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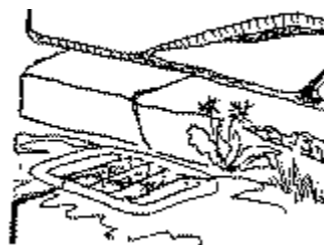
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very reasonable.

## Local News



### Blocked Road Gullies

After a local resident pointed out that  
various road drainage gullies around  
the area were completely blocked,  
local County Cllr Adrian Collett took  
action to get them cleared.



It appears, however, that some of the problems are far worse  
than expected, with the drainage pipes needing to be jetted out  
as well as the gullies. This work has now been ordered.



### Lollipop People Still Needed

All three local School Crossing Patrols are vacant  
at the moment. Could **YOU** do this?

In the last edition of Focus Cllr Viv Street  
appealed for local people to volunteer for this vital  
role, and one person did come forward, but she has  
sadly been unable to take the task on after all.

This vital role will help our children get to school safely. The  
vacancies are in *Frogmore Rd*, *Rosemary Ln* and *Reading Rd*.

### Reading Road Traffic Islands

Local County Councillor Adrian Collett has asked traffic  
engineers to look again at what can be done to improve safety  
at the new traffic islands between Baileys Close and East  
Green. In particular, there is a kerb which sticks out and  
causes drivers who are going too fast to swerve dangerously.

### Lambert Crescent Footways

After a long wait the footways in Lambert  
Crescent are now being resurfaced.  
However, there is still a long list of other  
roads where these need to be done.



### Minley Road Roadworks Warning!

The County Council will be carrying out two major road  
maintenance works on Minley Road over the next few months.

The first is on the stretch to Fleet. This is to rectify drainage  
problems and the road will be closed for several weeks.

The second will be on the stretch to J4a of the M3. This will  
start soon after the first is finished and will last several months.  
For most of the time there will be traffic lights, but the road  
will be closed at night on occasion, with diversions in force.

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## Darby Green Centre to be refurbished

The Darby Green Centre has been a great  
facility since it was built 20 years ago by  
Lib Dem run Yateley Town Council.

It's now going to be refurbished and the  
Council want to know what you would like.

A better kitchen? Improved acoustics?  
The Council will be writing to user groups  
to see what thoughts they have. If you have  
any ideas, let us know now - before the  
work is done and it's too late!



*Cllrs Gill Hennell and Viv Street  
discussing improvements for  
the Darby Green Centre*

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## Recycling Rates Soar!

Recycling rates in Hart have soared over the past few months.

Between April and  
September 2006 an  
average of 25.8% of all  
household waste was  
recycled. In December  
that had jumped to a massive 36.9%.



Now that we all have our glass bottles and  
jars collected from our doorsteps, the  
amount of glass collected has also jumped  
from an average of 115 tonnes per month  
from bottle banks alone to a whopping  
282 tonnes from bottle banks plus home  
collections in December.



The January glass tonnages  
should be dramatic too, as  
most Christmas bottles could  
not have been collected in

December as there are only three working  
days between Christmas and New Year!

These are early days, but all the signs are  
that the ABC (Alternate Bin Collection) waste collection system is  
already making a big difference.

**April  
to Sept  
2006**

**25.8%**

**Dec  
2006**

**36.9%**

*Overall waste  
recycling is up by 11%*

**April  
to Sept  
2006**

**115  
tonnes**

**Dec  
2006**

**282  
tonnes**

*Glass recycling is  
up by 145%*

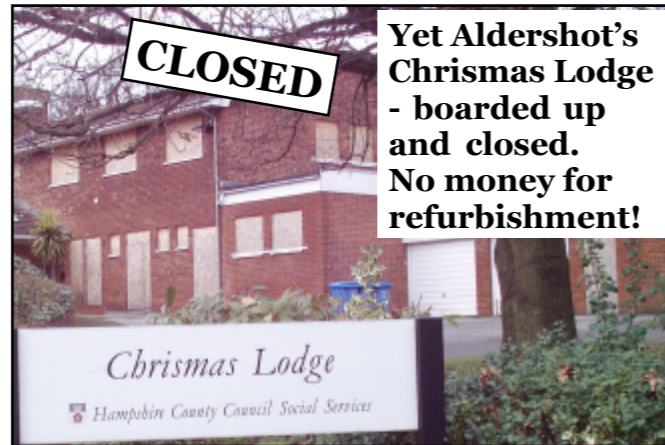
# All-Year-Round Service and Action!

# Tory Hampshire closes Care Homes while spending £40m on Council HQ

Local Tory priorities are totally wrong! £40m was found to do up their Winchester ivory tower. Yet residential care homes are closing! Four have already gone. Caring for our most vulnerable should be a top priority in any civilised society.



