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Litter and rubbish across the whole area

OFFICIAL:

They Just Don't Care



Missing and damaged road and info signs

A recent spot check on a Folkestone Town Centre car park confirms the decline in our area.

Shellons Street car park near Guildhall Street was selected at random, but the check revealed:

- Graffiti on walls and signs
- Litter dating back days and weeks in places
- Damaged, faded and missing sign
- Damaged kerbs
- Weeds and verges growing out of control
- Conflicting and inaccurate signs
- AND some of the most expensive parking in Kent

Grot-Spots like this can be found across Folkestone.

Local people are being let down by Tory and People First run Shepway Council. Many residents are furious the Council seem to be letting the town rot.

Do you know a worse Grot-Spot than Shellons Street? Tell us overleaf or leave a message on 851251.



Broken kerbs a risk to cars and pedestrians



Weeds and verges growing out of control

ACTION FOR PARK



Academy Building Nightmare . See Over.



Sports Centre Farce. See Over.



How Dare They? Kent Break Broadmeadow Promise. See over.

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Broadmeadow Decision Slammed

Lynne Beaumont and **Bev Rolfe** have slammed the County Council's decision to close Broadmeadow Care Home in **Lucy Avenue** and move its vulnerable residents.

Broadmeadow will be demolished to make way for an entrance and car park for the new Academy.

Cllr Beaumont said:

"We were promised Broadmeadow would not close until its replacement was complete. Now we're told residents will have to move out into a temporary home for up to 7 months: very traumatic for elderly and frail residents."

"When are the needs of local elderly residents going to put above the need for a car park?"



Lib Dem Green Tax Switch

Menzies Campbell has outlined the Lib Dem plans to cut income tax for everyone, paying for it by taxing pollution instead.

You can find details of Lib Dem policies to protect the environment and take the less well off out of income tax altogether at www.shepwaylibdems.org.uk

Lib Dems Back Local Residents over Academy Building Nightmare

Grasmere Gardens residents have contacted the Lib Dems about the construction of the new academy.

One house has been flooded following heavy rain, and other have cracks which may be linked to the site work.

Residents also complain that builders are working outside agreed hours.

Cllr Lynne Beaumont said:

"The new academy is very close to people's homes. Local resident **Jim Anderson** has offered to be a contact point for local people, and has had meetings with Wates Construction.

"We are pressing for Wates:

- to work only during agreed hours;
- to connect the new surface drains to reduce the risk of flooding;
- to co-operate with local people who are concerned about cracks.

Jim can be contacted on 01 303 259459."

Sports Centre Funding Threat



Plans for the proposed new Sports Centre on **Cornwallis Avenue** are in crisis. The new facilities are to be funded using the "PFI" scheme. Changes to this scheme have meant that the Council may not be able to afford the centres.

Cllr Lynne Beaumont said:

"This is a farce. Over £600,000 of tax payers money has already been spent on planning for the sports centres. The change in the rules that sparked this crisis took place months ago - but we're told the Council didn't know until now."

"Official statistics show Shepway Council is the 17th worst district council nationally for measuring financial management."

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The Grot-Spot Challenge

Do you know a place as bad as Shellons Street for litter, graffiti, damaged and missing signs, broken kerbs or anything else? **Tell us!**

Your Folkestone Grot-Spot:

Name:

Address:

Email:

If you give us your email address, we may contact you about local campaigns.

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