

Fire Cut

FURY

- 24 full-time Firefighters to go
- One fire engine to go
- High rescue ladder to go
- Response times to increase

Tories on Kent County Council back plans to cut the cover at Folkestone Fire Station almost in HALF!

Shepway Liberal Democrats are joining Folkestone firefighters and local residents to fight this devastating cut.

What the cuts would mean:

24 full-time firefighter jobs will be SLASHED!

One of the two fire engines will be SCRAPPED!

And the high ladder will be moved to Ashford, so it will take at least 15 minutes longer to respond to any emergency above the 4th floor.

Response times will increase. On average it will take longer to get to emergencies across Shepway - including the Channel Tunnel.

Lib Dem Leader **Lynne Beaumont** said:

"This is simply wrong. Even the people proposing this change accept that cover in Folkestone and Shepway will get worse.

"Our local firefighters have huge concerns that these cuts will put local lives at risk. We must back them and tell Kent to stop this plan - now."

HAVE YOUR SAY

The Kent Fire and Rescue Service will be publishing adverts in November for the public to have their say.

There will also be dedicated pages on their website: www.kent.fire-uk.org or you can email questions to irmp@kent.fire-uk.org

Fighting for You In Cheriton



Cheriton Ward Councillors Dhan Gurung and Tim Prater with a local resident at recent clean-up day at Cheriton Rec

Shepway Council has granted planning permission to build six houses on a part of Cheriton Recreation Ground bordering Weymouth Road. The decision ignores huge local opposition. Local residents and local Liberal Democrat Councillors have pledged to continue to fight to save the park.

Councillor Peter Gane pledged that the Liberal Democrats will continue to fight this development with local residents. He said:

"It would seem that no open space in Folkestone is any longer safe. We will work to stop and block this development any way we can.

"Councillors from Folkestone Town Council who actually know the area voted overwhelmingly against this proposal. However, this has been overturned by Conservative Councillors from across Shepway, as the Tories desperately sell off anything they can to try to make their budget balance."



Lib Dem majority Folkestone Town Council has funded a repainting project for street litter bins across Folkestone.

Although the bins are owned by Shepway Council, Folkestone have stepped in to paint the bins after years of neglect.

Cheriton Councillor Peter Gane said "It's 'bin' ages since they were painted last and they looked awful! The new paint job really smartens the area up."

Shepway Council's White Lion Farce

Plans to turn the old White Lion on Cheriton High Street into student accommodation and new houses were considered by Shepway planners TWICE after the council botched voting on the application.

At the first meeting, a motion to accept the development was rejected, but a technicality forced the decision to a second meeting. That meeting saw Tory Councillors on the committee give the plan a green light.

Residents had raised concerns with Councillors **Peter Carroll** and **Tim Prater** about the extra parking problems the development would cause. Tim Prater spoke about the huge parking in Chilham Road at both meetings.

Peter Carroll said: "Although the council have agreed the plans, the developer has told the Council he will not proceed until at least April. He wants to meet with local residents to discuss the plans and possible alternative development. I hope we can arrange that meeting soon."



Cheriton District Councillor Peter Carroll

Cheriton Police Community Meeting

All local residents are welcome to a Police Community Meeting at St Andrews Church Hall, Ashley Avenue on 20th November from 7.30pm to discuss local crime problems with Police, our new Police Community Safety Officers for Cheriton, Councillors and others: have YOUR say on issues that need to be tackled locally.

For more information or to discuss a local crime problem at any time, contact PCSO Keith Samsun or Mark Ball on 07772226055 or email keith.samsun@police.pnn.police.uk

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