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## School Safety Zone £100,000 boost!



Cllr Carol Boulton reports good news on the traffic front: The County Council have agreed to extend the 30mph limit and Moorgreen Road School Safety Zone traffic calming scheme, from the motorway bridge to the junction of Bubb Lane.

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Backing the revised scheme, Borough Council Leader Keith House said, "It is good to see the county starting to improve the traffic situation in West End, instead of sitting on money that has been set aside for over 10 years to do just this sort of improvement!"

The latest round of public consultation highlighted the overwhelming desire by residents to extend the scheme up to this point. This backs up all comments from all the West End Borough Councillors, made prior to election in May, to the County's traffic study team. It was also supported by many letters received by Martin Kyrle in response to one of his street letters to residents in Moorgreen Road in April 2003.

The additional £100,000 will come from the HEATS (Hedge End Area Traffic Study) programme and will cover the costs of the feasibility study and works for this extension.

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# Chris Huhne out and about!



● David Chidgey and David Goodall with local MEP Chris Huhne

From campaigning on the Hamble with local councillors Malcolm Cross and Hugh Millar...



...to supporting local charities...



...to campaigning about passports for horses!



## David Chidgey MP says:

'I am delighted Chris has been chosen to be my successor. Chris will be a tremendous candidate and an outstanding MP for Eastleigh. We have already worked closely together on Eastleigh issues and I have the highest respect for Chris' abilities.'

Chris Huhne is MEP for Hampshire, deputy leader of the Liberal Democrats in the European Parliament, economic spokesman of the European Liberal Democrats, and recently chaired the Lib Dems' key policy group that renewed the party's policy on health and education.



● Chris Huhne MEP

## ... and on that result in Brent

Local MEP Chris Huhne said that the Brent East by-election win for the Liberal Democrats was a "spectacular result that shows that the Lib Dems are the real opposition to the Labour government".

The Conservatives could not even hold on to their vote in a seat that they nearly won as recently as 1987.

"It is time for them to move over and let the Liberal Democrats take on the Government", said Chris.



● Lib Dem Leader Charles Kennedy campaigning with new MP Sarah Teather in Brent

"The tide is turning against Tony Blair and New Labour. Our win in Brent East shows that the Lib Dems are set for many more gains in the future. We are on the way up!"

Charles Kennedy  
Leader of the Lib Dems

The Brent Result			
Sarah Teather (Lib Dem)	8,158	39.1%	+28.5%
Labour	7,040	33.8%	-29.4%
Conservatives	3,368	16.2%	-2.0%
<b>Lib Dem majority</b>	<b>1,118</b>		

### Europe Spot : Euro wins 10 - 1

All TEN EU applicant countries voted overwhelmingly in favour of joining the EU in May 2004 and the Euro when they meet the Maastricht conditions. Only one existing EU member, Sweden, voted against joining the Euro, yet this was the one the national media noticed.

Focus is not that short sighted !!

### Photo ACTION File

#### ● Monnow Gardens Paths



...Restored

#### ● Townhill Bus Stop



...Repaired

#### ● Townhill Play Area



...Renewed

### Lib Dem calls for more local services - NHS listens: £600,000+ for Moorgreen

Moorgreen Hospital looks set to get extra investment to refurbish and extend some wards. This will allow for more inpatient care for older patients providing an improved mental health service for northern Eastleigh and Chandler's Ford, as well as for West End.

### Policy Point : Axe the Tax

Lib Dem MP Edward Davey says "Council Tax was unfair when the Conservatives invented it, after their failed Poll Tax, yet Labour's under-funding of councils has made it worse." Lib Dem policy is to replace Council Tax with local income tax and so relate it to people's ability to pay.

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## Dr Claude Bamber : Thanks for a Good Life

**Cllr Peter Humphreys writes:** After a long illness Dr Claude Bamber died in August. He was the village GP in West End for many years, following his father - hence the local joke that those villagers he had not brought into the world, his father had. He was a man of great integrity, strongly committed to both liberal and Christian principles, the sort who actually gets politicians a good name. He was a Eastleigh Borough councillor and a County Council councillor between 1982 and 1997, while still attending to his full-time practice.

Upon retirement Claude and his wife Phyllis moved to their new dream home, a remote farmhouse in the New Forest where they kept horses and pursued an interest in woodland conservation. He also remained active in the twinning exchanges with German doctors from Kornwestheim.

Many people in West End are saddened, that having devoted his entire life to serving the community, Claude was only able to enjoy his well-earned leisure for nine years, and he will be greatly missed.

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