Local Liberal Democrats Working for YOU Not Just at Election Time

Lib-Dems Fight Back
Maryam & Beth join our team

Tens of thousands of people have joined the Liberal Democrats since the General Election, appalled at the harsh and uncaring policies the Tories have inflicted since the end of the Coalition Government.

Scores have flocked to our local party in Fareham, many of them young people who are determined to help us fight our way back as the only real challengers to the Tory Council.

Among them are Maryam Brady and Beth Davis-Hofbauer who will be helping the local team in producing FOCUS newsletters and working with us in Fareham East Ward.

Maryam is a practising GP and is concerned about under-funding of the NHS, lack of support by the Tory administration for young people and the poor provision of affordable housing. She believes this will not improve when Welborne is built.

Maryam wants to help the local Liberal Democrats to continue to be an effective opposition to the Tory dominated borough council.

Beth says: “I’m desperate for change in Fareham. The current council does not speak for me.” Running a not-for-profit Arts Community Interest Company, she wants to be a voice for culture and the arts in Fareham. Beth led a recent local arts festival in 23 venues around the town.

“We need to give people a reason to stay in Fareham, not just to live here and to build a town that embraces both the new and its history.

Parking on the A32 Wickham Road

Parking on the A32 Wickham Rd from its junction with Old Turnpike to the roundabout at North Hill, continues to cause considerable concern amongst local residents. The road is used by large vehicles, has car sales venues, office spaces, small industrial units and an ambulance station along its length.

Frequent minor incidents have occurred, including damaged rear-view mirrors, scratches and dents to parked cars and at least one quite major collision involving 3 cars.

Over time, working with HCC & FBC officers, Katrina and Paul have achieved some successes including; reduction of speed limit to 30mph, altered hatching and white lining near St Sebastian Crescent and changes to double yellow lines.

After a their July on-site visit (see picture left) involving Katrina, Paul, HCC officers and Police, HCC have 3 options to try to alleviate the problems and a full report is expected shortly.

Do not expect any yellow line alterations before spring 2016, as changes must be advertised and time allowed for comments and objections.

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A new “Toddler Multi-Climbing Unit” has recently been installed in Bath Lane recreation ground. Improvements had been asked for by local residents and Katrina’s efforts in following up their request with FBC officers resulted in this excellent new equipment being installed as part of the Borough’s play area improvement programme. This has also resulted in a “mini-makeover” to the Eastern Parade play area.

Katrina and Paul had also asked for new toilet facilities to be built in the park in response to residents’ requests but, this was rejected due to the high cost estimated at £100-120 thousand pounds and annual cleaning and repair costs of £4,500.

Play Park or Car Park?

An area in Greenbanks Gardens had been suggested but local residents were unhappy about having a play park there because car parking in the road is already a major issue. We have asked officers to investigate converting this, and the grassed area at the end of the cul-de-sac, into parking areas to try to alleviate the parking situation in the road.

Old Gosport Rd Pathway Improvements

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Nationally, we support Catherine Bearder, our local MEP, in her efforts within the EU. Just two of her campaigns are:

**Human Trafficking** is an under-reported and under-represented crime and is the shame of Britain, the European Union and the World. It is a problem that can only be tackled by working in complete partnership with our neighbours which is why the European Union needs to take the lead in fighting this abhorrent trade.

**Protecting the Environment** As a life-long environmental campaigner she believes the environment should be at the heart of EU policy. Only if countries work together can we tackle the climate change and build a sustainable future for our continent.

Liberal Democrats believe in an open, modern and inclusive Britain that stands tall in the world, and doesn’t hide from it. We are a modern, free, prosperous country, respected the world over. **This is Britain’s time to lead.**

By voting to remain in the EU we can secure Britain’s position as a world power and build on our role as a beacon of hope, freedom, tolerance and prosperity. It is not the time to turn our backs on Europe, and leave us isolated, side-lined and alone.

Voting to remain In Europe is a vote for Britain to **lead**, not **leave**.

Local Liberal Democrats Working for YOU All Year Round
Checking out, with Paul, where a new bicycle parking facility may be installed at Ferneham Hall as suggested by a local resident.

Katrina presented the prize for the winning “Worzel” at the Wallington village Harvest Festival.

Well done to publicans Martin and Diane Munns, of The Fareham Pub in Trinity Street, who have been going great guns in raising huge amounts of money for the charity they call “Fareham in Need”.

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Katrina and Paul - Out and About

With FBC and HCC officers during the Wallington “Walk Round” examining issues raised by residents.

With a local volunteer helping to clear foliage from bridleway 101 near the Broadcut industrial estate.

Charity at ‘The Fareham’ Pub

Martin and Diane with Vickie and Katrina (above) with the poster showing that they are Enterprise Inns Community Heroes Regional Award Winners for their fundraising efforts.

The pub patrons efforts also raised funds for, amongst other things, a publicly available defibrillator outside the pub doorway. The Mayor of Fareham, Mike Ford, unveiled the defibrillator in September.

Weborne Update!

Welborne, the 6,000 home development planned for north of Fareham, was given the go-ahead by the government inspector despite strong opposition from Katrina and Paul and many local residents.

A Supplementary Planning Document is currently being considered by Councillors and officers which will define the standards that developers will have to meet when they produce planning applications for the development. this will be considered by the 6-member Executive on 7 December

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LOCAL Liberal Democrats - Always ready to listen to YOU
The Conservative Government, under David Cameron’s leadership, now admit that, “with the impediment of the Liberal Democrats removed”, they can go forward with their plans to:

- break their promise to cap care costs for the elderly.
- fail to announce any extra money for social care.
- betray our elderly and vulnerable by cutting social care budgets by £1 Billion.
- incur extra costs in the NHS.
- undermine the integrity of local decision making on planning.
- continue an ideological attack on the BBC thus undermining its independence.
- fast-track plans for shale gas drilling
- destroy the renewable energy industry

A great betrayal is taking place to all of us but in particular to the generation who fought in WWII to protect us.

- Did you make a mistake by voting Tory last May?
- Will you make another by voting Labour next time?
- Make no mistake - join us to redress the balance!

The way you register to vote has changed. You now need to register as an individual, not as a “Head of Household”.

You can register online. Visit: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or call FBC Electoral Services on 01329 824587

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7 Nov ’15, 5 Dec ’15 and 9 Jan ’16

For the very latest information, scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the Fareham Liberal Democrats website.

Wallington Village Grand Quiz - 2016
Saturday 27th Feb
7:00pm
Wallington Village Hall
Teams of up to 6
£8.50pp
Fish & Chip supper - and alternatives.
Bring Your Own Drink as there will NOT be a bar.

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