**£40m was found for Ashburton Court - the Tory County Council HQ!**



**Yet Aldershot's Chrismas Lodge - boarded up and closed. No money for refurbishment!**



**...and Courtbourn in Farnborough - also closed!**

## Sorting out the Tory Chaos at Hart Council!

*After eight long years the Conservatives lost their stranglehold on Hart last May.*

Hart Council's new Chief Executive has produced an independent report on the council entitled "Facing the Future".

In it he describes how last year's Conservative budget left the Council spending £1.5m more than its income - a sure path to bankruptcy which means that major budget savings are needed!

He also states that the council is inefficient, with top-heavy management.

The new Lib Dem-led administration has already been at work sorting out some of these problems.

New dust-carts are now collecting waste far more reliably, top management posts have already been thinned down (with one fewer director and four fewer service heads) and recycling figures are already shooting up!

There is much more to do before the Tory chaos has been fully sorted out. All councillors (apart from the Conservatives) are now working together for our area.

### **Working for Hart**

12 Liberal Democrats  
+5 CCH (Church Crookham)  
+2 Independents

The problems being tackled are enormous:

- *Missed bin collections were at crisis levels. Can anyone name any other council in the country that got itself into this state?*
- *Many good staff who could have helped sort out this mess left during the Conservative regime.*
- *The Tories admitted the Council was close to bankruptcy. So councillors are now tackling these problems with very little money for solutions.*

Sadly, the Conservatives just sit on the sidelines and snipe.

### **Sulking & Sniping**

16 Conservatives  
+No-one else

It will take time to sort out such major problems, but a lot has already been done and all councillors (apart from the Tories - who refuse to join in) are united in their determination to repair the damage and get Hart Council back to providing good services and value for our money!

**We must make sure that local Tories never get their hands on power at Hart Council again!**

## Lib Dems Target Crime!

Liberal Democrats can cut crime. This is the message that Lib Dems are telling people in Hampshire and across Britain. And where our approach has been put into action it has a record of success.

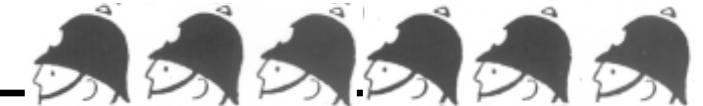
- ✓ In Liberal Democrat run Liverpool, the Council has slashed domestic burglary by 24%
- ✓ In Lib Dem run Newcastle, violent crime is down by 12%



There are 5 steps to a safer Britain:

- 1. More police on patrol.** Don't waste billions on useless ID cards, redirect that money to expand our overstretched police.
- 2. Take back our town centres.** It is unacceptable that members of the public fear crime on our streets. By amending the Licensing Act we can let communities close pubs and clubs that cause trouble.
- 3. Make sentences mean what they say.** Life should mean life. But that need not mean more prisons if we also create Public Service Sentences which punish non-violent criminals by giving them rigorous community work. This will be more productive and a more effective deterrent.
- 4. Compulsory work and training in prison.** Prisoners who don't receive education or training are three times more likely to return to crime. Yet currently well over half receive no training at all. Lib Dems would make education and training in prison compulsory to equip offenders with skills that make it less likely that they will return to crime when released.
- 5. Better compensation for victims – paid for by prison work.** By making prisoners do work for a real wage we can instil a sense of responsibility, and ensure that victims are properly compensated. Prisoners will, literally, pay for their crimes

*Liberal Democrats will cut crime!*



## More Police for our Local Streets!



Here in Hampshire, local County Councillor Adrian Collett is already doing something about it!

Adrian was appointed to Hampshire Police Authority (HPA) several years ago. HPA is a body which oversees the Police and sets their budgets.

Members of the HPA recognised Adrian's financial skills and elected him chair of Finance 3 years ago.

Since then, under his stewardship, HPA has agreed three budgets in a row which all increase the number of Police and PCSOs on our streets. This is despite dreadful under-funding from Government!

- ✓ **206 extra Police Officers are being recruited.**
- ✓ **70 existing Police Officers are being taken off backroom work and put back onto our streets for frontline policing.**
- ✓ **The number of PCSOs is being increased from 26 last April to 333 this April.**

PCSOs are **Police Community Support Officers**. Their job includes tackling anti-social behaviour like vandalism, graffiti and gangs hanging around intimidating people, etc.

Together all of these extra Police Officers and PCSOs will be used to create **Neighbourhood Policing Teams** in every part of Hampshire.

Here in Blackwater and Yateley, there will be 7 Police Officers and 4 PCSOs dedicated to looking after our Neighbourhoods. These are on top of the car-based teams (who respond to 999 emergencies), detectives, scenes of crime officers, etc., etc.

**Taking Action – Getting Results!**

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