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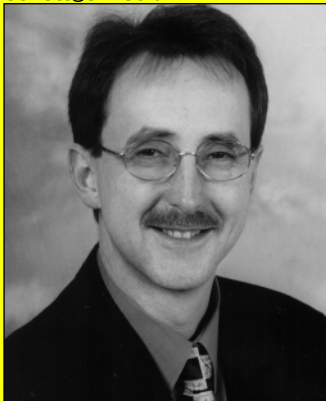
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# Grange FOCUS

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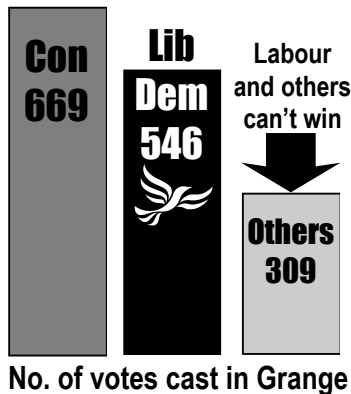
## Thank you!

**says Philip Thompson**

"I would like to thank everyone who voted for me on 1st May. So near, yet so far! The result confirmed Grange as a two horse race between the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats. Labour were again in 4th place."

Overall in Rushmoor the Liberal Democrats retained the same number of seats. We won a seat from the Conservatives in North Camp and a seat from Labour in Aldershot, but the Tories made two gains elsewhere.

### Grange Election Result



## IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH!

The service offered to residents by the local Conservative-run Council is not good enough in many areas and needs to be improved. Areas can go down hill very fast when neglected. This part of the borough has started to improve from a very low level, due mainly to work and pressure from Councillor Hazel Manning and the Liberal Democrats.



*Hedges removed in Buckland Close*

We have a long way to go and any hold up will see things slipping back again while we wait.

Why do we still have these problems after the Conservatives have been in power for most of the last 34 years since Rushmoor was formed?

Are they slow, incompetent or indifferent?



*Street crime and vandalism*



*Flooding every time it rains heavily in Ship Lane*

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## SHIP LANE HAZARD NEEDS PROPER SOLUTION

The new barrier put up near the corner of Ship Alley is a waste of money, reports Cllr Charlie Fraser-Fleming.

It was installed on the Ship Lane side of the grassed bank after two recent accidents involving students and another in which a local resident from Woodland Crescent was hurt.

There is already a new (unofficial) path round the barrier and the bank is just as slippery in the wet. Part of the bank needs to be removed. The hedge also needs to be cut every year to improve the line of sight up Ship Lane for both pedestrians and motorists.



*Philip Thompson inspects the new barrier - he reported this hazard of the bank 30 years ago when he then lived in Ship Lane.*

### PARKING AROUND SAND HILL

The authorities have at last woken up to the crisis for Grange residents being unable to park near their homes or having their entrances blocked. Even worse is ambulances being unable to get through a feeder road like Sand Hill. Thanks to residents' anger and pressure, the authorities have got together to reduce the problem by September.

In the meantime yellow lines and a Mini-Bus shuttle service could ease the immediate difficulties until the holidays, when the end of term at the college will reduce traffic and parking to normal levels.



### Housing provision is a disgrace in our town

Over the last 30 years, the housing waiting list has risen from under 2,000 to over 6,000. The Conservative-run council have been responsible for this service since the borough was formed in 1974 and they still are!

How dare your two local Conservative Councillors blame asylum seekers and immigrants. Most local immigrants live in private rented accommodation paid for out of their own income - they do not rely on social housing or state benefits. As for asylum seekers, you can count them on one hand and have nothing to do with the local housing crisis.

The cause of the long waiting list for local people, especially the young, is the lack of investment and willingness to solve the problem by both the Conservatives (dating back to Margaret Thatcher's time) and Labour (at least since 1997). Millions of pounds from past council house sales have not been reinvested.

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