

FOLKESTONE 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

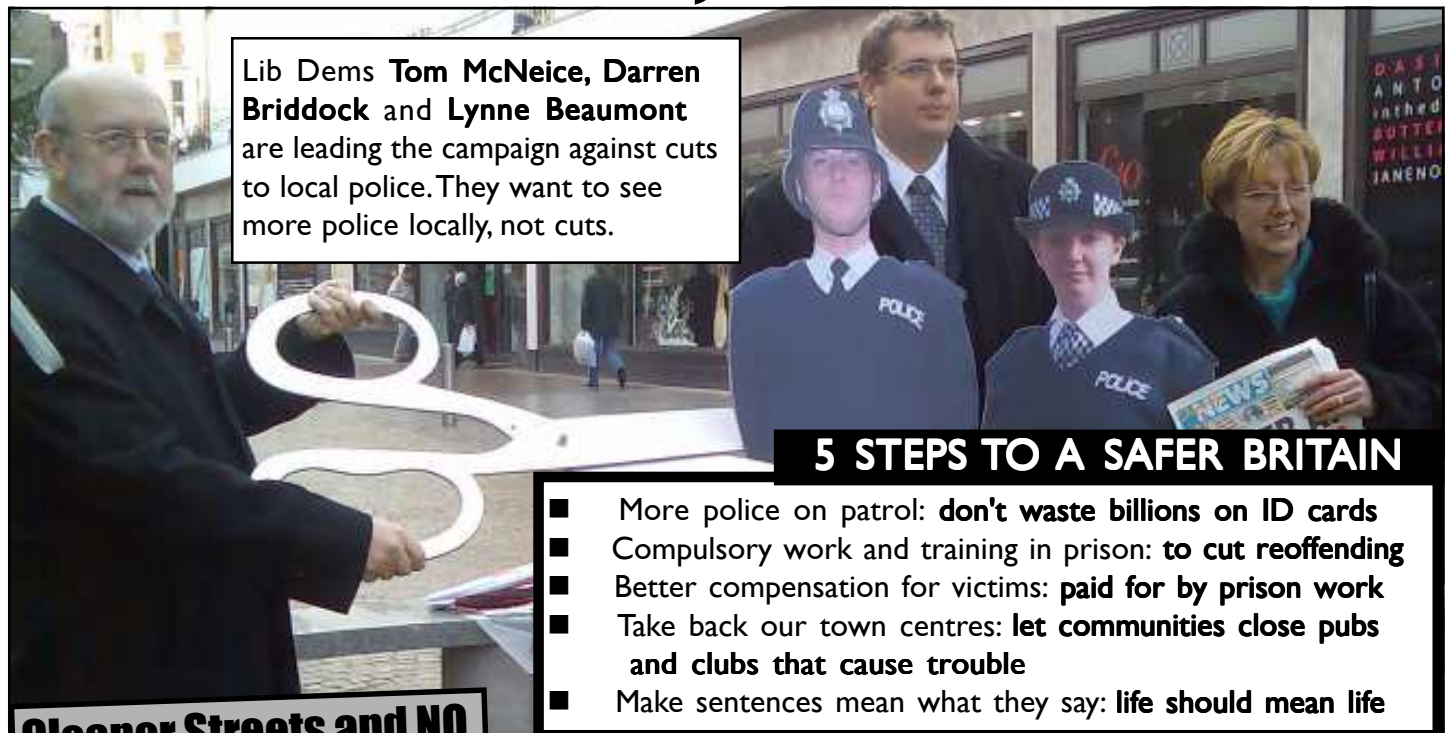
Let Flats Recycle Too!
Campaigner Gary Fuller calls for
recycling collection from flats

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."

Ban busted bins and let there be light!

Is this the worst looking bin in Folkestone? Local campaigner **Gary Fuller** is campaigning to get bins replaced and renovated across Central Folkestone. Gary says:



Folkestone's worst looking bin? **Gary Fuller** in XXX

"The only thing worse than the litter in parts of Folkestone is the state of the bins!"

The Lib Dem team is also pushing Kent Council to make the area safer by **fixing broken street lights** faster. "Dark streets just don't feel safe." says Gary. "Some lights take months to repair despite being reported."

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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

Let us ALL Recycle!

Sandgate Road resident **Gary Fuller** is calling for "doorstep" recycling to be extended to flats.

Gary explains:

"Although recycling is collected from houses, those of us in flats don't have the same option. We should have the same chance to be green!"



Fuller offers Tenant support

Have you got a problem with your landlord?

Local campaigner **Gary Fuller** has plenty of experience in resolving problems between residents and landlords, and has offered to help other residents with problems.

If you could use some help, give Gary a call on 07877 703945.

Get in Touch with Your FOCUS Team

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Can We Help? Get in Touch!

The Lib Dem FOCUS Team are working for Folkestone Central 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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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



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**.