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Contact any member of the Focus Team with any local problem or to find out more about the Liberal Democrats

**Your Police Safer  
Neighbourhood Team  
for Yateley**

The local Hampshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team for Yateley is:

- PC Paul Knaggs
- PC Tony Stuart
- PCSO Andy King
- PCSO Karen Campion

There are other teams to respond to emergencies, detect crime, fight terrorism and organised crime, etc.

But our local team work full time here in our local community, covering all of Yateley.

Contact them about any non-emergency by dialling 101. If they are not in the Station when you call, someone will take details and they will return your call.

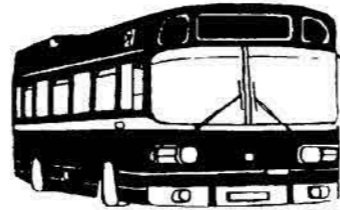
**Local News**



**"Real Time Information" buses**

For many years London underground has had signs to tell us when the next trains will arrive.

Some bus routes and railway stations also have them. Soon local buses on Route 3 will have them too!



No date has yet been announced for their introduction, but transport planners and bus companies are working together to make it happen.

Watch this space! As soon as we have more details we'll let you know.

**Hampshire Police fight Anti-Social Behaviour**

A year ago Hampshire Police ran a vigorous campaign to catch more burglars and cut burglary across Hampshire.



It was tremendously successful.

So last summer they ran another coordinated campaign, this time to cut anti-social behaviour. This resulted in the biggest drop in anti-social behaviour anyone can ever remember.

Vandalism, disturbance, graffiti, noise and gangs intimidating people all have a bad impact on many lives. It's good to see this being strongly fought and Lib Dem councillors will ensure that this is kept up.

**Pyestock fury as Tories and Labour both let us down**



It's been a bad few months in the fight to stop the Pyestock Mega-depot, which will generate more lorries a day than planes taking off at Heathrow!

Firstly, it was revealed that the Labour Minister who ignored residents, the Council and the independent inspector to give permission, didn't even bother to visit the site. Apparently he knows better than everyone else!

Then, Hart Tories decided NOT to fight the decision!

Thank heavens for SPLAT, the non-political party group, who fight on.

Lib Dems were furious and pushed through a proposal that Hart support SPLAT in their legal challenge.

Local Lib Dem campaigners remain totally opposed to this Mega Depot and will continue to fight this proposal in every way we can.

**Pothole misery follows Big Freeze**



**A pothole that is a yard wide! Is this a record?**

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From Lib Dem campaigners Cllr Colin Ive and Denzil Coulson

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**It's a two horse race**

Hart District Councillors

Can't win here!

Labour 0

Lib Dem 10

Con 17

Only the Lib Dems can beat the Conservatives in Hart. Labour are out of the race with no councillors.

**So how was the Snow for you?**

**We've recently had the worst winter weather since 1962/63.**

This was the fourth snowfall in 18 months so who knows when it will be so heavy again?

Although it was great fun for the young, and young at heart, who enjoyed a winter wonderland, there were serious aspects too. Elderly and vulnerable people were marooned in their houses needing supplies and trying to keep warm.

Many had their neighbours check on them showing the caring side of our Yateley community.

It's important, therefore, that we ensure that the various councils learn any lessons that can make things better next time.

If you have comments on how things could be done better, please let us know.

Please contact **Cllr Colin Ive** or any of the **Yateley Lib Dem Focus Team**. Contact details on page 4.



**Colin Ive asks: "Does your road need a grit bin?"**

Tributes are due to everyone who worked hard to keep services going, including Highways, who worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to keep "Priority 1" roads clear.

It is rare in Britain for estate roads or pavements to be salted when weather is so bad, so self-help is essential where the terrain is treacherous.

**Does your road need a grit bin?**

Hampshire will fill grit bins with salt or grit, so residents can take action for themselves.

The grit can't, however, be used on private drives.

Let us know if you think your road needs a grit bin.

**A dedicated school crossing patrol officer**

**Cllr Colin Ive thanks School Crossing Patrol officer Don Bathgate for his dedicated service in Firgrove Road, Yateley during the extremely cold winter.**

Colin said "The duty Don performs for school children and parents crossing Firgrove Road morning and afternoon is so very important for the safety of our community. There is currently a vacancy for a School Crossing Patrol officer in School Lane outside Westfields School. Anyone interested should contact the Hampshire County Council Road Safety Team on 01962 846200."



