

# CHARLIE ELPHICKE MP

*Better healthcare, more jobs and money*



Charlie marching for port workers' jobs

## PEOPLE'S PORT

Charlie is campaigning for our community to be able to own our port. This would ensure our port can never be sold overseas. It would mean a real partnership between the ferry companies, the people and the port. Surplus profits would be used to create more jobs and money. The port could then be developed, as it should have been long ago, to provide a great Channel side experience attractive to tourists. The People's Port would see through the sensible development of the Western Docks and turn Dover back into a jewel in the crown of the nation.

## CAMPAIGN success...

### Mission accomplished!

As a newly elected MP, Charlie had to go into bat to free Major Bill Shaw. Major Shaw was in prison in Afghanistan with the Taliban. It was clear he had committed no crime. Charlie pressed the Foreign Office to act and was delighted when Major Shaw was freed on appeal.



From left, son Lewis, wife Liz, Bill, Charlie Elphicke, daughter Lisa (Luckyn-Malone), Craig

## SECURE BORDERS

News that asylum claims have fallen by 80% since the Calais "Jungle" was broken up has been welcomed by Charlie Elphicke. Charlie fought against the Jungle and expressed concern about the number of children there. He is concerned that we should back UKBA border guardians who keep our country safe and has been pressing the Home Office to support the excellent work they do.



Inspecting border controls with Keith Vaz MP



Charlie with Reg Hansell and Andrew Lansley MP

## A PROPER HOSPITAL

Together with Kent County Council and Dover District Council, Charlie has called on health chiefs to build the new health facility at Whitfield rather than Buckland. Why? Whitfield has room to expand the facility into a proper hospital. Charlie has pressed Health Secretary Andrew Lansley to support the expansion plans, which local GPs tell Charlie they support.

## Castle Community Academy

Our community has new academies with Archers Court becoming Christchurch Academy and the Duke of York a boarding academy. Now Castle Community College is becoming an academy too with Charlie having taken up the cause with the Department for Education. These schools will now have greater independence to seek excellence and success.



Charlie also attended the opening of the new Duke of York Military Academy



Charlie still pays for his own shopping

## Expenses pledge delivered

In the election campaign, Charlie promised honest expenses. This has been delivered with expenses being published on Charlie's website at [www.elphicke.com](http://www.elphicke.com). Charlie does not claim for second homes, food or furniture. He has published all receipts and paperwork so everyone can see how their money is being spent.

## BETTER DEAL

Jobs and transport are under the spotlight in Deal. Charlie has been supporting the Landmark Centre's excellent Jobs Club. He has also been pressing JobCentre Plus to open an outreach in Deal to save people journeys to Dover.

Charlie has also met with rail chiefs to press for better rail connections at Dover and Ramsgate - as well as for the fast train to stop at Deal.



Pressing rail chiefs for the fast train to stop at Deal

## Still campaigning to save green spaces

As a believer in protecting green open spaces and our countryside, Charlie opposes the developments planned at Sholden, Middle Deal and Whitfield. He believes the plans for Sholden and Middle Deal are wholly misconceived and inappropriate. The plans for Whitfield are a serious concern as they were so advanced when Charlie was elected. He is still doing all he can with the community to hold back the bulldozers and ensure Whitfield gets a fair deal on planning gain if development goes ahead.

Charlie meeting the Whitfield Action Group



# Working tirelessly all year round...

## WHAT THEY SAY...

**In the average week Charlie receives 700 emails and 300 letters. Charlie works hard to ensure residents' concerns are acted on as quickly as possible. Here are some of the things people have said:**

“ A big thank you for the help you gave me with the Revenue. ”

*Mr C, Shepherdswell*

“ Thank you for all the work you are doing for Kath Thompson, with regard to the appalling treatment meted out to her. ”

*Ms W, Mill Hill*

“ I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your help. ”

*Mr S, Walmer*

“ Your visit was much appreciated and added greatly to a super afternoon . . . Parents expressed their pleasure at the time you spent with us. ”

*A Dover Primary School*

“ Thank you for your response regarding this matter . . . We do appreciate your prompt and effective action which is very reassuring. ”

*Mr and Mrs A, St Margarets*

**A256**  
Fighting county council plans to close the junction to Eythorne

**Aylesham**  
Attended Alcoholics Anonymous anniversary meeting

**Lydden**  
Defending pubs; helped residents opposed to the loss of the excellent Hope Inn

**Capel le ferne**  
Pressing for a crossing over busy road through village

**Lydd**  
Fighting proposed developments which are inappropriate and misconceived

**Sampson Court, Deal**  
With Cllr Julie Rook, fighting the threatened closure of this important nursing home and day care facility

**Sholden and Middle Deal**  
Fighting proposed developments which are inappropriate and misconceived

**Landmark Centre**  
Supporting jobs board, job club and working to get Jobcentre to provide services, to save people trips to Dover

**Castle Community Academy**  
Successfully pushed through this outstanding school to receive academy status

**Whitfield**  
Fighting the planned development of Whitfield and pressing for a fair deal on planning regardless

**Dover hospital**  
Pressing for move to Whitfield, near the Tesco, to get space to enable a proper hospital to be built

**Archers Court**  
First school tour of Parliament

**Port of Dover**  
Campaigning for we, the people, to own our port

**Olympic Torch**  
Fighting for the Torch to arrive in England at Dover

**Port of Dover Express**  
Charlie calls for a 'people's port'

# ...get in touch!

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