

CHERITON FOCUS

Winter 2007

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The Liberal Democrats have launched the "We Can Cut Crime" campaign, unveiling five steps to a safer Shepway and Britain.

In Shepway, the Liberal Democrats have collected hundreds of signatures against the removing of 35 police officers from South Kent.

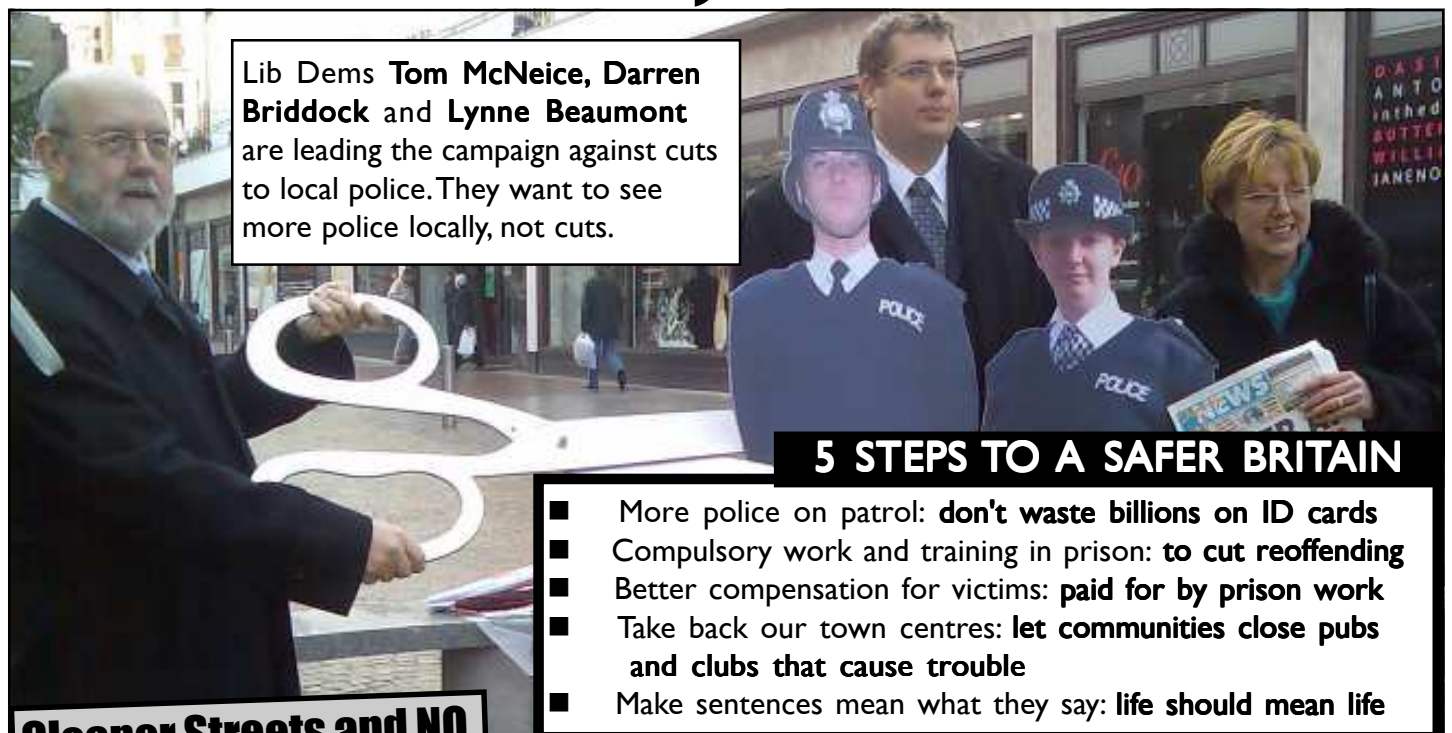
Save OUR Royal Victoria
Lib Dem campaign forces NHS admission on Derry Unit

Lib Dems Stack Success
Police back Carroll's traffic light plan to cut delays

Weymouth Sell-off Latest
Lib Dems back local residents to fight Weymouth Road land sell-off

See over for more!

