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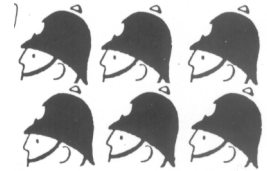
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Saving our Coppers!

Adrian Collett, who is vice-chair of Hampshire Police Authority, states:

"The authority is supporting the Chief Constable in his ambition to make support services within Hampshire Police the least expensive among similar forces, whilst driving police performance to match the best. That way, Hampshire police will cope with the major spending cuts ahead with minimum impact on front-line policing.



"Merging Hampshire's Air Support Unit with Surrey & Sussex will reduce costs and provide better support to incidents. This is particularly good news for Hart, as one of the two helicopters will be based at Odiham Airfield instead of at Gosport. A new ICT department serving both Hampshire and Thames Valley Police will save millions too.

"The Police HQ in Winchester is nearing the end of its life and the cost of keeping the building safe will become unaffordable. However, plans to build a new HQ have been put on ice while cheaper options are explored.

"Most public services must save around 25% of their budgets over the next four years to align public spending with income. Until that happens, our national debt will continue to rise and with it the multi-billion interest payments that our taxes are having to fund. Hampshire Constabulary and the Police Authority are committed to protecting front-line policing from cuts. Every effort will be made to find savings elsewhere."

"In recent years, we have seen the introduction of PCSOs and many more local PCs in our neighbourhoods. As a result, crime and anti-social behaviour levels in Hampshire have fallen significantly. This progress has been just what was needed. We must not let it slip back again by allowing the wrong cuts!"

Pyestock - Hart Planners must get the details right

Adrian Collett is the Liberal Democrat the county councillor for the area which includes the Pyestock site. He helped in the campaign to fight the application for a distribution depot here. Like all local residents, Adrian was deeply disappointed by the appeal decision and the failure of the High Court challenge, which will allow the development to go ahead. Adrian says:

"That day in May, when the High Court judge killed off the last chance to stop the dreadful mega-depot development at Pyestock, will go down in history as one of the darkest days for our area.

"Thousands of local residents had taken the trouble to write in and object and many attended the various meetings and enquiries that took place. The biggest thank you, however, must go to all involved in the SPLAT campaign team for their dogged determination and professional approach. If there were any justice, this monstrosity would have been stopped!

"But those battles are over and lost. It now has planning permission. It is therefore vital that Hart's planners, who will agree the final plans, get every detail right. What might be a small point on a plan could make a massive difference to our lives for many years to come."



Farnborough Airfield - the outcome of the planning inquiry for TAG to increase flights from 28,000 to 50,000 a year is still awaited. TAG has already indicated that it is likely to apply to double flights to 100,000 a year in the future. The current level of flights is around 20,000, so this would represent a five-fold increase. No wonder so many people objected!

Residents are concerned about noise, safety, traffic congestion and the adverse environmental impact, with many flights having fewer than three passengers. This decision is vital and will decide if the settlement between TAG and local communities will be honoured, or if TAG will be allowed to drive a coach and horses through it. With the Pyestock battle now lost, these are worrying days for our area!

Liberal Democrats - Campaigning for YOU

Fleet Town Council

Fleet Town Council, along with Elvetham Heath & Church Crookham Parish Councils, took over running local facilities from Hart District Council on April 1st this year.

Three of your local Lib Dem team, Paul Einchcomb, Sue Fisher & Richard Robinson, serve on Fleet Town Council alongside eleven other representatives of Fleet residents. Party politics takes a back seat at this level of local government. The whole town council is working hard to resolve problems inherited from Hart DC and to ensure the provision of good facilities and efficient services for Fleet residents.

Fleet Town Council's responsibilities include running the Harlington Centre and Ancells Farm Community Centre, looking after our parks, including children's play areas and the skate park, administering Fleet cemetery and managing street cleaning. The Town Council is also working with Hart DC regarding the provision of allotments.

For more information about your new councils, you can look at their websites:

Fleet including Ancells Farm:
communities.hants.gov.uk/fleet-index.htm

Elvetham Heath:
communities.hants.gov.uk/elvetham-index.htm

Recycling Update

Have you ever wondered what to do with your empty aerosol cans? Do they go in the black or the blue bin? Hart DC have now given us the answer.



Most empty aerosol cans (such as deodorants, hair sprays, air fresheners and furniture polish) go in your blue bin for recycling. Remove the plastic lid first and please do not pierce or squash them.

If the can has contained materials such as paints, insecticides, oven cleaners or automotive sprays (these cans are marked with a skull & cross bones or a black cross on an orange background), they must go in the black bin and cannot be recycled.

All homes should have received new refuse collection calendars in early September. Details are available on Hart's website (www.hart.gov.uk).

Denzil Coulson says "Thank you"



Denzil Coulson received nearly 13,500 votes in May's General Election.

Denzil said, "I'm honoured to have received the support of so many local people. I want to thank residents who voted for me. Local Liberal Democrats will continue working to achieve the better deal our area deserves".

With Liberal Democrats playing a key role in the Government, we are now delivering on our election promises: no tax being paid on the first £10,000 of income, a fairer deal for our children through the Pupil Premium and a start in making our political system fairer.

Denzil added, "We will continue to fight for provision of sufficient school places for Fleet children and for adequate health services for local people".

Can you help us campaign on local issues?

Mariken van Dolen, Jane Baker & Richard Robinson, our candidates for Fleet North, Pondtail and Fleet West, in the district council elections in May, wish to thank residents who showed support by voting for them.

We are always keen to see more people willing to stand in local elections. If you are interested and want to find out more, please contact one of the Lib Dem team below.

If you can help us by delivering Focus leaflets, please contact one of the Lib Dem team below.

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