



Hurrah! Almost There



Swale Borough Cllr Ben Martin and Faversham Town Council Mayor, Cllr Alison Reynolds

We hoped to report the road changes to Oare Road and Ham Road plus the school car park totally complete. Well we are nearly there but not quite. As promised Andersons have practically completed the new school car park for the new school year. That means staff cars are not now clogging up Oare Road and the traffic jams morning and afternoon with parents' cars are much reduced. Andersons assure local Lib Dem Swale Councillor **Ben A Martin** that work on Ham Road and the car park entrance will be complete very soon.

The overall house building is progressing well. Local Lib Dem Swale Councillor **Ben A Martin** solved a potential serious problem for local farmers when they discovered that the new Ham Road was narrower than the farm machinery. That was KCC's mistake and Ben quickly arranged for the road to be made 2 feet wider.

Cllr. Ben A Martin and Lib Dem Faversham Town Councillor **Alison Reynolds** are keeping a close eye on the development and picking up any problems quickly with the developer. Please keep in touch if you learn of any new problems.

North Preston Community Association and "The Hub"

North Preston & Brents Community Association worked with Optivo to organise the "Fun Day" on the Reedland Crescent green on August 30th. Volunteers including Lib Dem Faversham Town Cllr. and Mayor **Alison Reynolds** ran the NP&BCA stall offering drinks and snacks. Much fun was had by all including a surprise showing of South American snakes, frogs and tortoises which intrigued adults and kids alike. At the same time information was available to local residents about the plans to build a local community centre "The Hub" on the green. This is a long-term project and likely to take 3 years to fruition, but plans are progressing. The aim is to build a community hall to provide a centre for the whole community for

activities, sports, parties, a café, and all those things local people want. A charity is being set up and initial designs and a business plan are in place. More information as things develop.



Local Lib Dem Swale Councillor **Ben A Martin**, Lib Dem Faversham Town Councillor and Mayor **Alison Reynolds**, and NP&BCA Secretary **Nicky Reader** providing snacks for the crowds

Contact the team

The local Lib Dem team want to hear from you on any issue, big or small, that you'd like help with.



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News in Brief

Area committees for Swale Council - Swale Borough Council is proposing to create area committees for the Borough. A public consultation has gone out asking you the public what you think of this idea which offers the chance for your ideas to be put forward. The consultation deadline is the 2nd November. So don't delay and tell us what you think. Priory Ward Lib Dem Councillor **Ben A Martin** is leading the working group carrying out this research and says "will all of you please contribute ideas in order to establish precisely what is required". Go to swalecouncil.gov.uk to find the consultation, or email **Ben Martin** at Benjaminmartin@swale.gov.uk for more information.

Youth Council - Local Lib Dem Faversham Town Councillor and Mayor **Alison Reynolds** is working hard to develop a Youth Council for Faversham to ask young people across Faversham to give their views and help provide activities for young people especially in the 11-17 age group. The first event following a "mic night" for young people was that 4 young people played on the main stage at the Hop Festival. **Alison** says "this was a great opportunity and they all performed wonderfully well". Now the first Youth Council meeting has been held and ideas are moving forward.

Climate Change and Biodiversity Emergency - Lib Dems on Faversham Town Council led by Cllr. Chris Williams have declared a Climate Change and Biodiversity Emergency locally and are right now developing an action plan for Faversham on this urgent issue, starting with making the Town Council carbon neutral and reversing the loss of biodiversity which damages the natural world. Lib Dem Town Councillor and Mayor **Alison Reynolds** attended the first Climate Surgery to show every individual resident what they can personally do to help. **Alison** said "we must work together to reduce the impact each of us has on the environment. We must act now."

Hannah Perkin selected as Parliamentary Candidate for Faversham and Mid Kent

Hannah Perkin, community campaigner and leading Swale Borough Councillor has been selected by local Liberal Democrats as Parliamentary candidate for the Faversham and Mid Kent constituency. **Hannah** says "I am delighted and proud that local people have put their trust in me to fight the anticipated general election. Everyone knows that I will work to ensure we can stop Brexit. But it is not just about Brexit. We have a climate and biodiversity emergency, the NHS is in crisis, education is underfunded, crime is out of control and we are being saddled locally with huge unaffordable housing development. I pledge right now to work positively for the whole local community with all my heart and soul."



Lib Dem Parliamentary candidate Hannah Perkin and Lib Dem members

Lib Dems enter cooperative alliance to run Swale Borough



Group Leaders Sign Cooperative Alliance Agreement: From Left to Right: Cllr Monique Boney (Ind), Cllr Tim Valentine (Green), Cllr Roger Truelove (Lab), Cllr Ben J Martin (Lib Dem) and Cllr Mike Baldock (SWIA)

Lib Dems have fulfilled a campaign promise to work across party lines for the good of Faversham and Swale. Following May's local election results that saw the Conservatives lose their majority on Swale Council, Cllr **Ben J Martin**, elected leader of the Lib Dems at Swale entered into negotiations with the leaders of Labour, the Swale Independents Alliance, the Greens, and the independent group. This led to the formation of a cross party coalition to run the council, with Labour leader Roger Truelove as Council Leader and cabinet positions allocated to each group, with **Ben J Martin** Cabinet member for Housing, **Hannah Perkin**

deputy Cabinet member for Health and **Eddie Thomas** deputy Cabinet member for Environment. **Ben A Martin** became Vice-Chair of the planning committee. Cllr **Ben J Martin** said "Working cross party has been a refreshing experience, we have developed an excellent working relationship. We all share a desire to do our best to improve Swale. By working together we can achieve far better results for everyone, and I look forward to continuing to work with our coalition partners." Meanwhile at Faversham Town Council, where 11 of the 14 councillors are Lib Dems, Mayor **Alison Reynolds** has outlined the new Council's priorities.

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