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Your Comments:

Your name:..... Phone number:.....
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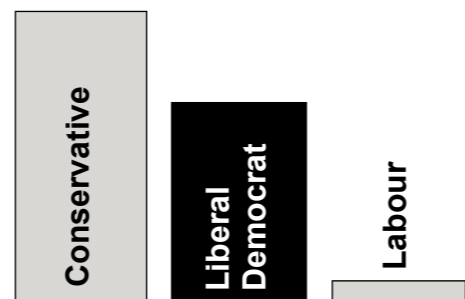


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Andover's Vote in 2007



A simple choice

Councillors in this area are -

Andover:	Conservative	11
	Liberal Democrat	3
	Independent	1
Test Valley:	Conservative	33
	Liberal Democrat	14
	Independent	1

In Andover there is one alternative to the present Tory administration -



ALAMEIN FOCUS

Summer 2010

BUS PASSES UNDER THREAT?

Changes introduced by the outgoing Labour government are threatening Test Valley's bus pass scheme. From April next year concessionary fares will be the responsibility of Hampshire County Council who may not fund all the services like all day travel, companion passes, railcards and travel vouchers currently provided by Test Valley.

Andover's Lib Dem councillors are calling for the county to maintain existing provisions. "Access to buses is vital to many of elderly and disabled residents" said Councillor Len Gates. "The current scheme is the result of detailed work to get the best possible deal for residents. It is justified and appropriate to meet local needs and should not be sacrificed to meet short term cost savings in Winchester."



Len Gates discusses bus passes with Enham resident and local campaigner Julia Lloyd.

and HOSPITAL BUS SCRAPPED



Hospital bus leaves Andover

Without warning, Winchester and Eastleigh NHS Trust have scrapped the regular Andover to Winchester hospital bus to save money. The service, introduced after pressure from Andover's Lib Dem councillors, stops on 31st August.

Condemning the move Cllr Len Gates said "All patients must be notified and some alternative put in place for patients needing to go to Winchester." He and other councillors are calling for Test Valley to ensure other services are available as soon as possible and for Test Valley's funding of the hospital bus to go to these other services.

But victory for Sunday bus campaign - see page 3

Tell us what you think of the proposals and the state of local bus services using the form on page 4.

WORKING FOR YOU IN ALAMEIN WARD and ACROSS ANDOVER

CAMPAIGNING FOR SAFER ROADS



Len Gates and Barbara Carpenter check traffic on Icknield Way

Clr Len Gates has called for improved road safety on Icknield Way. Speaking after he carried out residents and traffic surveys he said "existing measures do not work and must be improved to protect drivers and pedestrians in the area."



The new route through Augusta Park

Len Gates supported Smannell Parish Council at the recent public enquiry into the diversion of Smannell Road. "This proposal is wrong and not in the interests of existing or new residents" he said.

TACKLING LITTER ON OUR STREETS



Len Gates joined anti-litter campaigners in a litter pick on Smannell Road Open Space and is backing police action to control under-age drinking in the area.



An additional litter bin was installed on Roman Way at the request of Barbara Carpenter.

In brief -

Test Valley Tories have rejected Lib Dem calls to sign up to the 10:10 carbon reduction campaign. "They are relying on excuses, half measures and self-congratulation instead of taking a lead on environmental issues" said Lib Dem Leader Len Gates.

Local police are continuing to deal with mini motor bikes ridden illegally around our estates and villages. If you have a problem where you live call the police on 101 or 08450 454545 or let us know.

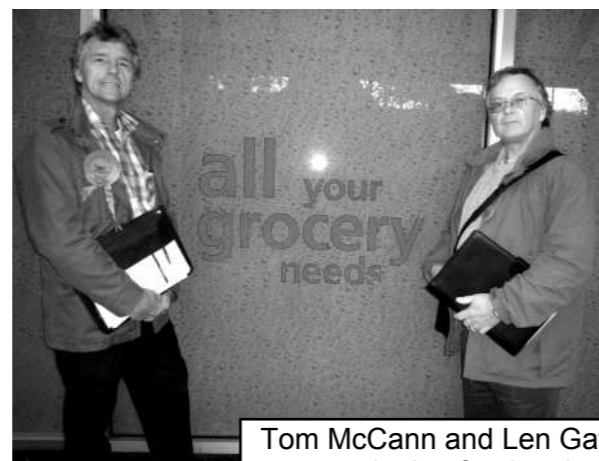
Augusta Park residents will soon have a new community centre. Len Gates, who is currently answering residents surveys from the area, will be holding surgeries in the new facility.

Residents of Trajan Walk, Hadrian Road and the surrounding area have another meeting on September 4th. Len Gates will chair the meeting. Town councillors, the police, council and housing officers have all been invited.

LOCAL SHOP SAVED

King Arthur's Way shop is now fully open and refurbished by new owners McColls.

Our thanks to previous owners the Co-op, who listened to calls from Len Gates and local residents to keep the shop open until a new operator was found.



Tom McCann and Len Gates campaigning for the shop

Town Council elections - FIGHTING FOR MORE BUSES

Thank you to all those who turned out to vote for us in the recent town council elections from -

Kevin Hughes (elected)
Barbara Carpenter (elected) and
Andrew Whiteley

Your Alamein councillors and Focus team -

- Live and work locally
- Put you and Andover first
- Are actively involved in the local community and community groups
- Are available when you want to deal with the issues that matter to you.

In Westminster Lib Dems have -

Put key election promises into action with

- An increase in personal tax allowances
- An extra £2 billion in tax credits
- A restored link between pensions and earnings

And

- A referendum on a fairer voting system
- ID cards scrapped and a review of Labour's illiberal laws
- Power devolved back to local communities, where it belongs.

Consultation on changes to local buses was poor and changes have left residents with reduced bus services according to TVBC councillors. A report has called for improvements to services and more use of taxi share to fill the gap left on cancelled buses routes. It also calls for funding for evening and Sunday buses as requested in Barbara Carpenter's bus petition.



Barbara Carpenter with the bus petition

GETTING REPAIRS DONE

Road repairs have finally been carried out on King Arthur's Way. Len Gates backed Robin Hughes and local residents in calling for immediate action to repair dangerous potholes here and in other areas.

Len has also arranged for temporary repairs to damaged kerb stones in Hadrian Road and for the removal of overgrown trees at Tintagel Close

Blocked drains have been cleared in Turin Court and Tiberius Road following requests from Kevin Hughes and Barbara Carpenter.

If you know of blocked drains, broken street lights or potholes ignored by the county council let your Focus team know using the form overleaf.



Galahad Close



Hadrian Road



Tintagel Close



Tiberius Road



TURIN COURT

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