

St Mark's FOCUS



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News, Views and Community Information from the Liberal Democrats

Parking Problems in "North Camp Village"



St Mark's Liberal Democrats are working to solve problems with parking in "North Camp Village".

A lack of parking spaces for shoppers in Camp Road appears to be a main problem. This was identified in a survey by our Chair, Dr Crispin Allard, with dozens of independent traders. Poor control of the 1-hour parking limits was blamed because some people manage to leave their vehicles there all day!

Crispin says, "I don't blame the traffic wardens. The fault lies with Rushmoor Borough Council, which sets the policy. It trumpets its work to improve North Camp Village, but all this is undone by its attitude to parking. Lib Dems believe we should return to having a regular traffic warden for North Camp Village."

St Mark's councillor, Alistair Mackie, wrote to Rushmoor Borough Council to insist that it fulfils its duties. As a result, the council has promised to try and stop abuse of the parking spaces around the shops. We will view them periodically to check its success.

Pedestrian Crossing to Save Lives

For some years, local residents have tried to get a pedestrian crossing at the top end of Queens Road. Hampshire County Council has refused, claiming that it is not dangerous or busy enough to qualify. We beg to differ! There have been a number of near misses in recent years. Do we have to wait until somebody is seriously injured or even killed before the council takes action?

We have been out collecting signatures this month – as promised by Alistair Mackie in this year's election. If you've not yet done so, please sign the petition below and return it to Crispin Allard at 56 Park Road, Farnborough, GU14 6LG.



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Due to the danger posed to pedestrians by increasing traffic, we, the undersigned, call upon Hampshire County Council to put in a pedestrian crossing on Queens Road, Farnborough, near Church Path. We also call on Rushmoor Borough Council to recognise the need for a crossing by supporting this petition.

Signature	Name (Printed)	Address

Liberal Democrats work all year round

Conservative Council Hiccups

Of course there are good councillors in all parties but some Tories from our area seem to be short of common sense and deserve rejection when next they stand!



If the councils they control had bothered to consult local residents properly - before the event rather than after - we wouldn't be trying to sort out the messes in Queens Road that are affecting people living there and those trying to cross it safely.

Whilst it may be seen in Winter when there are no leaves on the trees, this left zebra crossing lamp has not been clearly visible for vehicle drivers travelling up the road throughout this Summer. Perhaps that's why they rarely stopped when local people were waiting to cross!

Another distressing problem has been the damage created by rainwater pouring into nearby gardens and homes because the County Council decided to get rid of a road gully. How stupid was that and what are they going to do about it?

Provision for Cyclists - More News!



Liberal Democrats have always promoted cycling as a healthy and environmentally friendly means of transport. (Unlike Tory leader David Cameron, who cycles to work with a car following to carry his bag!)

There has always been a lack of separate cycle paths, with cyclists forced onto the roads or even the footpaths – a danger to themselves and others.

Our borough council has provided some land at the back of Whites Road so that Hampshire County Council can link two parts of the cycle path network. A rare example of joined-up government!

Local Tories Make You Pay Twice!

Conservative-run Rushmoor Borough Council is funding a new nine-strong community patrol team to help tackle anti-social behaviour. The aim is to make residents feel safer and deal with problems such as littering and graffiti. St Mark's Liberal Democrats wish these men and women all the best, and we'll do what we can to help.



Mmmmmm! There's just one problem. Other places in Hampshire get this sort of service paid for by the Tory-run County Council. So the Conservatives are making us pay twice!



What are our County Councillors doing about it? Answer: nothing.

No prizes for guessing they're all Conservatives too!

Liberal Democrats Win Again!

Another by-election, another spectacular Liberal Democrat win, this time for the hard-working Hazel Manning in Grange Ward. This follows our victory in St John's last November: that makes two out of two wins in Farnborough by-elections over the past year.



But spare a thought for the defeated Conservative candidate, Rosemary Possee. Not content with losing out in Empress as an Independent after being dumped by the Tories in 2004, she offered herself up as a Conservative in St Mark's Ward earlier this year, only to be resoundingly beaten by Alistair Mackie. Now she's fought and lost Grange Ward, previously a safe Tory seat. Is she going for the full set? We can but hope!



Join the Winning Team

I want to help St Mark's Liberal Democrats by:

- Delivering leaflets in my area
- Helping with branch activities.....
- Help fund a Focus leaflet
- Joining the Lib Dems

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