

# Be Proud: A message from Joanna Lumley

The success of the Gurkha Justice Campaign is truly wonderful. It has meant that a historic debt has finally been repaid. I would like to thank everyone across the country and indeed the world who has supported us. This victory would not have been possible without the support of people from every walk of life and every political point of view.

The campaign was in large part born in Falkestone and Hythe and driven by local Lib Dem Peter Carrall. He and his fellow local Lib Dems have worked tirelessly on the campaign since 2004.

Helping lead this campaign has been an emotional roller coaster with incredible highs and lows.

I feel so proud in our Country that justice has finally been done.



*Joanna Lumley*

# The Facts Don't Lie

While staying a Councillor, despite moving from Hythe in late 2007, what has been the **REAL** record of Conservative Councillor Oliver in standing up for Hythe West?

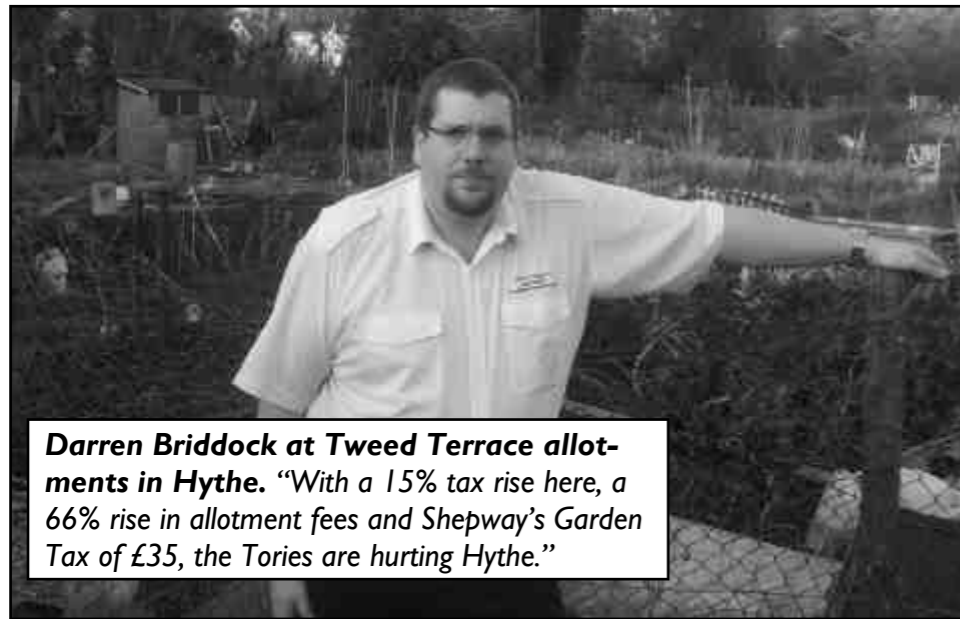
Meeting	Attendance
Hythe Council Meeting 8 November 2007	MISSING
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Shepway Council Meeting 21 February 2008	MISSING
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Shepway Council Meeting 30 April 2008	MISSING
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<b>Overall Record</b>	<b>3/23 FAIL</b>

Also could have attended the 23rd September Shepway Development Control meeting which voted through the Nicholls Quarry Development. Attended a Parish Council meeting in Somerset instead.

**Hythe West has been let down by the Conservatives  
For a positive alternative, see inside**

# A Record of Action A Promise of More

## Standing up against Higher Hythe tax



**Darren Briddock at Tweed Terrace allotments in Hythe.** "With a 15% tax rise here, a 66% rise in allotment fees and Shepway's Garden Tax of £35, the Tories are hurting Hythe."

**Liberal Democrat Darren Briddock has opposed tax increases by Conservative Hythe Town Council that have seen its Council Tax rise by over 30% in two years.**

Hythe Town Council has raised Council Tax by 15% in each of the last two years, with a total hike of over 30%.

At the same time, they have massively increased the cost of Hythe allotments.

And Shepway Council have introduced new charges of £35 a year for garden brown-top bins.

**Neil Matthews** says:

"These rises are outrageous.

"First Tory Shepway Council introduce a 'Garden Tax' of £35 a year by charging for Brown-top Bins. Now Conservative Hythe Town Council slam council tax payers with a 15% increase, and allotment owners with yet more charges."

**Darren Briddock** commented:

"The only thing Hythe Council is encouraging to grow here is their taxes and charges. It's a bad deal for Hythe. We'll fight to keep taxes down."



## Working with local people to make Hythe better

When a large hole appeared in footpath behind Frampton Road and St Nicholas Terrace was reported on a Sunday afternoon last year, the Lib Dem team of Darren Briddock, Neil and Sam Matthews contacted Shepway's Chief Executive who sent an emergency team out to cover the hole that was forming in the pathway.

The Lib Dem team then persuaded Southern Water it was its responsibility, who sent a tanker for emergency overnight pumping-out of the sewer followed by pipe repair work.

Neil Matthews commented:

"This is the sort of action that needs local people on the ground. Local residents needed us on site to help sort the problem."



**Flashback: Frampton Road needed fast action after a sewer collapsed**

## Fighting for Hythe On Nickolls Quarry



*The Liberal Democrat team worked with local residents during the planning application for Nickolls Quarry. They kept local people up to date and attended meetings and made sure local views were heard.*

Neil Matthews said: "It was appalling when Conservative run Shepway Council passed the planning application for Nickolls Quarry ignoring the views of local residents. Shepway should have listened to local people."

**On June 4th you have five votes**

<b>Neil MATTHEWS</b> For Shepway District Council		<b>X</b>
<b>Darren BRIDDOCK</b> For Kent County Council and Hythe Town Council		<b>X</b>
<b>Sam MATTHEWS</b> For Hythe Town Council		<b>X</b>
<b>Liberal Democrats</b> For European Parliament		<b>X</b>

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