

*Bill Oakey holds regular surgeries in  
Bridge and Bekesbourne.  
His next surgery is in Bekesbourne Village Hall  
on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March – 10.00 a.m. – 12 Noon*

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Working For You***

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Conservatives please complete the form below  
and return it to Bill Oakey  
C/O 9 Hawks Lane Canterbury CT1 2NU**

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- Joining the local Conservative Association

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**CONSERVATIVE  
IN TOUCH WITH  
BRIDGE RESIDENTS**



**EDITOR: BILL OAKEY** FEBRUARY/MARCH 2003

**FLOODING**

The Nailbourne is once again threatening us with flooding. However, unlike two years ago, thanks to sterling efforts by the City Council and the Environment Agency, all of my villages are at much less risk.

Sandbags in standby stores in all our villages and other strategic locations are ready for deployment before the water threatens our homes. Each village has flood wardens and the Environment Agency has set up an early warning system to alert us to take action.

Only Southern Water is failing us and it is regrettable that sewage now has to be pumped into the Nailbourne at Bishopsbourne. Better there than in our homes, though I will continue to press Southern Water for a proper, long term, solution.

**It was the Conservative Leader, Harry Cragg, for whom we can thank for the much improved situation today.**

## FEAR of CRIME

People of Bridge are witnessing a much-reduced level of crime and Anti Social behaviour thanks to residents who alerted me at one of my regular surgeries that certain individuals in the village causing misery to many.

A meeting with Superintendent Gary Beautridge resulted in the individuals, and their parents, being left in no doubt that as far as Kent Constabulary is concerned, Zero Tolerance of such behaviour is now the order of the day.

***“I will continue to support all such measures to allow all of our residents to live without the Fear of Crime and Anti Social Behaviour in our villages.”***

## TRAFFIC

March will see the completion of the second pedestrian crossing here in Bridge making the roads safer for pedestrians and car drivers alike.

The really good news is that no car parking spaces have been lost by moving the crossing nearer to the supermarket!

***Conservatives care about road safety. We don't just talk about it, we make it happen!***

## RECYCLING

I support ALL measures to increase the amount of waste we generate being recycled. However, I do not believe that the current system we have is working and will give us the increases that the Government is urging upon us.

Clear bags are making our villages and City look more like those in Third World countries. Residents report that they are too heavy to lift when full, and many are concerned to put in the wrong items and risk the bags being left. There is even a scurrilous attempt by the Lib/Lab Executive, who currently run the City Council, to fine us £50.00 if we inadvertently put in window envelopes or any other items on the banned list!

What a nonsense when, with the former use of the Green Wheelie Bins, we were able to put in ALL items of paper and cardboard. The recycling firm is dictating their terms to the City Council and we, the residents, are paying the price!

**An elected CONSERVATIVE RUN CITY COUNCIL will immediately take steps to run a proper and sustainable recycling programme, after the May 1<sup>st</sup> Elections.**

**Don't forget, if you require a postal or proxy vote for May 1<sup>st</sup>, to ask me for the forms!**

# In Touch

With

## North Nailbourne

## Conservatives

Covering the villages of:-

Bekesbourne, Bishopsbourne, Bridge and Patrixbourne.

**Editor: Councillor Bill Oakey**



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# FLOODING

## PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMING WINTER

*Councillor Bill Oakey writes:* I am pleased to report that, as a result of immense pressure applied by our Flood Scrutiny Committee chaired by Harry Cragg, the Conservative Leader on Canterbury City Council, the Nailbourne and Lesser Stour Management Group (chaired by Tony Austin), Julian Brazier MP and myself as your elected representative, a great deal has been achieved to prepare us for this winter.

Work is underway to divert the river channel in Patrixbourne at St Mary's bridge and dredging of the river has already taken place. Further down the river work is starting in Wickhambreaux and an early warning system is being put into operation. In addition each village now has its own store of sandbags and Parish Councils have appointed Disaster Co-ordinators both at the instigation of the Conservative Councillors through the Flood Scrutiny Committee.

