

# CHERITON FOCUS

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# THANK YOU!

The Lib Dems swept to victory in the Cheriton by-election for Folkestone Town Council. New Councillor **Tim Prater** has thanked Cheriton residents for their support.

The result in full was:

■	Lib Dem Tim Prater	504
■	Conservative	294
■	People First	262
■	Go Folkestone	126
■	Impeach Tony Blair	18

Tim said:

"It's a real honour to be elected to represent Cheriton, and I plan to do so to the best of my ability. I look forward to working with my fellow Town Councillors for Cheriton and the Lib Dem group to get the best for the area.

"Talking to people on their doorsteps over the last few weeks, I know what local people are calling for, and I will work to deliver results for them.

"Better priced parking in Folkestone. Better street cleaning. Better facilities. A feeling of security in local streets. A bit of pride in Cheriton and Folkestone. It's not much to ask, and I plan to work with Peter Gane and other local councillors to deliver real results."

## Flying Start: Tim Backs Age Concern

Tim has pledged £500 of the remaining Cheriton "ward fund" to support the refurbishment of the local Age Concern Day Care Centre to ensure their toilet and kitchen facilities meet health standards. Tim said:

"There was a real risk this project would have been delayed if we didn't act quickly!

"Councillors Peter Gane and Lynne Smith have been supporting this hugely worthwhile project, and I'm delighted that the refurbishment can now be completed.

"With funds allocated by the three of us, the builders are booked, and many local elderly residents will benefit from the Day Centre."



*Peter Carroll, Tim Prater and Peter Gane: Thank You Cheriton!*

## Town Meeting: Have YOUR Say

All Folkestone residents are invited to the annual Town meeting on 4th May at 7pm at the Baptist Church, Hill Road.

Residents can raise matters and ask questions in respect of the local government services provided in the Town.

Councillors and representatives from Kent Police and the Town Centre Management will be present to answer questions.

New local train operator Govia will also address the meeting about local rail services.

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# Peter and Tim Fight for Roman Way Allotments

Residents in Roman Way were devastated when the owner of the allotment site on Roman Way "cleared" the allotments and removed fences to the site allowing free access.

**Tim Prater** joined residents in Roman Way on the day of the clearance, and has spoken to the Health and Safety Officers. With no fence, access to area is now unmarked and dangerous, especially to children, as it is covered with sharp items and rutted.



**Councillor Peter Gane** has contacted the Shepway Planning Department, which confirmed that the owner is within his rights to remove topsoil, but not to excavate the site. Peter and Tim are also concerned about dumped rubbish on the site.





There is NO planning permission, after planning permission for a series of houses and flats on the site was rejected and an appeal refused.





Network Rail are concerned about the piles of debris being left by their fence being used as missiles onto the railway. Tim Prater said:

"This site was home to many animals - with local residents who used to own the allotments here talking about slow worms, foxes and even badgers. This site clearance has devastated the area, and with no need.

"When I spoke to the site owner, he claimed he wanted to work with local people to get a solution that everyone was happy with. This has to be the wrong way to go about that."

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Valebrook Site Cleared

Residents in Valebrook Close have also seen a site cleared. The area was home to a number of foxes, badgers and birds. Trees and hedges have been removed.

Tim Prater has confirmed with Shepway Council that there is no planning permission for the site. Wildlife officers have been informed of the clearance.

### E-Focus Launched

Cheriton E-Focus is a new idea to keep Cheriton residents up to date with local news by email.

E-Focus is a fortnightly update, keeping people in touch with fast moving news like planning applications.

If you would like to receive a copy of E-Focus, email your name & email to [tim@shepwaylibdems.org.uk](mailto:tim@shepwaylibdems.org.uk) - we'll add you to the mailing list.

### Folkestone Online Update

Following a request by Tim Prater, Folkestone Town Council has updated [www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.folkestonetc.kentparishes.gov.uk).

Tim said:

"The site helps keep people in touch with the Council's work, but some areas needed fixing or updating - like documents you couldn't download."

### Taylor Road Rodents

Residents in Taylor Road have reported sightings of rats. Peter Gane has raised this with Shepway Environmental Health who are assessing the problem.

## Get in Touch: Grumble Sheet

Got a local problem? Tell Tim and Peter who will try to help!  
Your problem:

Name: .....

Address: .....

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