



# Local hero Alison Reynolds joins Liberal Democrat Team

Liberal Democrats in Faversham delighted to welcome local hero Alison Reynolds to our team.

**Alison Reynolds** is best known for her work in running the Faversham Gym Club, and for founding and managing the Jubilee Centre in **Whitstable Road**. **Alison** says "I was so appreciative for the help and support that came from our amazing Faversham community over all those years". She was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to community sport in 2018.

**Alison Reynolds**, is hugely well known and admired throughout Faversham for her work with young people. She is especially committed to young people in Faversham and if elected to Faversham Town Council will make a fantastic councillor."

**Alison** will be campaigning on Faversham Town Council issues. She joins **Ben A Martin** who is already a Lib Dem Faversham Town Councillor and is now working hard on Swale Borough Council issues.

Mike concluded "I will be working with and supporting **Ben Martin and Alison Reynolds** all the way and look forward to supporting them both in the future as councillors working hard for the people of Priory ward and the whole Town."

**Mike Henderson** who has been the Priory ward Swale Borough councillor for over 22 years is retiring this coming May. Mike says "I have tried to work hard for Faversham and for local people in North Preston and Davington for all that time. I don't want to overstay my welcome and it is now time for some fresh blood. **Ben A Martin** has already been working hard for 4 years as your Town Councillor and is committed to do the same on Swale Borough. Faversham born and bred he is young and brings energy and a practical approach to local issues.

- Former Manager of the Jubilee Centre **Alison Reynolds joins Lib Dems.**
- Long serving Councillor Mike Henderson to retire in May.
- Ben A Martin working on Borough issues.



Cllr Mike Henderson and Cllr Ben A Martin Welcome Alison Reynolds to the Priory Ward Lib Dem Team

## 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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## Three things to remember

- The Lib Dems believe "better is possible" for Faversham. We have the ideas and energy to bring people together to achieve that.
- The Conservatives are failing Faversham
- Only the Lib Dems can beat the Conservatives in Faversham. We saw that twice in 2017. A vote for Labour only helps the Conservatives

# Working hard all year round



# Housing - what we should do



Cllr Ben A Martin “Badly Planned expansion will damage our town”

**Ben A Martin** says “we must be practical, Faversham cannot legally reject what has already been approved. But we can push hard for good design and high quality. There has to be excellent landscaping to improve the environment, and for each development to provide the type of housing that Faversham needs. Lib Dems led by Mike Henderson at Swale Borough Council are doing just that with some success. Just as important however is to make the biggest proportion possible affordable for local people, to buy, to rent, or via equity share. Infrastructure and services to provide for the new housing must arrive with the housing growth, not 10 years later.” **Ben** concludes “I am fighting for Faversham to have a reduction in its proportion of planned future numbers compared with other parts of Swale. Badly planned expansion will damage our town and the surrounding countryside which is almost all either grade 1 farmland, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or nationally and internationally protected nature reserve.”

Over 1500 new houses in Faversham have been approved by Swale Council. The pressure from central government is for yet more on top of that. Conservative controlled Swale Borough Council is simply accepting that Swale as a whole must build 1050 new houses each year. Local Lib Dem Councillor

## Bysingwood Road Bus shelter

People who use the bus shelter travelling towards town in Bysingwood Road all know that it is the wrong way round, or maybe in the wrong place. Liberal Democrat Town Council campaigner **Alison Reynolds** says “many local residents complain that with the open side of the bus shelter right next to and facing the road, when it is raining they get soaked by passing cars and lorries. This could be solved either by turning the shelter around so that the covered side protects against this splashing, or by putting the shelter on the inside of the cycle path, well away from the road.” **Alison** is working with Mike Henderson to persuade Swale Borough Council and the Bus company to resite the shelter. What do you think? Just let **Alison Reynolds** know.



Alison Reynolds wants to know what you think about this bus shelter

## News in Brief

Where is our Creek Bridge? – Will it be this year? We certainly hope so. Lib Dem County **Councillor Antony Hook** is pressing KCC hard to get on with it. Conservative leader Paul Carter recently came to Faversham, but seemed to have little to say other than to outrageously suggest that Faversham Town Council tax payers should stump up some more money. **Antony Hook** and the local team are working closely with the Faversham Creek Trust, the Where's our Bridge Campaign and many others locally to ensure that 2019 is the year.

**Anderson's Ham Road Development** – Plans for the first 117 houses out of a total of 330 are in at Swale Council. Local Lib Dem **Councillor Ben A Martin** is preparing a detailed submission to Anderson, the developer, calling for improvements to the layout of houses, the design and quality of build, the landscaping and environment improvements and the treatment around the edge of the lake. A meeting with the developers is expected within a few weeks.

**Swale Council Budget** – the usual stingy Conservative budget which does little to look after the most disadvantaged people locally has been published. Again it leaves some £15 million of reserves unused and yet again we see Sittingbourne and Sheppey get most of the investment – for example £2 million for Sittingbourne and Sheppey leisure centres and zero for Faversham Swimming Pools. Lib Dems will be proposing improvements to this budget. What do you think? Any ideas to **Mike Henderson** by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

**12 Market Place** – Lib Dems support the groundswell of local opinion against this vanity project. Lib Dem Town Councillor **Ben A Martin** says “I have fought against this from day 1. The Conservatives should be forced to put forward a Plan B to minimise the ever increasing expenditure otherwise the new Town Council in May will have to grapple with the problem.”

**Clean up dog poo** – Councillor **Mike Henderson** is providing money from his Swale grant allowance for a dog cleanliness station along Front Brents, where there is a lot of dog walking and sometimes a lot of mess. The station will have bags for dog walkers to use.

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