

“We need action!”

Over the last few weeks, the local Lib Dems have been listening to local people about what matters most to them.

“Lots of issues and suggestions have been raised,” says local resident and Lib Dem coordinator, Andrew Garratt.

“We’re using this leaflet to report back. It’s clear local people want action from the council and other local authorities. Together with the Lib Dem team, I’m working to take these issues up.

“If there is something that you think should be on our to-do list then please get in touch.”

*** OVERLEAF: more of the issues raised by local residents.**



Local services to suffer as Conservatives push through council cuts

The new Conservative council leadership has pushed through its budget, and Council Tax bills are now dropping through our letterboxes.

Among the proposals that the Conservatives voted through are cuts in adult social care, reduced recycling centre opening hours, increased floating bridge charges, and cuts in street cleaning frequency in some areas.

With the Conservative government continuing to squeeze the money it grants to councils, it seems services will continue to suffer.



New worry for local NHS following Conservative cash squeeze

One of the biggest worries we’ve heard from residents is for our local NHS services.

The cash squeeze from the Conservative government is clearly causing real problems.

The Care Quality Commission - the independent regulator of health and social care services - has recently inspected the Isle of Wight NHS Trust.

The CQC’s final report will not be published for a few weeks. But an improvement director has already been appointed, which is reported to be similar to being put in “special measures”.

Can we help?

If there is an issue you would like to raise with the local Lib Dem team, please contact our local coordinator, Andrew Garratt ...

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Thank you to all the residents who raised concerns with the Lib Dem team after our last Focus leaflet delivery.

These are some of the issues raised.

We're always keen to hear from residents so do get in touch.

About Parkhurst ward

Councils are divided into wards (sometimes known as divisions). The Parkhurst ward stretches west of the Medina into Parkhurst Forest, and from the Hunnyhill area up Cowes Road.

As well as speeding traffic, there have been concerns about the impact of extra traffic due to the delay in getting the new floating bridge in place.

If you are a dog walker are there places where you think extra bins are needed?

Are the existing bins emptied frequently enough?

Please let us know.



Concerns have been raised about speeding traffic along Noke Common where the limit drops to 30mph.

Roads around the prison

Andrew Garratt has been in discussions with some local residents of the roads around the prison about the very poor state of roads, pavements and street lighting.

Do contact Andrew Garratt - details overleaf - as he is keen to hear from as many residents as possible.

The uneven road surface approaching the traffic lights was reported to Island Roads.

Uneven surfaces can be a particular hazard for motorbikers and cyclists.

It's been suggested that the bus shelter on Horsebridge Hill opposite Hogan Road should be replaced with one offering better protection from wind and rain

The erosion of the riverside footpath by rainwater run-off from the roads was taken up with the council after being raised by residents.

The need to review the lane system on the dual carriageway has been raised, especially because of the congestion at peak times.

Congestion seems worse when the floating bridge is not in operation - and particularly so recently with the delay to the new floating bridge coming into service.

Concerns have been raised about speeding traffic in Forest Road, and of overtaking despite the central hashed area.

Three concerns have been raised relating to Hunnycross Way:

1. Whether there needs to be a special right-turn filter at peak times for traffic turning right into Hunnyhill
2. Vehicles having to queue into the road from Sainsbury petrol station at busy times
3. The problems for pedestrians crossing near the mini-roundabout, with traffic coming from three directions

Parking in the Hunnyhill area

Parking in the area is often difficult for residents.

It's been suggested that the renewal of the roads and pavements by Island Roads next year gives a chance to think about changes that could be made that would make better use of the space available. This could include a review of 'yellow lines' to see whether all are necessary.

Do get in touch with Andrew Garratt - details overleaf - if you have your own thoughts on what could help.

The positions of the street lights mean that this part of Banner Lane/Catherine Terrace is left very dark at night which has obvious safety concerns. The council has been asked to look into this issue.

Can you help the local Lib Dems campaign for our area?

If you agree that the Isle of Wight deserves better, why not join our team as a volunteer or a member?

Or make a donation to help cover the cost of printing leaflets and posters?

For more information, either get in touch with our local campaign coordinator, Andrew Garratt - contact details overleaf - or visit our web site at: iowlibdems.org.uk



Two concerns about bin collections have been raised:

1. Getting better explanation as to what can go in the recycling bin, especially the different types of plastic food containers
2. That more should be done to help residents who occasionally have more rubbish than they can put in their black bin so that they don't end up being "stickered".