

HARBOUR FOCUS

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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

Harbour Action File
Emily Sanger and the Lib Dems get action across Harbour

See over for more!

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.

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 **Emily Sanger**. "This budget achieves both those aims. This is a good deal for our town."

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Emily Sanger Backs Harbour Market



Emily Sanger is backing the new Harbour Market, which is planned to run every Sunday from April

Councillor **Emily Sanger** has supported the work of Harbourmart to get the Farmers, Fisherman and Arts Market up and running.

Emily used some of her Town Council ward grant to help buy special stalls for local artists. Emily says:

"The great thing about this market is it a not-for-profit organisation and the directors have promised to put any profit back into Folkestone."

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

Harbour Action File

Emily Sanger and the Harbour Lib Dems are working with a wide range of local projects, including:

- Getting the **Christmas tree** back on **Wear Bay Crescent** in December
- Working with **Warren Way N'hood Watch** to find project funding
- Backing new harbour facilities, where Roger De Haan has donated land for a **skate park**
- Reporting local **rubbish grot-spots** and faulty **street lights**.

Got a local problem? Tell Tessa, Emily and the Lib Dem team - details below!



Emily with rubbish in Peter Steet

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Can We Help? Get in Touch!

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

Your comments:

Name:

Address:

Email:

**Return to:
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CT20 3BR**

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 Sellingle 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.gurkajustice.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**.