The one major cause for concern is the lack of response from Southern Water to request to upgrade and improve the sewage system. They have come under heavy fire from the Flood Scrutiny Committee and Harry Cragg and myself will be raising this matter again at the next full Council meeting in October.

To those, like Southern Water, who are prepared to discount last winters flooding as a "one in a hundred years event", I simply state that the water table is already far too high and if we have another wet winter the likelihood of flooding remains a strong possibility. The responsible action that we have, and are taking, is the only way that we will prevent the misery that many, including myself, have suffered.

# COUNCIL TAX HIKES

The last two years have seen council tax rising at over twice the rate of inflation. This has been caused by the Liberal Democrat and Labour Councillors combining to push through these unacceptable high levels of increase. In both years the Conservatives have proposed a budget that would increase only in line with inflation. On both occasions these proposals have been defeated by the opposition parties working together.

Whilst council tax has been increasing the City Council is delivering less services despite spending more and more of your money on staff and officers. The facts are simple. We either spend our money on front line services such as refuse collection, or we waste it on empire building!



## ANY PROBLEMS?

*Your local* Canterbury City Councillor, **Bill Oakey**, holds regular surgeries on the 3rd Saturday on each month.

The surgeries alternate between Bridge Methodist Church Hall and Bekesbourne Village Hall, however, the next surgery is being held on the 13th October at Bridge Methodist Church Hall.

The surgeries run from 10.00 am to Noon when your local Councillor is available to discuss any issues that you wish to raise. No appointments are necessary.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We rely entirely on volunteers to raise money, deliver leaflets and help campaign for the local Conservative Association.

If you would like to help please complete and return the box below to:-  
Bill Oakey, 9 Hawks Lane Canterbury CT1 2NU or phone 01227 765332

I/We would like to:-		Name(s)	.....
Join the local Conservatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	Address	.....
Play an active role in the local Conservative organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>		.....
Make a donation towards the cost	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tel No.	.....

# NORTH NAILBOURNE ELECTION SPECIAL

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Your *Local* Conservative Team Newsletter

New Year 2003/4

## BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Following the recent resignation of Councillor Bill Oakey, *local* Conservatives are pleased to announce their candidate for the forthcoming by election on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

**John Anderson** has lived in Bridge for over 30 years and in that time has worked hard within the community. He served the Parish Council for 16 years – the last four as Chairman, he was a churchwarden for the Patrixbourne with Bridge Parish Church for six years and for many years has been involved with the Nailbourne Horticultural Society and is currently their president.



### CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE JOHN ANDERSON SAYS:

I am deeply honoured to be selected by *local* Conservatives to stand as their candidate in the North Nailbourne Ward. I am saddened that my selection is the result of another's misfortune but I pledge to carry on the good work carried out and am eager to promote and support the tradition of a long line of Conservative Councillors across the Ward.

I, or one of my team of helpers, will try to call upon every resident to ascertain their views. It may not be possible in the little time available prior to the election to call on everyone personally, but like my predecessors I will hold regular "Surgeries" across the Ward and will always be available. I have outlined my commitment to the residents of Bridge, Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne and Bishopsbourne overleaf and I ask you to support me on Thursday January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# MY PLANS FOR OUR VILLAGES

I, and my fellow Conservatives, care for the quality of life  
in our rural communities

I will continue the work to promote  
all forms of road safety

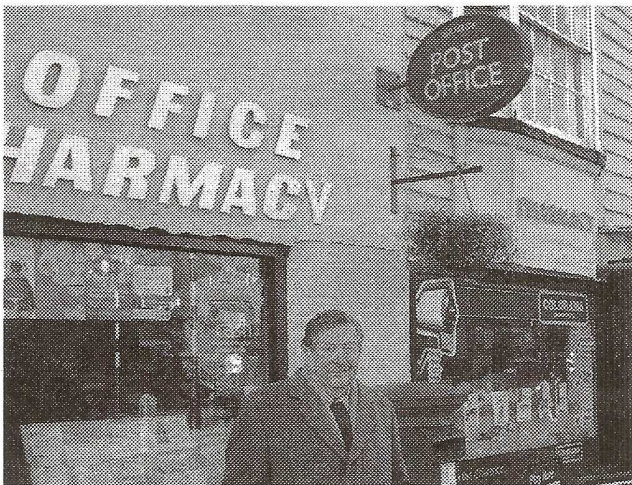
I strongly believe in support for  
village shops, post offices, pubs and  
local businesses – they are at the  
heart of rural communities.

