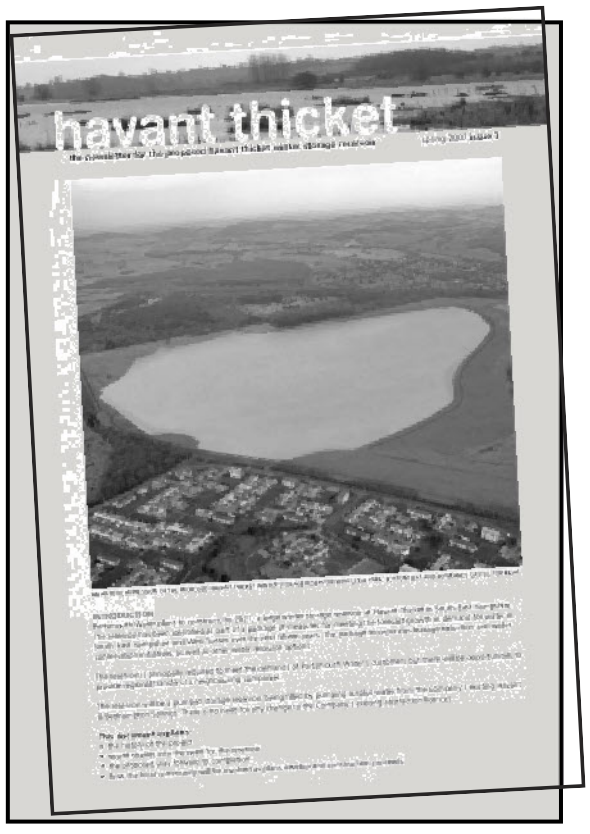
# New reservoir pipeline could follow stream




Over 850 local residents visited exhibitions of Portsmouth Water Company's plan for a new reservoir in Havant Thicket. The company say 250 feedback forms have been received.

People want to keep the rural character of the site with minimal impact to wildlife and, if feasible, new wetlands habitats created.

Leisure facilities should be improved for walkers, cyclists and horse riders as well bird watchers and anglers.

There was a strong need to minimise the impact of the construction on local roads and provide adequate parking for visitors. Overall, say the company, a majority of the people who gave their views were supportive with many seeing the new reservoir as a potential benefit to the area.

**The preferred route for the pipeline from the Bedhampton works to the new reservoir would be via Riders Lane alongside the Hermitage Stream. This could provide an opportunity to make major improvements to the stream. But there are concerns about the impact on Great Copse and alternatives are under review.**

The next step will be a formal planning application in 2009 involving detailed plans, traffic and environmental impact assessments.

Lib Dem councillors have been active from the start of the project urging residents to get involved and make their views known.

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# Lib Dems - the people you hear from between elections

## Action call on road and pavement repairs

**Ann Buckley receives more complaints about the state of local roads and pavements than any other issue. Hampshire County Council are simply not spending enough on maintenance. The dreadful state of local roads and pavements causes discomfort to pedestrians and passengers and damage to vehicle tyres and suspension. Please contact Ann with any concerns you have about roads or pavements.**

## Police Surgery

**First Thursday in each month**

Bedhampton Social Hall

starting 6.00 p.m.

**Everybody welcome including residents of West St and Chidham Park**

**Have you used your GP's out of hours service over the past year? Please tell Ann by email or letter...**

- Did you have any problems contacting the service?
- Were you satisfied with the information given?
- How long did you have to wait to be seen by a GP?
- Were you satisfied with the service provided?
- Were you dissatisfied with the service?

## Cllr Ann Buckley Writes

Thank you to everyone who supported John Sawtell when he stood in the May local election.

It has been an extremely busy period as a member of both Hampshire and Havant councils.

It has been good over the summer to take a short break from trips to Winchester and have time to support some of the events such as the Bedhampton Show and the Manor Trust Garden Party that make Bedhampton the pleasant community that it is.

I was delighted to win a cup for my floral entry, a 'Seaside Garden', in the Horticultural show at St Nicholas' Church Hall.

Another joyful event this summer was the birth of my second grandson, Henry, born in August and weighing in at an amazing 11lbs 11ozs.

We live in very turbulent economic times and, perhaps like you, I have been impressed with the knowledge and good sense of our Shadow Chancellor, Vince Cable.

Please contact me if you have any problems or issues you would like me to take up on your behalf.

**Best wishes** Ann

# Local election round up

**Thousands of voters throughout Havant supported Lib Dem candidates in the May Council elections. 58% of the votes cast went to Tory candidates and 24% to the Lib Dems. Labour had only 11%; the Green Party only stood in 2 wards. This makes Lib Dems the only real opposition locally and across the borough. The Tories have 84 % of the council seats with less than 60% share of the vote. In a Waterloo ward by-election in September Lib Dems came within 48 votes of gaining the seat from the Tories.**

**Havant Council is thinking of changing the cycle of elections from a third of the council in 3 out of 4 years to the complete council every four years with the County Council elections held in between.**

**Any such changes must be ratified by two-thirds of the Council and supported by evidence that the public wants the change.**

**The arguments for and against are finely balanced and not entirely a question of costs. When the public consultation comes please make your views known.**

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