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# Sam listens to local people

**Local Lib Dem Sam Matthews and his team have completed Sam's door to door survey of all Hythe North households.**

Local residents were asked for their views on a wide range of issues including health, education, policing and the current hot topic of the Conservative Council's disastrous introduction of the new recycling scheme.

Sam said "It has been great meeting people as I have gone around our area."

"I think it is very important to find out what local people really think about the issues our area is facing. I am now following up all the issues that people have raised on their completed survey forms."

If you have not yet completed Sam's Resident Survey, please call Sam on 268043 for a copy and he will be happy to drop one through your door for you.



● Sam Matthews (right) is working hard with local Lib Dems to sort out the problems with the Conservative Council's recycling fiasco.

## Recycling chaos continues

**Local Lib Dem campaigners and Councillors continue to be contacted by residents having problems with recycling.**

In Sam Matthews' Residents Survey, more than one in three residents criticised the scheme, with many giving detailed reports of the problems they have experienced.

Hythe North Councillor Neil Matthews said "It is frustrating to

see that these problems are still out there."

"Recycling is vitally important to the health of our environment, but the Conservatives running the Council seem unable to sort out these basic problems residents are experiencing."

"I will continue to fight for action on these issues."

**Want to vote by post? See over**

# Election date set for January 26th

A Town Council by-election has been called to elect a new Councillor for our area.

Popular local campaigner Sam Matthews will be standing against a Conservative who does not live in our ward.

The result looks set for a close finish, with many traditionally Conservative voters saying that they are backing Sam this time.

Sam said "I am proud to be standing to represent our area. I am really committed to listening to local people and standing up for the things our area needs. That's why I've just completed a full survey of local residents. I can assure you that as your Councillor I will take your views seriously and put local people's needs before politics."

With the Polling Day set for January 26th, it is likely the weather may be unpleasant, so



● Sam Matthews having a mug of tea with a local pensioner.

As our Councillor, Sam will listen to local people and fight for a better deal for older people in our area.

Sam is suggesting local residents may like to vote by post.

Sam said "Some people do prefer to go to the Polling Station to cast their vote, but in the rain, wind or snow it can easily end up being an unpleasant trip."

"Postal votes are available to all voters - you don't need to give a reason for asking for one. If you are interested please call me on 851251 or 268043 and I will drop an application form round to you."

## Junior Swim Price Set to Soar

Conservative Council hikes up swim prices - but money will not be used for Hythe.

Local residents have been shocked to hear of new proposals from Conservative run Shepway District Council to raise an extra £8,000 in 2006 by increasing the cost of a swim at Hythe pool.

Hythe Lib Dem Cllr Neil Matthews challenged the huge price rise - particularly of a junior swim - at a recent Council meeting and successfully got the rise for a junior reduced, although it will still increase.

Cllr Matthews said "I am appalled by the Conservatives proposed increases to the price of swimming in Hythe. It is a particular disgrace since the £8,000 the Council will make from Hythe pool users is not for any Hythe project or service - it is simply going to increase the Council's bank balance!"

## HERE TO HELP



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Write to - **Hythe Lib Dems,**  
**FREEPOST CU592, CT20 3BR**  
Or call **Sam Matthews direct on**  
**01303 268043**

**Tell Sam Matthews about the problem in your street and he will do his best to help you.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Litter, rubbish or graffiti

Speeding traffic

Broken streetlights

Poor quality pavements

Pot holes in the road

Other (please give details):



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**Sam MATTHEWS**  LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



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