I believe in proper funding for Parish  
Councils from Canterbury City  
Council and I will fight hard in the  
Council Chamber to ensure that we  
get our fair share



I believe in encouraging recreation  
facilities for all and particularly for  
the young in our villages.

I will continue to work with Kent  
County Council to provide our  
villages with all the necessary  
support such as the provision of  
rural wardens



## Leader of the Conservative Group on Canterbury City Council, Harry Cragg writes:

“This by election is crucial to the running of the Canterbury City Council over the next three years. At present the two minority Parties have combined forces to run an inefficient and wasteful administration. The largest Party – the Conservatives – are able to maintain an element of restraint by a scrutiny of all policies.

To remain effective it is important that we retain this seat and that you vote Conservative on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.”

# NORTH NAILBOURNE ELECTION SPECIAL

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January 2004

## JOHN ANDERSON LOCAL MAN – LOCAL ISSUES

*Local* Conservative candidate John Anderson has lived in Bridge for over 30 years. John has always been keen to support the community in which he has lived. Both during his career as the Chief Hotel Inspector for the RAC and now in retirement John has been pleased to give time and service to the local community.



John was first elected to the Bridge Parish Council, whilst still working full time and served a total of 16 years, in two separate spells, holding the role of Chairman for the last four. In addition John has served as a Churchwarden for the Patrixbourne with Bridge Parish Church and is also now the President of the local Horticultural Society.

John has always been keen to support and put back his time and effort into the community that he has enjoyed living in for many years. He is aware of the many and varied problems affecting the villages and isolated dwellings that make up the North Nailbourne Ward, and pledges, that when elected, he will continue to work hard for every person within the Ward no matter what their political persuasion, race or creed.

Vote for **JOHN ANDERSON**  
on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2004

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# My Plans for Our Villages

**Local** Conservative candidate **John Anderson** writes: - "I have been deeply involved in local affairs at many levels and during my sixteen years as a Parish Councillor I have become aware of most of the problems affecting local residents.

During this brief campaign I, or one of my voluntary helpers, have tried to speak to **all the residents** of Bridge, Bekesbourne with Patricxbourne and Bishopsbourne to canvass their current views on local issues.

Top of the list was the maintenance of the '**Green Gap**' between our Villages and Canterbury and the preservation of our rural outlook. Other issues raised were the **volume of traffic and speeding** along our roads - some of which are narrow, winding country lanes; the perennial problems with **flooding**; keeping **local businesses**, especially the **post office**, providing **recreational facilities** especially for the young and the ever increasing level of **bus fares**.

When elected I will raise these issues with Canterbury City Council and fight hard for **all local residents**. I will hold regular surgeries throughout the Ward and will be available to all. I will continue to listen to **all local residents** to keep abreast of any problems as they may arise. This is my pledge to you."

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Leader of the Conservative Group on  
Canterbury City Council, Harry Cragg writes:

"I am delighted that John Anderson has been selected as our Conservative Candidate and I urge you to support him.

He has demonstrated his ability to serve his local community over many years and I look forward to having him as a fellow City Councillor where I know he will effectively represent the voters of North Nailbourne."



# NORTH NAILBOURNE NEWS

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February 2004

## THANK YOU

### JOHN ANDERSON WRITES

"I would like to thank all the electors in Bridge, Bishopsbourne Bekesbourne and Patrixbourne, who placed their trust in me by supporting me at the ballot box on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

I am pleased that the siren calls of the opposition parties who claimed all things successful as their own, including the building of the A2 bypass when the majority of Bridge residents banded together regardless of political persuasion to achieve this, was not heeded.



This election was important as it enables the Conservatives to keep a rein on the excesses of the Lib/Dem Labour coalition. Canterbury City Council has just been rated as "excellent" by the Audit Commission, which was claimed as a Liberal Democrat achievement. Even the leader of their Labour Coalition Partners agreed that the combined hard work of *all* political parties and the Officers of the Council undertaken over the last five years achieved this.

