

Dover & Deal Matters

Local Conservatives - working hard for you

Too little has been achieved in the last ten years for our community. It's not good enough. Let's look at the key issues:

- **A new Dover hospital** - Labour have ruined Buckland. The Conservatives have helped to gather signatures for the hospital petition. We



Shadow Health Minister, Andrew Lansley, says YES to a proper hospital for Dover

have been fighting alongside local health campaigners for a new proper hospital with beds and 24/7 GP-led emergency services.

- **Crime and anti-social behaviour** are worrying problems for our area. Violent crime has doubled in the UK in ten years. Locally every year, over 1,000 people are victims of violent crime. We need more police on the beat preventing crime, with zero-tolerance and more facilities for our young people.
- **Rising living costs** are hitting family budgets, with prices rising for food and the cost of motoring. Gordon Brown has been increasing taxes on the lowest paid, fuel duty has gone through the roof - and now they are raising the price of car tax discs too. Local wages have fallen over £1,000 in the last five years, meaning an even bigger squeeze here. People who work hard to earn their keep should be rewarded, not punished.
- **Post Office Closures** have hit local people hard - particularly the elderly and those without transport. Gordon Brown's closure of six local Post Offices leaves large areas without proper Post Office cover. More Post Offices are



Conservative Parliamentary Candidate, Charlie Elphicke, campaigns against crime

expected to be axed by Gordon Brown in due course.

- **Local Transport** has seen terrible under-investment. The A2 upgrade was axed by John Prescott. Gordon Brown has done nothing about making the A258 safer. We need to get lorries out of Dover and regeneration in.

Conservatives fight crime

Conservative-controlled Dover District Council is fighting crime in partnership with Kent Police.



Cllr Nigel Collor wants more for teenagers to do

The Council's Anti-social Behaviour Unit is working to crackdown on crime. A key priority is to provide more things for our young people to do.

Councillor Nigel Collor says "More things for younger people to do is a priority to help cut crime".

In a separate move, Parliamentary Candidate, Charlie Elphicke, a father of two from Deal has launched a long-term Crime Action Plan:

- **Make families stronger** - keeping families together so children have a stable upbringing
- **Supporting teachers** to teach children the need for respect and bringing more good schools into deprived communities - for example, the Astor Federation has turned the failing St Radigunds School into the successful White Cliffs Primary
- **Help young people to come off welfare and into work** - Work brings responsibility,

dignity, money and respect - making people less likely to commit crime

- **Introducing a National Citizens Service** - where all 16-year-olds can go on a six-week programme to develop the confidence and skills to contribute to society
- **Tough enforcement and prison sentences** for young people caught carrying illegal knives, whilst also working to rehabilitate young offenders.

Charlie Elphicke has launched a Crime Action Plan



Brown has failed to protect the public

Local families hit by rising cost of living

Caring for the needy

The gap between rich and poor has been increasing. The Conservatives want to change this - so we can build a Britain that everyone can be part of.

Gordon Brown's Government has taken people for granted and let them down. He doesn't understand what it's like to live on a low income when the cost of living is rising. That's why he raised taxes for the least well-off when he cut them for the wealthier.

His boasts about crime show how out of touch he is. Anti-social behaviour and alcohol fuelled crime are real problems for our area - and violent crime is a real worry.

Who would have thought a Labour Government would:

- Abolish the 10p tax rate?
- Increase taxes for the least well-off?
- Cut tax for the rich?
- Close GP surgeries and local hospitals?
- Close Post Offices, hitting pensioners hard?

The Conservatives want to help the least well-off. That's why we are putting forward ideas to heal our broken society and proposals to help needy pensioners. Locally, the Conservatives are spearheading the regeneration of Dover and Deal. The road upgrades we are proposing will also help to create more jobs.

Local Parliamentary Candidate Charlie Elphicke began talks to build up links with the massive Chinese city of Fuzhou



to get more investment locally - yet Dover Labour voted that down so they have gone elsewhere. Nationally and locally Labour are just not helping us. We deserve better.



It's tough on a low income

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