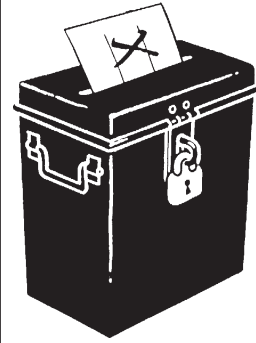


## Would you like a postal vote?



If you would like to vote by post on March 23rd in the Town Council by-election, call us for an application form on 851251

# on Cheriton Lorry Parking

**Local Lib Dem Campaigner Tim Prater has been busy getting real action to combat lorry parking near Tesco.**

Tim was deeply concerned at the state of the roadside verges, which had been almost destroyed by lorry wheels, and the amount of litter being left by lorry drivers, combined with unacceptable levels of noise from lorry engines overnight.

The local Lib Dem team, including Cheriton Councillor Peter Gane, and Lib Dem Parliamentary Spokesman Peter Carroll, have been campaigning for years for something to be done about this situation, but the Conservative run Kent County Council have been dragging their feet.

Tim Prater said "The County Council have been promising for over a year that they will take action and they have done nothing to solve this problem. Thanks to local residents and Lib Dems working together there seem to be fewer lorries parking in the layby already."

"I have now written to Shepway Council asking them to put up signs to replace our temporary home made ones, asking lorry drivers to park elsewhere. I have also requested that Shepway puts a bollard on the verge at the start of the layby to protect the grass there and prevent it being ruined."



● Local Campaigner Tim Prater led a protest against the lorries parking on the Cheriton High Street Interchange. The protest was covered by Meridian TV and other local media.

# Cheriton Let Down by Conservatives

**Local Campaigner Tim Prater has slammed the Conservatives in Shepway for failing local people.**

The Conservatives are running our District and County Councils and yet are still not delivering the services local people need and want.

Tim Prater said "Just taking one example, the recent recycling fiasco, it is clear that the Conservatives are letting local people down."

"After the Council's recycling vehicles had to be taken off the road, Shepway is still paying £8000 extra a week for hiring vehicles for the waste collection and recycling scheme. The Council is also not getting the money it thought it would

from the recycling, because they are not able to sort and deliver it in the way they hoped. The whole scheme's introduction is just a shameful catalogue of errors by the Council."

Local people will get a chance to have their say on March 23rd, when Cheriton will elect a new Town Councillor after the Conservative who represented our ward failed to turn up to any meetings for six months and was thrown off the Council.

Local Lib Dem Tim Prater said "Local residents deserve to be represented by someone who will really work hard to represent them. The Conservatives should be ashamed of this record of failure."

The Conservative Town Councillor for Cheriton caused this by-election by not attending a single meeting for 6 months. He just didn't show up.

The Conservatives in Shepway mismanaged the introduction of the new Recycling scheme, costing local residents many thousands of pounds more than planned. Many of the problems are still not resolved.

The Conservatives and People First party who run Shepway Council tried to hike up parking charges across our area, and have had to do a U-turn and revise their plans.

# Ming Campbell is new Lib Dem Leader

**Ming Campbell has become the new leader of the Lib Dems.**

Ming becomes leader at a time where the Lib Dems are stronger than ever. Just last month, the Lib Dems won their 63rd MP in a spectacular by-election win in Scotland.

In the by-election, the Lib Dems came from a distant second place to take the seat from Labour. David Cameron's Tories finished in an embarrassing fourth place.

Ming Campbell said the challenge for Lib Dems now was to lead the party back towards government at the next general election.

Ming was previously Lib Dem Foreign Affairs Spokesman leading the party's opposition to the war in Iraq.

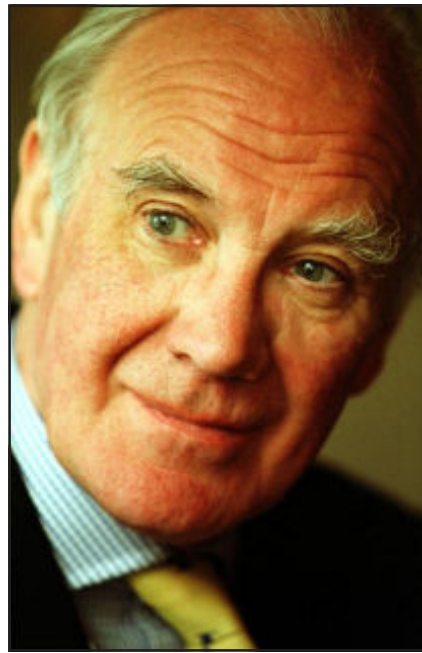
Before becoming an MP, Ming was an Olympic

sprinter and held the British 100m record for seven years!

Ming said, "I will lead the party in a crusade against poverty."

"We will champion freedom, fairness and environmental protection."

If you would like to learn more about Ming Campbell, or if you would like to join the Liberal Democrats, visit [www.libdems.org.uk](http://www.libdems.org.uk) which is our national party website, or alternatively, visit [www.shepwaylibdems.org.uk](http://www.shepwaylibdems.org.uk) for local news.



## Roundabout Repairs for Broadview

Cheriton's Lib Dem team have heard from a number of local residents of the poor state of the roundabout at Broadview.



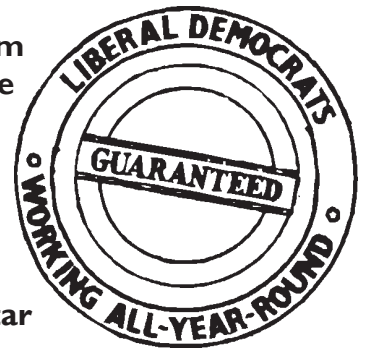
Councillor Peter Gane has raised this issue with the Council, and pointed out that much of the damage has been caused by Council contractor Cleanaway's vehicles cutting across the roundabout.

Thanks to Cllr Gane, the Council have now spoken to Cleanaway, and arrangements are being made for repairs to the roundabout.

The Council has also told Cllr Gane that if Cleanaway vehicles continue to cut across the roundabout, the company will be issued a penalty fine, which should help prevent further damage.

## Star Lane Fence set for Clean Up

Local Campaigner Tim Prater recently wrote to the Manager of Wickes' Home Improvement Store regarding the fence on the boundary of their property and Star Lane.



The fence is in a poor state of repair, and is falling down. The nearby trees appear to have pushed the fence panels over as they have grown.

Tim was delighted to receive a helpful and positive response from the Manager of Wickes' which promised to look into whose land the trees are growing on, but even if the trees are not on Wickes' property, they have offered to provide free fencing to help with the repairs.

We will keep residents informed of progress.

**TELL US ABOUT PROBLEMS IN YOUR AREA**

# Tim Prater FACTFILE

- Tim is a self employed local business man who builds and designs web sites.
- Tim has been married for more than eight years to his wife, Season.
- Tim has run several high-profile campaigns in Cheriton, including his fight against Car Park charge increases, and his campaign to stop lorries parking in the lay-by near Tesco, which featured on Meridian TV.
- Tim's hobbies are watching football and rugby and meeting with friends.



Local Lib Dem Tim Prater says

*"I will do my best to help solve any local problems you have. Please do get in touch."*

## Got A Problem? Let Us Help!

To talk to your local Lib Dem team of Tim Prater, Cllr Peter Gane or Peter Carroll, please call 01303 851251 or email [cheritonteam@shepwaylibdems.org.uk](mailto:cheritonteam@shepwaylibdems.org.uk) Alternatively, fill in this form and send to Cheriton Lib Dems, FREEPOST CU592, CT20 3BR

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Please use this space to describe the problem you would like us to help with:

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