

Dover and Deal Newsletter

Getting things done

Spring 2017

STRONGER BORDERS – BOOSTING OUR AREA – BETTER HEALTHCARE



Destination Dover & Deal



Cinemas and shops rise at St James

The hard work of so many years is beginning to pay off in Dover & Deal. There is real momentum – the local Conservatives are delivering. The future is looking brighter.

After a fierce battle, Burlington House has gone. Steelwork is rising at the St James development. A cinema complex and a great shopping centre are taking shape in the heart of Dover – boosting the town rather than taking shoppers away.

Meanwhile The Times newspaper last month put Deal at number one in their list of the 20 best seaside towns in Britain. Deal has the nation's best high street, bags of charm and a superb seafront. The fast train Charlie fought for and delivered now sweeps into Deal all day, every day.

Charlie says, "Destination Dover & Deal has taken a giant leap forward. Yet there is still more to do. The Conservative team continues to work tirelessly to secure even more investment, jobs and money for our area."

STRONGER BORDERS

Last year, after a sustained campaign by Charlie and French officials in Calais, the Jungle migrant camp was dismantled. Here at the Dover and Deal frontline, we know we cannot risk the Jungle returning.

By the time the battle was won last autumn, nearly 10,000 people had been lured to Calais, living in conditions of appalling squalor – rickety shacks and tents. There was no running water and little sanitation. Just 22 miles across our English Channel, people traffickers roamed free, exploiting migrants – adults and children alike.

Dismantling the Jungle and moving the people there into safe reception centres far from Calais was a major step forward.

Charlie says, "We cannot risk a return of the Calais Jungle. I am working closely with officials in Calais to avoid a repeat. We must be vigilant and press the French to take action before the first tent is pitched."



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A fairer share of healthcare

Back in 2010, Dover's Buckland Hospital had been decimated by the failing Labour Government. Services were lost and wards axed one by one. Meanwhile Deal Hospital was left teetering on the edge. Many feared the hospital would be closed.

Fast forward to 2017 and the New Dover Hospital is open and working well. Meanwhile Deal Hospital was safeguarded after a hard fought Conservative campaign. Charlie is now campaigning for beds close to Dover's hospital and even more services to be added to Deal hospital.

Charlie says, "I now want to see more local health and social care so that we can do a better job of looking after the elderly and the frail. Mental Health services have long been neglected – so last month I held a Kent summit in Parliament to make sure mental health is at the top of the agenda."



Conservatives, working hard for Dover and Deal

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JOBS FAIR SUCCESS



Last month Charlie held his fifth Jobs Fair. It was a massive success with more businesses than ever setting up stalls and seeking workers. Hundreds of jobs were on offer – Tilmanstone Salads alone are seeking 200 new employees. Unemployment has near halved since 2010. Meanwhile over 4,000 apprenticeships have been created.

Charlie says, “My Jobs Fair shows how many businesses are recruiting locally. This is great news. Unemployment has plummeted since 2010, yet I want to see it fall even further. I want to see full employment so that everyone can have the opportunity realise their full potential.”

Brexit – Ready on Day One



In two years we will leave the European Union. It is vital that we are ready on Day One when we leave. The most important preparations of all will be here at the Dover and Deal frontline.

We need to be prepared to make sure we don't have queues of traffic like last summer. That's why Charlie is pressing the Prime Minister to deliver the lorry park off the M20, dual the A2 and build the Lower Thames Crossing. We must also invest in the Port of Dover so that the facilities are able to cope with whatever happens on Brexit.

Charlie says, “Being ready is vital not just for us – but for the whole nation. It is of national importance that trade continues to flow freely through the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel. Brexit must work for the good of us all.”

Fixing our roads

Highways England have caved in to Charlie's campaign and agreed to get rid of the hated A20 40mph speed limit. Yet they are still taking far too long. Meanwhile there have been worrying problems with faulty traffic lights in Lydden.

Charlie has been pressing Highways chiefs to get on with sorting these problems – and has seen Transport Secretary Chris Grayling to demand faster action. Charlie has also asked Kent Police to step up their patrols on the A20 to deter foreign lorry drivers from dangerous driving and flouting the speed limit.

Charlie says, “I'm fighting for a brighter future for Dover and Deal. We need to see growth without gridlock. So whether it's making the A20 speed limit variable or making Lydden's lights safe – highways chiefs have got to get on top of these things sooner.”

