK OUT: Views on Shepway Recycling Scheme



“What reason is there for chips in our bins? I’m all for recycling, but this enables Council snooping.”

Lynne Beaumont



“Many flats are having problems with fortnightly collections and too many different bins.”

Tim Prater



“I don’t understand why we still can’t recycle some plastics like bottle caps with the other plastics.”

Gary Fuller



“Some families really struggle with fortnightly collections. It’s a lot of waste to store.”

Lee Walker



“The council says they won’t watch our waste. So why waste money on pointless chips? Madness.”

Darren Briddock

Shepway Youth Service Under Threat: See Over

You Decide Who Gets £10k!

There is £10,000 available from Kent County Council for community groups in Folkestone West & Sandgate on 5th November.

Any group can apply for up to £1,000 for projects that benefit the local area - and local residents decide who should get the cash!

Lib Dem Tim Prater is the only County Councillor in Shepway to give local residents the say in where this funding goes.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 28th October.

For a grant application form contact County Councillor Tim Prater (details below) or Allison Allan at allison.allan@kent.gov.uk

All local residents are welcome to hear the applicants and VOTE for which groups they want to support!

The "You Decide" day this year is on Saturday 5th November at Pent Valley Technology College, Surrenden Road from 1-4pm. No need to RSVP - just turn up at 1pm on the day!

"I'm delighted for the third year running to give local residents the say on which groups they want to support. It's REAL power to the people!"
Tim Prater

Punishing Success

Conservative Kent County Council slammed for plans to charge for school transport for Grammar pupils

A motion opposing the removal of free to school transport for pupils at selective and religious schools in Kent was rejected by Conservative Kent County Councillors.

The motion, moved by Lib Dem Folkestone County Councillor **Tim Prater**, called for the withdrawal of proposals to cut discretionary home-to-school transport to grammar and denominational schools from September 2012.

Lib Dem Councillor Tim Prater said:

"By withdrawing free school transport for those at selective

schools, how do Kent plan to reward those who succeed in gaining a place at a Kent Grammar School?

"How does the County Council plan to celebrate that success, to reward that achievement?"

"Kent plans to reward that success by making it harder and more expensive for many children to get to the school they have won a place at. That's a disgrace.

"If Kent are seeking to destroy the Grammar system then they should be honest about that and have an honest debate, not



Prater: "Kent are punishing successful pupils."

make it unaffordable for some families through the back door."



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