**Colin cares passionately about road safety**

**Lib Dems - Working for Yateley all year round**

# IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE AND HONESTY

Locally and nationally the state of finances is in a mess - in 2010 it's time for honesty about the choices ahead

People are **SHOCKED** and worried about the state of our economy. They feel let down by both the Government and our Conservative councils.

## Labour failure

Residents have had enough of a Labour Government that has encouraged casino-style banking, a false boom based on inflated house prices and covered up a broken political system.

Prospective Lib Dem MP Denzil Coulson said, "MPs are resigning before they are voted out. Some are ashamed of their track record and lavish expense claims. Britain needs a fresh start in politics, and Yateley needs a local champion who will stand up for local people."

## "Sixty year mistake"

Many are far from convinced by the Conservatives. Few trust a party which backed Labour over the war in Iraq, which called for less regulation in the City, and caused controversy last summer when one of their leading

MEPs called the NHS a "60-year mistake."

And residents have seen the quality of local services decline under Conservatives at Hart and Hampshire, and now face high charges, services under threat and money being wasted.

Local residents have been ignored by both Labour and the Conservatives over the Pyestock Mega-Depot development. A Labour Minister approved the development without even visiting the site! Local Tories initially chose not to oppose the development until local Lib Dems forced Hart Council to fight it.

## We need real change

Denzil Coulson added, "Our area needs a local champion. Someone who is honest about the choices we must make.

"The Lib Dems believe we need decent value-for-money services locally and tax cuts for people on ordinary incomes. The Conservatives' priority is a tax cut for millionaires. This is not the change Britain needs."



Cllr Colin Ive and Lib Dem Parliamentary campaigner Denzil Coulson talking about the real change they hope to see in 2010.

## LIB DEM PLAN FOR REAL CHANGE

### LOOK AFTER THE NHS

Look after our local health service making sure money is kept in front line services.

### MAKE YATELEY SAFER

More police on our streets to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and to make people feel safer.

### PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Boost real recycling and lead fight against climate change. Protect against over-development.

### MORE SCHOOL PLACES

Local children should be able to go to the best local schools. We need to create new school places.

### REAL ACTION FOR OUR ECONOMY

We need new green jobs in a new green economy. Tackle youth unemployment and provide tax cuts for those on ordinary incomes.

# Yateley residents protest planned Reading Road development

One freezing February Saturday, local Yateley residents came together to protest the planned demolition of existing historic buildings and replacing them with a three storey block of flats at 111 to 113 Reading Road.

Residents voiced their anger publicly by gathering for the protest in front of the funeral directors' building in Reading Road on a bitterly cold Saturday afternoon.

They were joined by local Lib Dem councillors and prospective parliamentary candidate, Denzil Coulson, who are all concerned about the threat to the local conservation of Yateley's heritage.

Len Chamberlain, organiser of the non-party political protest group, Conservation Not Demolition said:

"If this application were ever to be approved, it would make a mockery of the designated status of Church End Green as being a Conservation Area.

"It would also set a precedent for other developers to do just what they want, irrespective of any applicable protected status.

"Currently the number of objections is on course to exceed a very significant total of 200, with possibly many more to come, as a result of our protest and media coverage. ITV Meridian were



Denzil Coulson and Colin Ive joined local protesters at the Reading Road site in Yateley.

Denzil Coulson, Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate for North East Hampshire said:

"Reading Road lies squarely within the Yateley Green Conservation Area and the physical character of the village will be irreversibly altered if this development is allowed to go ahead as it is. It would be a terrible shame if the views of local residents are ignored by the developers."

Local Yateley Councillor Colin Ive said:

"According to the rules any change in a Conservation area must "preserve or

enhance the Conservation area". It is clear that this development neither preserves nor enhances and it should be refused."

You can follow the process of the planning application online at [www.hart.gov.uk](http://www.hart.gov.uk) and follow the **HDC Case File No. 09/03216/FUL** planning link. You can also express your views about the application on this website as well.

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