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**Coca-Cola not the
only real thing** Europe
Spot



Chris Huhne said:

"Over the years the situation has got worse and worse. Go into any local newsagent or garage now and it's almost impossible to find something to drink that isn't one of the brands made by this company."

Now retailers can use 20% of the fridge space provided by Coca-Cola for non Coca-Cola company brands.

Commenting on this Chris added:

"Coca-Cola has been told that it isn't the only real thing, and people will be able to choose from a wider selection of drinks as a result. But it has taken the power of the European Union to force one of the world's largest multinationals to back down."



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Rose Bowl Action



•Chris Huhne, Carol Boulton & David Chidzey at the Rose Bowl

Cllr Carol Boulton reports: I am very pleased to see that after work by all councillors at all levels from Parish to County, plus the meetings that individual villagers and Kerry Payne of the Telegraph Road residents association have had with the Rose Bowl Management, that they now understand the need for better discussion of their plans and events with the local community. So I fully support the Rose Bowl Liaison Panel that has been established.

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What happens
if ?

At the recent public meeting at the Parish Centre at which the top two members of the Rose Bowl management team, Nick Pike and Geoff Cox, fielded questions from a feisty crowd. It was agreed :-

"To promote a positive relationship between the Hampshire Rose Bowl (Hampshire County Cricket Club) and the local community. The Liaison Panel will enable the exchange of information and promote discussion on any matters that may have an impact on local residential amenity. The Panel will receive reports and will comment and advise on the long term development of the Hampshire Rose Bowl as a venue for first call cricket, recreation and entertainment. The Panel will meet on a quarterly basis and the meetings will be held in public"

The panel will consist of four Parish Councillors, the local Borough and County Councillors, the police, the Rose Bowl management and 8 villagers who came forward at the meeting.

The first task for us will be to try and make improvements to the big match day parking problem !!

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West End Focus - 100 issues not out - details in next special edition



Carol Boulton: Working For All

Councillor



Carol Boulton is a busy person. She successfully runs a riding school in West End and has done so for 30 years, plus she is a local Borough and County Councillor, but as her mum, who is also a West End resident, says: "if you want something done ask a busy person."

And Carol does get things done. She campaigns for the people of West End, as on the Rose Bowl where she got both the MEP and MP to West End to explain the various issues, or her personal campaign to reduce the noise on the M27.

The motorway noise campaign is not only dear to her heart but also near to her home, as she is probably the county councillor living nearest to the motorway. It has involved many hours of research into traffic movement, in particular in relation to the ill-fated extension to the Southampton container port.



● **Chris Huhne, Carol Boulton & David Chidgey are continuing their long running battle over motorway noise.**

● Kinsbourne Way



Before Carol's action most of the footpaths in Kinsbourne Way were a weed-riddled mess.

● The Drive



Before Carol's action a section of The Drive was too narrow for vehicles to pass and park, fortunately there was space and Carol was able to get the road widened

● Cutbush Lane



Carol's support ensured that the programme of hedge laying by the Borough council was extended to the junction with the A27.

Cutbush Lane Hedge laying

This is done to :-

- give a safe & secure boundary to the adjacent housing estate.
- keep the traditional look of a country lane.
- increase the lighting of the lane by increasing the light overspill from neighbouring streets.

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Fair deal for older people

Policy Point: Step up for Pensioners

Clr David Goodall reports: At the recent Liberal Democrat conference in Bournemouth there were several very good policy announcements for older people.

The main driver behind these policies was to ask the simple question, is it fair? So :-

- Is it fair that pensioners' incomes are tied to inflation and not the wealth of the nation they built?
- Is it fair that pensioners should have to go through demeaning means testing just to get a basic level of income?
- Is it fair that if women choose to support a family in earlier life they should have a lower pension in old age because of limited contributions?
- Is it fair that workers who save all their working life can lose their pension at the last moment because the company is wound up?
- Is it fair that bus tokens are limited and only half fare?
- Is it fair that council tax is not linked to pensioners' incomes?
- Is it fair that older people are forced to retire even when they do not wish to?
- Is it fair that old people are forced to sell homes and spend their savings before the NHS pays for long-term personal care?



● **Chris Huhne discussing issues with an Eastleigh pensioner.**

The answer to all these questions and many similar questions is it's **NOT FAIR** and so policies were put forward that solve all of the above questions and more. In brief Liberal Democrats would :-

- Re-link pensions with earnings.
- Increase the state pension to the Guarantee credit level, first for over 75's then for all pensioners.
- Make the state pension an entitlement as a citizen based on residency, not national insurance contributions.
- Have a proper Government backed compensation scheme to underwrite company schemes.
- Extend the travel token scheme to provide free off-peak local travel for pensioners and disabled people.
- Axe the Tax - replace it with a local income tax based on the ability to pay - my parents checked out the Axe the Tax Calculator and were £800 better off.
- Abolish charging for long-term personal care across the whole country as the Liberal Democrats already have in Scotland.

This is only a very brief summary of three debates on 'A Fair Deal for Older People', 'Dignity and Security in Retirement', 'Meeting the Third Age Challenge'. To find out more, ask us - we can supply more information. Alternatively visit the national Liberal Democrat website.

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