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Potholes and Pavements

The state of our roads and pavements are getting worse and increasing numbers of people have tripped and suffered injuries.

The Tories have admitted the best they can do is a 'managed decline' of our roads. This is proving to be true as they have recently arranged for some roads in the ward to have a dress coating without filling in the dips and potholes first. Although from a distance it looks good, on closer inspection it becomes apparent that the hazards are still there.

Cllr Gerry Drake says: "More needs to be spent on repairing our roads and pavements, and not wasting money on items like £85,000 for a new spin doctor."

Many people feel more should be spent on improving our roads and pavements and have signed our petition asking for more investment. If you agree please sign and return our petition below.



Repair our roads and pavements

We the undersigned, call on Southampton City Council to invest more in repairing roads and pavements across the city.

Name.....

Address.....

Email/phone.....

Please let us know of any road/path in particular need of attention.

Please return slip to: Southampton Lib Dems, 9 Highlands House, Wharncliffe Road, Southampton SO19 7gg



Gerry Drake collecting signatures to the petition in Bitterne Precinct.

LIB DEMS SAY 'NO' TO ARTWORK SELL OFF

Southampton Lib Dem councillors are firmly opposed to the Tory Administration's proposals to sell off works of art from the Civic Centre Art Gallery. **Cllr John Slade** says: "The idea of selling such valuable works when the country is in a recession is short sighted."

SEAT REPAIRED



Cllr Gerry Drake asked for the seat by the bus stop in Peartree Avenue at Freemantle Common to be repaired. He is pleased that this has now been done.

Keeping you informed all-year-round

FLUORIDATION FARCE

The decision by South Central Strategic Health Authority's board to allow fluoride to be added to the drinking water in Southampton is fundamentally wrong. They are an unelected board and so have to get a mandate to make major decisions. They must consult the people they serve. In that consultation three quarters of the people who are affected and expressed a view said "no" to fluoridated water. So it could be said that it was a sham consultation and that in this regard we live in a dictatorship and not a democracy.

Lib Dem Parliamentary Spokesman David Goodall said: *"In my view it would be far better if local health services were controlled by a health board where the majority of the members were directly elected by the people they serve - this also happens to be Liberal Democrat policy."*



MEPs Elected

The Lib Dems held on to their two MEP seats in the South East Region with the election of Catherine Bearder and Sharon Bowles. Sharon was successfully re-elected for a second term while Catherine was elected for the first time in place of Emma Nicholson who retired.

PLAY AREAS update...

The situation of play equipment on **Freemantle Common**, is moving very slowly. **Cllr Gerry Drake** says: "There seems to be continuous consultations being carried out but little actual action in getting play equipment in place. It would appear after all this time the people responsible still have not made their minds up what they are going to do."

Their latest idea is to put a 'play trail' with items of linked play equipment at various locations around Freemantle Common.



Regarding the placing of play equipment on Peartree Green near the swings, a consultation event was held in August. Many local people attended and gave their views.

Once the Council have made a decision on what they are going to do, they need to apply to the Secretary of State for permission to install the play equipment on both these areas. Focus will keep you informed of progress.

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- I can deliver FOCUS
- I want to join the Liberal Democrats
- I enclose a donation to help pay for FOCUS (cheques payable to "Southampton Liberal Democrats")

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