

# BEDHAMPTON FOCUS

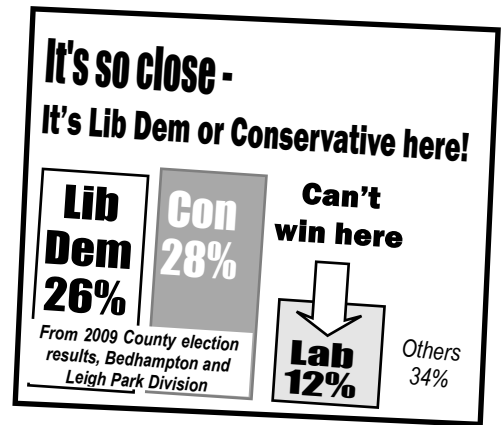
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## New hospital - Liberal Democrats continue the fight

Hampshire NHS chiefs have said that there will be **no new hospital building at Oak Park** (off Petersfield Road). Cllr Ann Buckley has found flaws and errors in the recent public consultation. Meanwhile Hampshire NHS have said some of the promised services could be provided in the existing Children's Services Centre near the original site.

**But the Minor Injury Unit has been taken out of this plan.** The Lib Dem team, including the Parliamentary candidate, Alex Payton, are fighting hard to safeguard this much-needed local facility.

They are adamant that a new, local Minor Injury Unit would take pressure off the QA Hospital. They have launched a new petition



Cllr Ann Buckley with other Lib Dems collecting signatures for the petition

to keep it. Please help by signing the form over the page.

**Alex said "Labour have done nothing to stand up for these hospital services. Unlike the Tory MP, I would fight tirelessly, if elected, to keep local health services local."**

## Empty shops initiative - Lib Dem success



Ghost town Havant - after 12 years of Tory control of the Borough

Borough Councillor, Ann Buckley has campaigned for funding to spruce up empty shops and for action to be taken against landlords who neglect their properties.

Government funding of **£52,000** has been awarded to the Borough and this will be used to improve shop fronts in Havant, Leigh Park and Waterlooville. Enforcement action will also be taken against landlords who fail to maintain their shop fronts.

**ALEX PAYTON CHOSEN AS PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE**  
See over.....

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# IN BRIEF

## WATER FESTIVAL

The popular Hampshire Water Festival will be held at Staunton Country Park again this year on 24th & 25th July. Ann Buckley, founder member, is thrilled that this free event has been funded again by local Councils.

## FARLINGTON REDOUBT

Consent has been given by the Tory-run County Council to increase the amount of waste handled at the site on Portsdown Hill Road. Conditions were imposed on noise, dust and also that a new wheel washer must be installed.

## A GLIMMER OF LIGHT

Parliamentary candidate, Alex Payton said "Lib Dems have persisted with this issue and finally convinced the County Council that lighting is needed and can be fitted."

# Lib Dems pick Alex Payton

Alex Payton, who is a former Councillor and Mayor, has been chosen as the Liberal Democrat candidate in the General Election. The 36 year old barrister told party members, "**People's trust in MPs has been betrayed by scandals and poor performance. Our first job is to restore to politics decency, honesty and fairness.**" Cllr Ann Buckley said "Alex is an excellent choice, he is a strong campaigner, very able and the type of MP Havant needs."



Read more about Alex on his website - [www.alexpayton.org](http://www.alexpayton.org)

**TORY STEALTH TAXES EXPOSED - SEE OUR NEXT ISSUE**

## Housing near Scratchface Lane

A proposal for housing near Scratchface Lane has provoked anger locally and met with strong opposition. Cllr Ann Buckley has talked with many residents and spoke up for them at the recent Council meeting.

A keen environmentalist, Ann told Focus later, "There is massive opposition to the density of the development, potential traffic and parking problems, flooding, noise and damage to the local wildlife."

## Snow and Ice failures

Speaking to Focus recently, Cllr Ann Buckley said, "I walked around our area during the recent freezing weather and spoke to many residents. The sad fact is the Tory-run County Council failed to act fast enough. Well done and thank you to our many devoted carers, who always put their clients first."

*Focus editor and local resident, Jane Briggs asks: "Do you have any comments on the recent weather or other issues? Let us know on the tear-off slip below."*

## HOSPITAL PETITION:

Provision of a Minor Injury Unit has been dropped from the revised plans for the Oak Park Community Hospital site. We, the undersigned, call for this to be included, as it is vital for our local community.

Signature.....

Print name.....

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Address and postcode **must** be entered below for your signature(s) to be allowed.

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- I can help to deliver a few FOCUS newsletters in my area.
- I will display a poster at election time.
- I will vote Lib Dem on May 6th

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## LET'S GET DOWN TO THE NITTY GRITTY!

### Tell us what you think.....

What would you like to see happen to improve conditions in severe weather spells in your area? For example, provision has been made for salt and grit bins, but where should they be located? Suggestions on this or other issues below (continue if need be on separate sheet).