

# 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](http://www.kent.fire-uk.org) or you can email questions to [irmp@kent.fire-uk.org](mailto:irmp@kent.fire-uk.org)

# Fighting for you in Harbour Ward

Folkestone Town Council has given more money this year for Christmas lights.

**Cllr Emily Sanger** said

“Not only we will have a Christmas tree on the triangle between Wear Bay Rd and Wear Bay Crescent but also Christmas lights in Wear Bay Rd. This is great news. Hopefully each year the Town Council will add more Christmas lights to our area.”

Sue and Emily met with the town centre manager to chose suitable lights.

Cllrs **Sue Wallace** and **Emily Sanger** were approached about a building that doesn't seem to follow the strict planning guide lines.

After talking to the officers at Shepway District Council it was found that the building was not in-keeping with the relevant plans.

Sue and Emily asked local residents to write with their objections. The matter is due to go back before the council in the next month. Both councillors believe that the plans were in-keeping with the local area but the actual building is too high.



Cllr Emily Sanger is pleased with the freshly painted bins. “They really smarten the area up”

## Newly Painted Bins

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

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

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

## New play area for local school



Harbour Councillors **Sue Wallace** and **Emily Sanger** have been working with St Marys Primary School Council. They along with other outside agencies have been trying to get a play area on to the piece of land at Southern Way. It has so far taken almost two years but they believe that the project is close to becoming reality.

The children of St Marys School have chosen there favourite design, they have chosen play equipment that is made from recycled cars and milk cartons. The plans now have to go before the council and the last bit of money needs to be raised and hopefully before the summer next year our area will have a lovely new park.

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