

Fighting for a "fair deal" at County Hall for **Enham Alamein**

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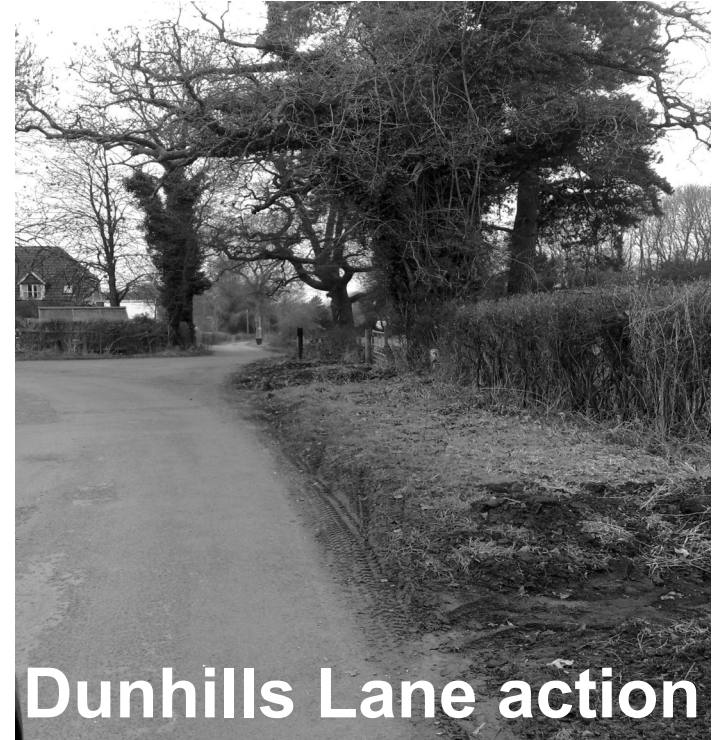


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ENHAM "SIGNS" CLEAN—UP



Enham Lib Dems Focus group have been busy over the New Year cleaning, reporting dirty and damaged street signs. Local campaigner Nigel Gooding pictured alongside the CANGO bus sign in Enham spotted that a number of signs that were either in a state of disrepair or filthy. Enham Lib Dems cleaned some of the reachable signs and reported rest. The FOCUS group now have assurances from Hampshire and Test Valley Council to clean up the signs and ensure a system going forward to prevent a reoccurrence.



Dunhills Lane action

The responsibility for maintaining and cleaning the signs lies with Tory led Hampshire and Test Valley Councils. It is a complicated arrangement which judging by the state of the signs does not work effectively or give value for money. Nigel took up the challenge and started cleaning the signs himself and those out of reach reported to Hampshire and Test Valley Councils.

Nigel said " *We cleaned the signs where we could and the rest have been reported to Hampshire and Test Valley Councils. Senior Managers have given me a pledge that they will be cleaned over the next few weeks and repairs carried out. They will also put in a system to ensure that we do not see the signs get into this state again*"



Lib Dem Test Valley Councillor Len Gates said " *The condition of the signs in Enham is important as it is a well known fact that the condition of an areas street signs can give a positive effect in deterring future vandalism*"

Lib Dem County Councillor Robin Hughes has ensured that work that Hampshire County Council promised 12 months ago at Dunhills Lane has finally be undertaken. Until the intervention of Councillor Hughes the onset of rainfall would see flooding at the junction of was Greenfields/Dunhills Lane which saw the road turn into a lake.

A local resident first reported the problem to Tory led Hampshire Highways but as usual their response was slow. However on contacting Councillor Hughes within days drainage channels had been dug. We will keeping a close eye on developments after the next heavy rainfall.

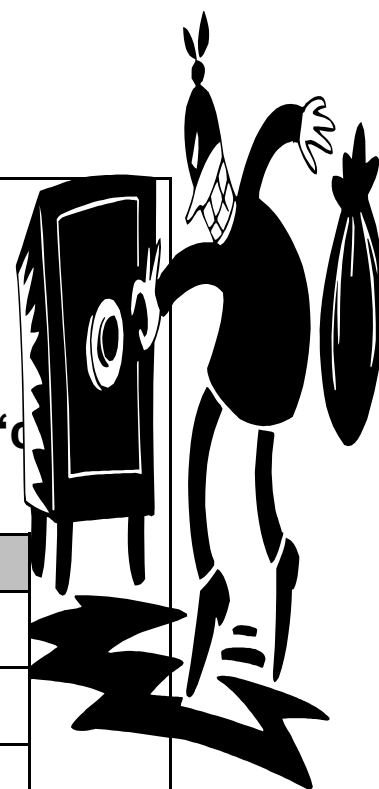
Winter gritting update : Smannell and Enham Lib Dems have written to Tory led Hampshire Council to ask what went wrong in December when roads through Smannell and Upper Enham were not gritted and numerous accidents occurred.

Hampshire Highways tell us that the road through Smannell and Upper Enham has been taken off the list of regular routes to save money when the new contract was negotiated!

We will update you in the **FOCUS**



Hampshire County Council Tax daylight robbery



We have been asking some difficult questions and we have found out from Hampshire County Council that in the past 4 years of the current Tory led administration our Council Tax have risen a whopping 5.6% above the rate of Inflation. This in order to keep Council Tax low in election year and maintain a £120 million surplus in the bank whilst services suffer and we struggle with the “**crunch**”

	Council Tax	RPI	Overcharge
2007/08	4.7%	3%	1.7%
2006/07	4.7%	3.2%	1.5%
2005/06	3.5%	2.8%	0.7%
2004/05	4.7%	3.0%	1.7%

Table 1 : Figures supplied from www.hants.gov.uk & Government office for National Statistics

Where has the money gone from the savings that Hampshire CC claimed to have made? This is scandalous when they have a surplus of £120 million and will this year be capping Council Tax rises at 3.5% and claiming how well they have managed our money! In essence the Tories on Hampshire County Council have been taking the our money off us and salting it way for a rainy day next June!

There is a credit crunch on you know!

Facts that the Tories will not tell you in their leaflets about their County Council Candidate:

- Pam Mutton as a Test Valley Councillor along with her **fellow Tories voted for the East Anton MDA scheme** which will see an additional 2500 houses on our doorsteps
- Pam Mutton **does not live** in the Andover North Division unlike Lib Dem County Councillor Robin Hughes
- Pam Mutton as a Test Valley Councillor **does not represent** any of the Test Valley Wards being contested for in next June’s Andover North County Council election
- Pam Mutton was initially elected as **Liberal Democrat Councillor** before defecting to the Tories.

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I will display a poster at election time

I would like to talk to you about the following issues:

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