

CLEGG TO DELIVER CHANGE

Britain is set for real change with the Lib Dems in power for the first time in decades.

The rise of the Lib Dems made the General Election the most exciting in a generation. Nearly seven million people voted for Nick Clegg's party.

Now many of the policies those people voted for will be put into practice thanks to the deal struck by Nick Clegg.

This includes action for fairer taxes, to clean up politics and to get the economy moving again.

Nick Clegg said, "We fought the Conservatives hard at the General Election, but now it's time to put aside our considerable differences to give Britain the strong Government it needs.

"Labour has failed Britain for too long and even after the election refused to talk seriously about working with the Lib Dems."



Nick Clegg says...

At the election, the people chose to give no party an overall majority. People wanted politicians to put aside their differences and work together to sort out the nation's problems.

Labour refused to talk seriously about working with the Lib Dems - they preferred to let the Conservatives run things.

The deal the Lib Dems have struck (see details over) will deliver real change for Britain. NHS funding is guaranteed. Schools will get more funding. Pensioners will get a better deal.

Britain needs change - the Lib Dems will deliver this.

Labour attack Lib Dem deal

Labour leaders preferred to go into opposition rather than even talking about working with other parties.

Once again Labour has put old politics before the needs of the people.

Lib Dem Councillor Tom McNeice said, "It is really sad that Labour chose to desert the people that voted for them.

"It was clear that people voted for politicians to work together rather than squabble.

"But Labour made it clear that they wanted to go into opposition. They wouldn't work with anyone. No wonder so many people turned their back on Labour in the election."

Labour infighting killed [Lib Dem] coalition talks

The Times

...a senior minister ruled out a deal

Daily Telegraph

Lynne Beaumont says thank you



Lynne Beaumont: "Thank you to everyone who has backed me"

Lib Dem Lynne Beaumont has thanked voters across Folkestone and Hythe for their support in the General Election. She congratulated new MP Damian Collins for winning the seat. Lynne also thanked all the Council staff who had worked on the election and the count itself.

The Lib Dem vote was increased by over 1,500 since 2005, whilst the Conservatives saw their majority reduced by around 2,000 from the "notional majority". Labour saw their vote reduced to under

11%. The full result was:

Damian Collins (Con): 26109 votes.

Lynne Beaumont (Lib Dem): 15987 votes.

Donald Worsley (Lab): 5719 votes.

Frank McKenna (UKIP): 2439 votes

Harry Williams (BNP): 1662 votes.

Penny Kemp (Green Party): 637 votes.

David Plumstead (Independent): 247 votes

You Decide Day

Back by popular demand!

Lib Dem **Tim Prater** ran the first "You decide day" in Folkestone last year. The event gives power direct to local residents who decide on which projects they want to see backed with £15,000 of grants.

All residents from Cheriton, Morehall and Sandgate – are invited to come to the "You Decide" day on Saturday 11th September at the Tower Theatre on North Road, Sandgate to choose the winners of the grants.

Any local voluntary or community group can apply – as long as the project will benefit the Folkestone West area.

Tim Prater said:

"Last year's event was so successful we've decided to run it every year.

"Please come and listen to the projects and decide which you want to vote for. The ones that get the most votes, get their grants – it's as simple as that!"

Looking for a grant for a community or voluntary group?

Local groups can bid for a grant between £250 and £2000 for projects that will add benefit Folkestone West. You can get more details and an application form by emailing David Geoghegan, KCC Community Liaison Manager at

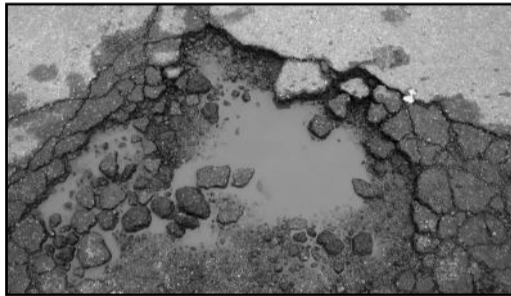
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**You Decide Day
Saturday
11th September
10:30am - 4pm
Tower Theatre,
North Road,
Sandgate**



Folkestone West Potholes: Over 50 roads affected

County Councillor Tim Prater has received notification of pothole repairs across Cheriton, Morehall and Sandgate. Not believing there were just 33 roads requiring work he inspected the area himself. After a quick drive around Tim found another 22 in serious need of repair.



way our roads are being maintained and improved is failing.

"We should have much stronger local control, proper use of local contractors and frankly more repairs being done, quicker."

Tim said: "When there are over 50 roads across the area with serious potholes in them, it's clear that the maintenance system itself is failing to keep on top of the work. The

Councillor and PCSO Surgery dates

Folkestone West County Councillor Tim Prater and local PCSO Keith Sansum are now holding joint community surgeries.

The next one will be at Cheriton Library, Cheriton High Street CT19 4HB from 1.30 - 2.30pm on 28th May.

Any local resident is welcome to turn up and discuss any local or policing / community safety issues. No need to book an appointment.

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In the election, the Lib Dems promised and are now delivering ...

- No tax on the first £10,000 you earn ✓
- More money for schools ✓
- Action to get Britain working again ✓
- The right to sack corrupt MPs ✓
- Protect NHS frontline services ✓
- Restore the pensions' earnings link ✓
- Action to tackle climate change ✓



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Help us change Britain

Nearly 7 million people backed Nick Clegg's Liberal Democrats in May's election.

Now after 65 years of let downs with Labour and the Tories, things are starting to change with the Lib Dems in power.

If you want to help the Lib Dems change Britain, why not get involved today.

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Folkestone Mayor - Tom McNeice

Shepway Lib Dems are proud to congratulate Cllr Tom McNeice on being elected as Folkestone's Town Mayor.



Tom was elected by a unanimous vote at the Council's AGM recently. He will serve until the next AGM in May 2011.

Lib Dem Councillor Tim Prater said:

"Tom will be a great Mayor for our community. He works hard and gets on well with everyone. He will promote Folkestone at its best."