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## "Forbes Road crossing MUST be made safer" say Lib Dems

Liberal Democrat Councillors and campaigners have called on Kent County Council to take urgent steps to make the Forbes Road crossing safe.

**Cllr Ben J Martin** said, "there have been several accidents and near misses over the years, including a incident that led to the death of a local resident in 2014 and most recently in December where a pedestrian was hit and required medical attention. Frustratingly we have been asking for some time for Kent County Council to meet with us to discuss the crossing, which they've finally done."

KCC highways engineers are looking into ideas to improve the safety of the crossing, but wouldn't commit to funding the improvements.

**Ben** continued, "I will be chasing KCC to ensure funding is made available to make this crossing safe, before someone else is killed or seriously injured."

Lib Dem campaigner **Josh Rowlands** said, "if we're going to tackle the climate crisis we need to encourage people to walk and cycle instead of using their



Local Lib Dem Councillors and Campaigners Demand Safety Improvements

cars. To do that we must have safe work being done to introduce a crossing points and support the 20mph zone across Faversham."

## Double WIN success Lib Dems get safety improved at two road junctions

**Liberal Democrat councillor Eddie Thomas** has successfully campaigned for a safer junction for both pedestrians and drivers.

**Eddie** said "local residents had raised safety concerns when vehicles had parked on the pavement forcing them to step out into the road and also

blocking their view when attempting to drive out onto The Mall."

A loading ban will now be introduced within ten meters of the Nelson Street junction on The Mall, with loading only permitted between 10-11am and 4-5pm for the benefit of local traders."



Cllr Eddie Thomas "Loading ban will improve junction Safety for drivers and pedestrians"

Following requests from local residents, double yellow lines have been added at the junction of Love Lane and Windermere.

**Cllr Ben J Martin** said, "this has already proved popular with local people, who say they feel safer when they're coming out of Windermere on to Love Lane."

## Faversham Town Council puts £20,000 towards Neighbourhood Plan for Faversham.

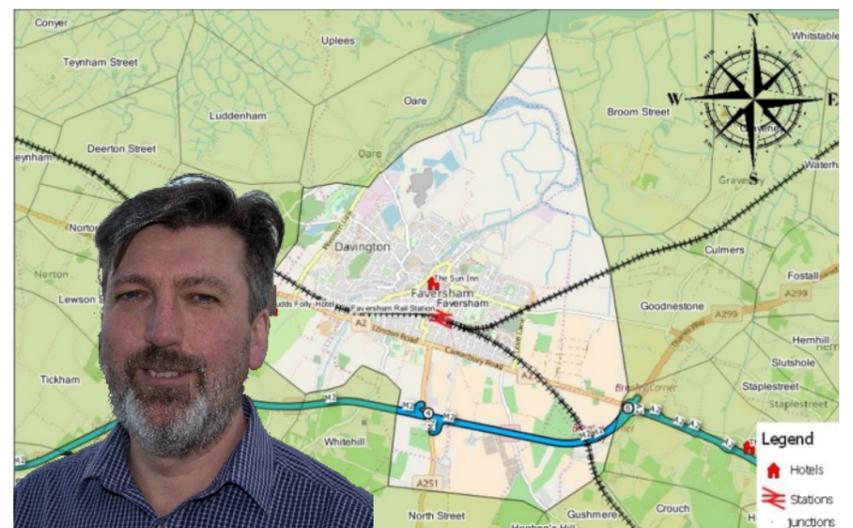
Liberal Democrat led Town Council is working with the community to set a vision for future

Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, **Councillor John Irwin** said, "I'm delighted that the Council has recognised that the development of our town should be led by the needs of our community."

Under the previous administration residents had little or no voice in determining the volume, location, type and design quality of the new housing in our Town. Their calls for

improved roads, schools and health facilities fell on deaf ears.

"A neighbourhood plan can't halt development, and nor should it," continued **Cllr Irwin**, "but it does give us the opportunity to communicate our critical need for improved health services, schools, transport, sport and leisure facilities and identify and protect important local green spaces alongside affordable homes."



Planning for Faversham's Future: Cllr John Irwin

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Cllr Hannah Perkin doubled the Lib Dem vote in Faversham and Mid Kent

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*Hannah Perkin*

## Town Council unveils 'progressive' budget

Faversham Town Council has approved its 2020-21 budget with large funding increases for youth services (£40k), tackling the climate and biodiversity emergency (£15k), 20's plenty (£28K) and community grants and events (£59K).

The budget which includes a modest 38 ½p a week increase in the council's precept is the first to be approved since the Liberal Democrats took 11 of the 14 town council seats in last May's local elections. Chair of the Town Council's Policy and Finance Committee **Cllr Ben J Martin** said, "This is a progressive budget that puts people at it's

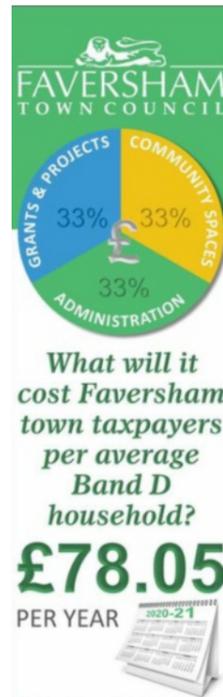


Cllr Ben J Martin: "A progressive, balanced, fiscally responsible budget."

heart, and seeks to clean up the financial mess left by the previous Conservative council."

The budget also reveals the true cost of the Conservatives purchase of 12 market place at £72,000 per year.

Ben continued "We have also tidied up the budget headings to improve transparency, and make it easier for people to see how their council tax is being spent."



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**Antony** continued "Since then Lib Dem councillors and campaigners have been working hard to improve our area. Why not join our hard working, winning team, and help us make Faversham even better."



Cllr Antony Hook: "Join us today."

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## News in Brief

### Youth Council

Lib Dem **Councillor John Irwin** is working hard with colleagues to develop a Youth Council for Faversham, and help provide activities for young people especially in the 11-17 age group. John said, "for too long the needs of young people in Faversham have been ignored. We have committed £40k to youth work in the next town council budget and we're asking the young people of Faversham to give their views as it would be great for them to be involved with how we spend it."

### Climate Change and Biodiversity

Lib Dem councillors led by **Cllr Chris Williams and Cllr Hannah Perkin**, have locally declared a Climate Change and Biodiversity Emergency, and are right now developing an action plan for Faversham on this urgent issue. Looking to make the Town Council carbon neutral and increase biodiversity so helping, plants, insects, birds, mammals and reptiles.

**Local Campaigner Josh Rowlands** said said, "we must work together to reduce the impact each of us has on the environment. We must act now."

### Lib Dems to light up St Ann's footbridge

Soon after taking office, **Lib Dem Cllr Eddie Thomas**, responded to reports of no lights on the St Ann's footbridge. He firstly arranged for Network Rail to repaint the step edges making them easier to see at night. Then he met with Network Rail and Swale Council officers to secure new lighting for the bridge. Eddie said, "I am pleased to say that Swale Borough Council has agreed to meet the cost of the new lights. Which I expect to be installed later this year."

### More ££££ for Faversham

Your Liberal Democrat councillors have worked with colleagues from Swale's Rainbow Alliance Administration to secure funding from the special projects fund of over £160,000 for projects in and around Faversham. Including repairs to the **well at Harty Ferry**, towards **Faversham Swimming Pools** new boilers and the **St Ann's footbridge** lighting.

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