

MANOR PARK

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Votes cast in Manor Park for the three main parties in May 2006

Anger at lack of action on Parkland

Residents were promised that the old hockey fields next to Manor Park would be landscaped as part of the planning contract for the Campbell Fields estate. This hasn't happened.

Lib Dem Campaigner Philip Thompson has written to Rushmoor's Chief Planning Officer demanding to know when it will be done.

The plans involve planting shrubs, building grassy mounds and installing a proper pathway which will meander through the fields. The pathway will be wheelchair accessible.

All we have instead is an overgrown large plain field which has not been altered for decades and is currently just a dogs' toilet.

By contract, the work was supposed to be done by the time the estate was finished last month.

This broken promise cheats Campbell Fields residents of a wonderful facility. It also deprives residents of Aldershot as a whole of a valuable extension of Manor Park!



Aldershot deserves better than this. These fields should have been parkland by now, says Philip Thompson

Local Campaigner Chosen

Manor Park Lib Dems have chosen local campaigner Philip Thompson as their candidate for the Elections on May 3rd.

As an Aldershot businessman and a resident of Manor and Newport wards in the past, Philip continues to campaign to improve the quality of life for all in Aldershot

In September Philip presented a 4,000 signature petition to the County Council seeking retention of Christmas Lodge.

He is now campaigning to protect Brickfields Country Park and for a Minor Injuries Unit in the new Centre for Health.

Recycling in Rushmoor - must do better!

We can't go on being such a throw-away society. Councils have known this for a long time. Recycling levels must be raised and a lot more done to reduce the amount of waste being generated.

It's a great shame that Tory-run Rushmoor Council is so far down the recycling league table. Hampshire's best performing council is Eastleigh, which has been Lib Dem-run for many years.



Rushmoor should be doing far better on recycling, says Philip Thompson

All parties support Minor Injuries Unit campaign



Thank you to everyone who has signed our petition for a Minor Injuries Unit at the new Centre for Health. It's vital that we all make our voice heard!

When The Cambridge closed in 1995 we were promised a Centre for Health with a Minor Injuries Unit to save us having to go to A&E at Frimley Park.

The Centre for Health is being built, but while there's room for the Unit, there are no funds to run it!

This is a broken promise. We must make our anger heard. The NHS fund holders must be made to listen.

It is, therefore, good that all parties in Aldershot are supporting this campaign, as is the Civic Society. We must all work together on this important issue!



Philip Thompson inspecting progress on construction of the Centre for Health

Brickfields Country Park under threat?

Conservative-run Hampshire closed Christmas Lodge in 2005. They said they couldn't find the money to refurbish this ideally sited residential care home.

Yet they managed to find over £40m to refurbish their own HQ building in Winchester! Clearly Tories



We must defend Brickfields

believe that having a comfortable time in their Ivory Tower is more important than caring for vulnerable people.

Hampshire also own part of Brickfields next to Christmas Lodge.

So if they sell the site we need to be certain that this vital part of the Country Park will remain in public ownership.

While we hope they wouldn't even consider doing this, recent decisions by the County Council do not inspire confidence. We will be watching developments here very carefully and will be ready to fight for Brickfields Park if necessary.



Hampshire own this land next to Christmas Lodge

CAN WE HELP YOU? COULD YOU HELP US? CARE TO TELL US ABOUT IT?

Betrayed by George Paparesti?

When people voted for George Paparesti, they voted for a Lib Dem councillor, not a Conservative.

Last July George decided he was a Conservative. Many people have expressed anger at his decision and his refusal to let voters decide at an election.

If you're angry too, why not give us a hand at the elections to help us get a Liberal Democrat councillor elected once again?

- I can help deliver FOCUS in a nearby street
- I can display an election poster
- I would like more information about the Lib Dems
- I would like to make a donation

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