Cut Crime, Not Police



Lib Dems **Tom McNeice, Darren Briddock** and **Lynne Beaumont** are leading the campaign against cuts to local police. They want to see more police locally, not cuts.

5 STEPS TO A SAFER BRITAIN

- More police on patrol: **don't waste billions on ID cards**
- Compulsory work and training in prison: **to cut reoffending**
- Better compensation for victims: **paid for by prison work**
- Take back our town centres: **let communities close pubs and clubs that cause trouble**
- Make sentences mean what they say: **life should mean life**

Cleaner Streets and NO Tax Rise for Folkestone

Pressure from residents and the Lib Dems paid off when Folkestone Town Council voted for a zero rise in tax for 2007-08 AND backed new spending to make Folkestone cleaner. "A Folkestone survey showed 75% of respondents wanted to see Council Tax frozen this year, and that cleaner streets are the big priority for residents." said **Tim Prater**. "This budget achieves both those aims. This is a good deal for our town."

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End to Cheriton High Street Lorry Blight



Peter Gane

Work has started to end the lorry parking problem in **Cheriton High Street** after years of campaigning from local residents and Lib Dems. The works should stop lorry parking in the slip road, which disturbed residents in **Samian Crescent, Tiber Close** and **Roman Way**.

Lib Dem Councillor **Peter Gane** has welcomed the works. He said:

"We've been pushing for these works for so long, it's great that Kent County Council are finally taking action. I hope that we are only a few days away from the end of years of noise, disruption and rubbish for local residents and road users."

Save OUR Royal Victoria – See Over

Save OUR Royal Victoria

The sell-off of the main building at the Royal Victoria Hospital will force the moving of the respected Derry Unit – probably out of Folkestone. The NHS have admitted that to keep the Derry Unit without the main building would be "very difficult" in the remaining hospital space.



Cllr Hugh Robertson-Ritchie

Folkestone GP and Lib Dem Councillor **Hugh Robertson-Ritchie** is calling for the Derry Unit to stay in Folkestone. He said:

"To get all current services into the remaining sections of the hospital will be a squeeze. Many people just don't believe it will work at all, and even the NHS admit the Derry Unit "probably" won't fit.

"How can a fair decision on the future of the unit be made by a the Trust that wants to sell the building it's in?"

Save OUR Royal Victoria online – www.sorv.org.uk

Valebrook Planning Win

Plans for two houses in **Valebrook Close** have been turned down. Councillor **Tim Prater** has worked with local residents and welcomed the rejection:

"Valebrook Close residents felt the proposed buildings would tower over neighbouring gardens."

Weymouth Sell-off Latest

The sale of Council land in Weymouth Road next to the Bowls Club has been delayed after massive local opposition.

Councillor **Peter Gane** said:

"The sell-off has been delayed and a planning application is now expected in March.

"The Lib Dems will do all we can to fight this sell-off with local residents."

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Can We Help? Get in Touch!

The Lib Dem FOCUS Team are working for Cheriton throughout the year. If you've got a local problem, please get in touch - we will try to help!

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If you give us your email address, we may contact you about local campaigns.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Carroll Gets Stack Action

Kent Police have taken up a suggestion from Lib Dem **Peter Carroll** to speed up coastbound traffic during Operation Stack.



Peter asked for traffic light timings on the A20 in Sellenge to be changed during Operation Stack to cut coast-bound waiting.

Kent Police called the idea "an excellent one".

Getting Gurkha Justice



Lib Dems **Toby Philpott** and **Peter Carroll** on the march

Over 1,000 Gurkhas and supporters have marched on Downing Street, campaigning for a fair pension for retired Gurkhas.

Shepway Lib Dems have backed the campaign, and local campaigners including Parliamentary Spokesman **Toby Philpott** joined the march.

Learn more about the campaign by visiting www.gurkhajustice.org.uk.

Lydd Extension Challenged

Plans to extend the runway at Lydd Airport to allow larger planes have been submitted. When landing, their flight path will follow the A259 over Folkestone and Hythe.



Councillor **Lynne Beaumont** says "It's easy to say this is a Marsh issue, but these planes will be flying over Folkestone too!"

There are exhibitions on the Airport expansion proposals until 23 March at the **Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone** and the **Hythe One Stop Shop, Hythe**.