

MOREHALL FOCUS

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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.

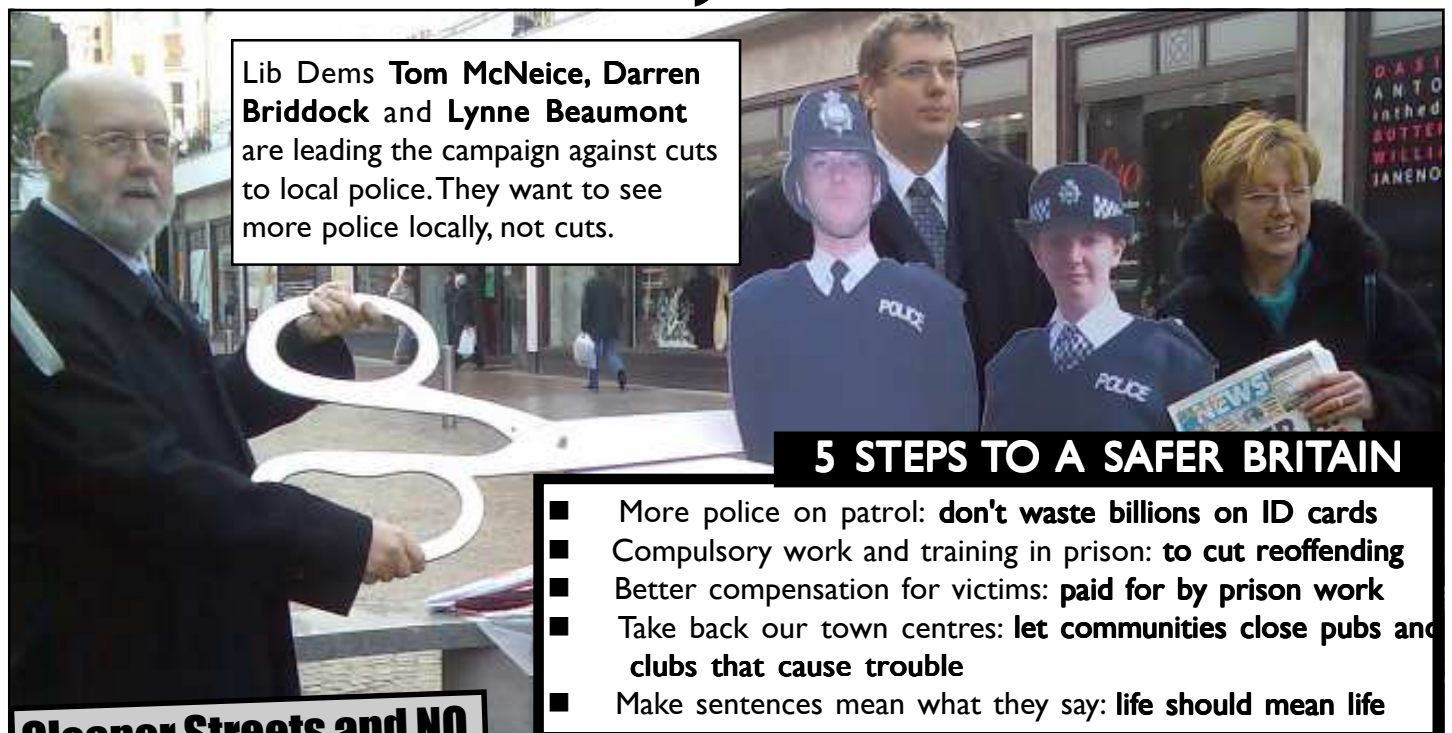
Save OUR Royal Victoria
Lib Dem campaign forces NHS admission on Derry Unit

Lib Dem Stack Success
Police back Carroll's traffic light plan to cut delays

Getting the Lights On
Lib Dem team fight for street light action across Morehall

See over for more!

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**

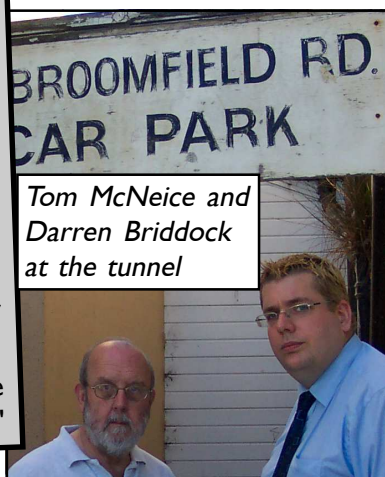
Cleaner Streets and NO Tax Rise for Folkestone

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."

Light at end of High Street Tunnel



Tom McNeice and Darren Briddock at the tunnel

A well-known trouble spot between **Cheriton High Street** and **Broomfield Road Car Park** should soon be closed after action from the Morehall Lib Dem team.

Darren Briddock and **Tom McNeice** have worked with the property owner, police and local councils to get the tunnel gated.

Darren said "Gates should be fitted on the tunnel soon by the building owner.

"Local people were at their wits' end about gangs gathering in the tunnel. The area is often covered with bottles and worse and has been badly damaged. I'm pleased we could help."

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Save OUR Royal Victoria – See Over

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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 the Trust that wants to sell the building it's in?"

Save OUR Royal Victoria online – www.sorv.org.uk

Local Team Fight for Action on Street Lights

Street lights across Morehall are taking months to get fixed – DESPITE complaints by local residents and the Lib Dem team.

Tom McNeice says "One of the worst problems are the lights at the junction of **Cherry Garden Lane** and **Cheriton Road** which have been out of order for months, and there are frequent road accidents."

Darren Briddock adds "Like many local residents, I have been calling, emailing and writing about some lights for months and many are STILL not fixed. Delays are blamed on others, and drag on and on."

Do you know any street lights out of action in Morehall? Call Darren on the number below and he'll add them to the list to be chased!

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 Morehall 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:
Morehall Lib Dems
FREEPOST CU592
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



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 **Darren Briddock, Tom McNeice & Parliamentary Spokesman Toby Philpott** joined the march.

Learn more about the campaign by visiting www.gurkhajustice.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**.