

Conservative County Spends £1,000,000 in Legal Pay-outs!

Hampshire's Roads Disgrace

Research by the Liberal Democrats has discovered that Hampshire County Council has paid out £1,000,000 in legal claims in the last four years as a result of injuries caused by dangerous pavements.

The Conservatives would rather pay people compensation than fix the pavements properly!

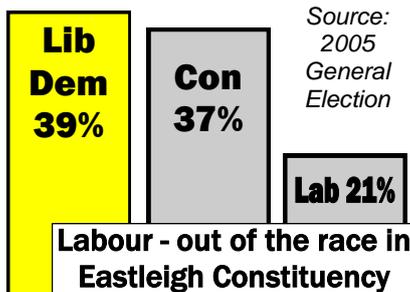
The Liberal Democrats wanted to put a £5,000,000 boost into essential road and pavement repairs, but the Conservatives running Hampshire decided against the common-sense idea. But they did find the money for a pay increase for their top councillors and to send them to a conference in Sweden. **Makes you think!**

Local residents say that it has been decades since St James Road has been properly resurfaced. There is even grass growing in the potholes.



• Many potholes marked out before the elections in a blaze of publicity **STILL** remain unrepaired by Hampshire's Conservative County Council

It's so close here!



Source:
2005
General
Election

Labour - out of the race in
Eastleigh Constituency

Chris Huhne Wins!

Special report from Lib Dem councillor Bruce Tennent

However, some progress is being made, since action by your local Liberal Democrat team is starting to achieve results. See inside for details.....

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just appear when elections
are on!*

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Bright Lights



**Green Flag
Award**



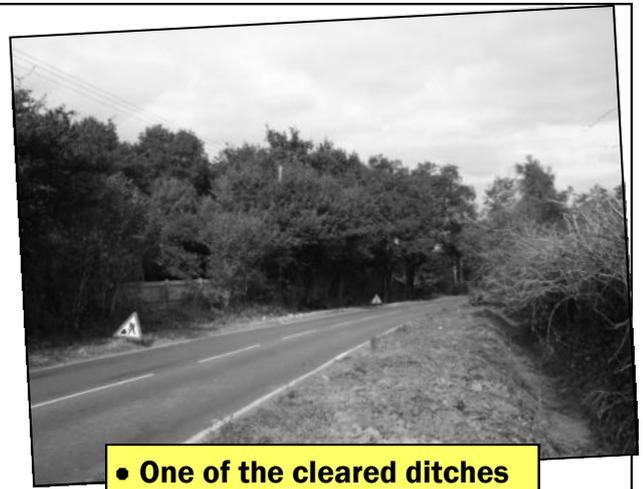
... and more local news!

Campaigning all-year-round for local people!

Allington Lane Gets a Facelift

After years of campaigning to clear ditches and cut back hedges, work is finally underway. Residents have said that it has been so long since the ditches were cleared that trees are now growing in them and that the hedging has become so overgrown that road safety has been compromised because of reduced sight lines. Clearing the ditches will reduce surface water that has become an increasing problem during periods of bad weather.

Ditches are also being cleared in Moorgreen Road.



• One of the cleared ditches

New Pavements

Residents could never understand why the pavement ran all the way from the southern end of Allington Lane through to Oaktree Caravan Park, but with a section missing at the entrance to Itchen Valley Country Park. At last this oversight is being put right.

• Cllr Bruce Tennent by the new section of pavement



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The Bright Lights of Chartwell Green

Action has been taken to reduce instances of anti-social behaviour in Torridge Gardens, Creedy Gardens and Stour Close by installing new "White Light" street lamps at key points.

Street lamps have a high unit cost as well as being labour intensive to install, so we are unable to install these new energy efficient street lamps at as many locations as we would like says Councillor Tony Noyce.



• Cllr Tony Noyce in Torridge Gardens

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Community Transport Update

Not everybody is able to take advantage of the network of buses passing through West End. For people with disabilities living in the borough of Eastleigh, One Community provides a range of door-to-door community transport services.

To find out more about the following services, phone One Community on 02380-902432;-

- The Hedge End Park Minibus Service will take you from home to the superstores at Hedge End, Monday to Friday.
- The Eastleigh Dial a Ride service operates every day and will even take you to Southampton City Centre on Tuesdays.



- The Parish Link Service operates Monday to Friday and will take you to Eastleigh.
- The Thursday Bus will take you to the Hedge End Retail Park from the Parish Centre.

All these services are free or can be used in conjunction with the concessionary bus pass.

There is also a subsidised Hospital Transport Service. Tel No. 02380 333442.

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We can also be contacted on Facebook.

Conference Week

Cllr David Goodall reports that the last Liberal Democrat Conference before next year's General Election was a resounding success. "If you want things to be different, really different, choose the party that is different" said the Leader of the Liberal Democrats Nick Clegg. Our own MP Chris Huhne said "We need a fresh start; not business as usual. Not just a change of government, but a new system of politics."



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Protecting YOU!

Report from Cllr Joyce Sortwell

A Council Licencing Panel suspended the licence of Hedge End's **Shamblehurst Barn** for 21 days after complaints from residents and the police about rowdy anti-social behaviour, loud noise and drug use. Local pubs are valuable in our community, but they must be kept safe for those who use them, and those who live near them. Our Lib Dem-run Council works hard with the police to keep our streets safe. We hope the Barn will now clean up its act.



• **Cllr Joyce Sortwell**

Country Park Scoops Award



• Cllrs Goodall, House, Tennent, Bloom, Kyrie and Pretty celebrate

Eastleigh Borough's flagship country park has scooped its first ever national "Green Flag" award by being judged as among the best in the country.

Itchen Valley Country Park has received the prestigious "Green Flag Award" that recognises the excellent facilities, and high standards of management of its green spaces and amenities at the 440 acre site. The park comprises an important mix of water meadows, ancient

woodland, and conifer plantations and provides a wide range of informal recreation opportunities whilst enhancing and conserving wildlife and habitats. In addition there is an educational resource, visitor centre, shop and café.



Community Safety Forum

Report from Cllr Daniel Clarke

The Community Safety Forum is designed to be a local open forum (HEWEB) for discussing/planning resolution to anti-social behaviour issues. In addition to members of the public, councillors and the local Beat Sergeant and his PCSOs are generally there. If you are aware of anti-social behaviour issues that you would like to discuss, then please come along to one of the monthly meetings. They are generally held at the Hedge End 2000 Centre on the first Monday of every month. For more details contact me or any of the your local Liberal Democrat team.



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