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# Toxic Homes

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Leading figures from the Women's Institute joined Hampshire MEP Chris Huhna to express their concerns regarding the level of hazardous chemicals in our homes.

The WWF, the WI and the Cooperative Bank joined forces to campaign for increased regulation on hazardous man made chemicals in forthcoming EU chemicals legislation known as REACH. Chris Huhna welcomed the support shown by the WI Members, saying:

*"It is frightening how many hazardous chemicals we are exposed to just in our own homes. Cleaning products, air fresheners, TV sets, products we use everyday could be exposing us to a cocktail of man-made chemicals. It is vital that these concerns are taken into account when the legislation on chemicals comes to the European Parliament this year."*



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# WEST END FOCUS



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# £87,000+ for West End



• David Chidgey, Carol Boulton & Chris Huhna in West End

**Cllr David Goodall reports:** Local Area committee meetings are normally well attended for the planning items, particularly unpopular ones. However, by the end of the meeting the number of people normally drops, but the number of interesting items does not. The meeting at the end of December 2004 was no exception to this. The committee approved funding for projects which would directly benefit residents living within West End Parish. They are:

- £2,500 to be allocated to improve library provision for the elderly and sight impaired;
- £9,116 to be allocated to improve child/youth provision at Bamsland Recreation Ground;
- £2,979 to be allocated towards the installation of acoustic panels in the main hall of the Hilldene Centre;
- £25,461 to be allocated for local transport initiatives to include installation of three bus shelters, replacement of a strategic network of parish seating, upgrade of cycleway, upgrade of lighting and to fund Traffic Regulation Orders associated with operation of major events at Hampshire Rose Bowl;
- £7,050 to be allocated to West End Copse to inhibit motorcycle access and create a woodland seating area;
- £37,500 to be allocated for a dual use basketball/football area at Townhill Junior School;
- £3,000 to be allocated to Townhill Farm Community Centre for essential roof repairs.

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Prescott threatens South East with tens of thousands of extra houses...

# Saving OUR environment...



The Government looks set to be on a collision course with local councils about planning our area for the future, if many press reports are to be believed.

John Prescott looks set to increase the number of houses built in the south east, which is already suffering from congestion and crowding. The "South East Plan", which looks forward to 2026, will be drafted by councils but could be overturned by the Government.

by Cllr  
**Carol Boulton**



**Wildern Mill** - latest suggestions are that developers may have abandoned plans for building at the Mill site.



● **Carol Boulton worked with David Chidgey MP to save land between Grange Park, Botley and West End from the "Allington" 4000 houses**

Here in Eastleigh Borough, the Lib Dem Council AXED plans from Conservative Hampshire County Council for up to 4000 houses between Boorley Green and West End, and has concentrated building on former industrial sites in Eastleigh and Hamble.

I am sure this is the right policy. We don't want our villages to merge together into one urban sprawl.

*And if that means we have a fight with the Government in the future, so be it!*



**New RSH Bus**



Lib Dem-run Southampton City Council has launched a new **free bus** service from the city centre to the **Royal South Hants Hospital**. The bus runs in a loop every 20 minutes from 8am to 6pm with pick-ups at Above Bar, Grosvenor Square and East Park Terrace.

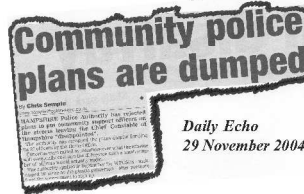
**2,190 Post Offices closed**

*David Goodall reports:* In the last 5 years, new research by the Liberal Democrats reveals the shocking number of post offices closed; nearly 2,200 or 12% of all UK Post Offices. This is part of the Government's "Post Office Urban Network Reinvention Programme" for those not speaking new Labour English this means "Post Office closure programme" Liberal Democrats believe good sub-Post Offices play a vital role in the community. Our policy is to support them by increasing the services provided.

And don't forget under the last Conservative Government 3334 post offices were shut.



# Tories AXE cash for police...



Daily Echo  
29 November 2004

On the same day as a masked robbery was reported in the south-east of the county, Hampshire's Conservatives announced they were AXING plans for a new team of community police support officers

And that's despite a pledge of cash help from the Government!

*So much for the party of "law and order!"*

Chris Huhne and the Lib Dems want to see MORE police on the street and MORE action on vandalism and anti-social behaviour.



**Policy Point: Law & Order**

**Who really is "tough on crime & tough on the causes of crime" ?**

The Liberal Democrats would have 10,000 more police officers, increase the number of support officers and cut out the petty paperwork. We would also introduce sentences that work. **Prison does not work;** 59% of prisoners are reconvicted within 2 years of release and 50% of all prisoners are at or below the reading level for an 11-year-old, this rises to 66% for maths and 80% for writing. Prisoners need **compulsory education** often missed earlier in life, they need **compulsory drug treatment** which continues on release. Non-violent offenders should be **compelled to 'pay back'** to victims and communities by carrying out work chosen by local people. One example is a pilot car repair scheme by the Liberal Democrat council in Liverpool that reduced 'joyriding' reoffences from 70% to just 7%.

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● **Chris Huhne MEP saw for himself the difficulties encountered by local police, on a late night patrol in Eastleigh**

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