As promised during my campaign I will, to the best of my ability, represent all electors in the North Nailbourne Ward irrespective of their political beliefs. I will be holding regular surgeries details of which can be found overleaf. If you have a problem that you think I can help with or if you wish to contact me on any matters relating to our Ward please telephone 01227 830260."

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## LOCAL PROBLEMS

John Anderson says – “I intend to work closely with the Parish Councils throughout the Ward to help solve local problems

Traffic is one of the overriding problems throughout our area, from bad parking along Bridge High Street to speeding on narrow country lanes; from heavy lorries losing their way in Bridge, to heavy tipping lorries using single track roads. All at risk to life and limb for local residents.

This will be just one of many issues I will be tackling to make our area safer and better for all residents.”

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Recently, there have been several incidents of dumped cars and ‘Fly tipped’ rubbish across the Ward. Not only is this a blot on our landscape, it is *illegal*.

Help us take action against this anti-social behaviour.

If you see anyone carrying this out please telephone 0800 031 9091 in confidence.

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## SURGERIES

John Anderson holds regular surgeries on the third Saturday of each month, between 10.00 a.m and 12 noon, except June when it is to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Surgeries alternate between the Bridge Methodist Church and Bekesbourne Village Hall commencing on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2004

No appointment necessary

*All are welcome to attend.*

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Bridge

# FOCUS



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Canterbury City Council Elections: May 3rd 2007

## It's Janet Horsley or the Tory

Many local people tell us that it's time for a change and Janet Horsley is the right person to represent them on the City Council.

Janet says: "We have a number of specific challenges in the village for which we need stronger representation on the Council."

- We need to clean up the village. With all the cars and building work going on the village looks untidy and I want to make sure the Council tackles this problem. We need the County Council to repair the roads and pavements.
- We need to be vigilant about developments that damage the character of the village, as well as losing further commercial premises in favour of more housing. However, we do need more affordable housing for local people.
- Bridge is, thankfully, a relatively safe village, but we do not see our fair share of policing and I would like more visible policing in the community.
- Villages work because people get to know each other - I want to ensure that the village hall becomes a thriving centre for the community and provides services to help local people.

### It's so close here!

**CON**

**51%**

**LIB**

**DEM**  
**45%**

How you  
voted in 2004  
By-Election  
for North  
Nailbourne

**Others**

**4%**

**2**

**Janet Horsley**



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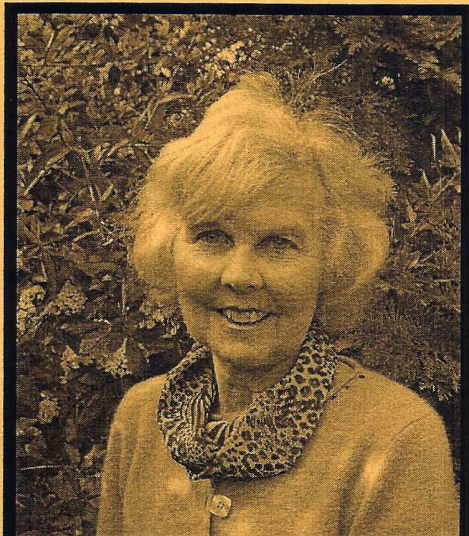


# Cleaner • Greener • Safer



## About Janet

"As many of you will know I have lived in the village for 30 years. I have always been interested and involved in the life of our community and I am the Chairman and Booking Secretary of the Bridge Village Hall Management Committee. In the last election here I came within a whisker of beating the Conservatives. I am asking for your support, so that I can represent you with a strong voice at the City Council."



**Vote for Janet on  
Thursday May 3rd.**

### Lib Dem Priorities at this Election

- A cleaner environment everywhere and not just where the tourists visit.
- A sustainable development approach that meets local housing and job needs but is considerate to the character of our area.
- More cycle paths plus better roads and pavements.
- More facilities for young and old people through helping voluntary organisations.
- People feeling safe in their homes and when out and about.

### Contact Janet Horsley

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- 01227 830923
- [www.cantlibdem.com](http://www.cantlibdem.com)

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# FOCUS



## North Nailbourne Ward

# Tough On Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour

Report by FOCUS Team Campaigner Janet Horsley

## Police and Council Open New Crime Unit to Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour Across the District

Your Liberal Democrat run City Council is cracking down on crime and anti-social behaviour. A new unit consisting of 24 police officers and council staff has been opened by Liberal Democrat Council leader Alex Perkins to investigate and stop anti-social behaviour. "If anti-social behaviour is making your life a misery then we want to hear about it" said Alex. **"You can phone the new unit on Canterbury 289260 and speak in confidence to a police officer or to trained City Council investigators who will be able to help."**

"This is brilliant news for local people who may have suffered because of inconsiderate neighbours or from vandalism and noise in our area" said local campaigner Janet Horsley. "This shows that our LibDem run Council has listened to our complaints and is working with the police to clear up crime!"



## Liberal Democrat Traffic Campaign

### KCC Bramling Quarry Lorries threat

**Martin Vye is leading the attack** on the proposal for heavy lorries to use Coldharbour Lane to reach Bramling Quarry and has demanded that width restrictions should be confirmed in Coldharbour Lane and on the other narrow rural lanes that the trucks might also use.

He has also ratcheted up the pressure on tory-run Kent County Council, who gave consent for the old Bramling Road chalk quarry to be used for dumping spoil by challenging them to review the permission. "When KCC gave this permission trucks were smaller than they are now. It cannot be right to allow the juggernauts of today to use these rural roads" said Martin.

"It is vital that we get these trucks away from the narrow roads used every day by local people, on foot and cycle, as well as in their cars."



Cllr Martin Vye  
"local traffic problems a major priority"

### Nailbourne Watch

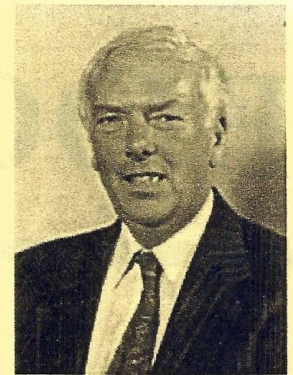
Your local Liberal Democrat FOCUS Team have started **Nailbourne Watch** to keep an eye on flooding risks in our area. If you should spot any blocked drains or obstructions in the river-bed which might impede the flow please contact the City Council on **862448**. If you would like to join the Nailbourne Watch team and look after your local stretch of the river please fill out this coupon and return to a member of the Liberal Democrat Focus Team.

Name.....

Address.....



# FOCUS SPECIAL SURVEY



LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK:

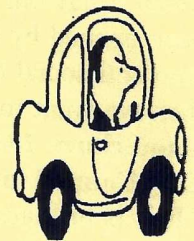
## RECYCLING:

- Do you think household waste recycling is a good idea? YES/NO
- Do you receive enough recycling bags? YES/NO
- Are the bags collected on time? YES/NO



## TRAFFIC:

- Are you satisfied with the current local speed limits? YES/NO
- Are there roads in the area you think unsafe for children? YES/NO



## TRANSPORT:

- Has the new Park and Ride been more convenient for you? YES/NO
- What transport improvements would you like to see? .....

## DEVELOPMENT:

- Should more development be allowed on the edges of Canterbury? YES/NO
- If new homes are needed, where should they be? .....

## COUNCIL TAX:



- Is Council Tax a fair way of collecting money for services? YES/NO
- If not, what method would be fairer? .....

## JOBS:

- Should the council be encouraging more businesses to the area? YES/NO

### YOUR LOCAL FOCUS LEAFLET

FOCUS is written and produced by local people to keep you in touch with what is going on in your area.

If you would like to get involved - or just help with delivery - please contact Martin Vye

### GOT A PROBLEM?

Contact your *FOCUS TEAM*

Mr/Mrs/Ms.....

Address.....

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**LIBERAL DEMOCRAT  
FOCUS TEAM**

**JANET HORSLEY**  
Ragstone Cottage, Meadow Close  
Bridge, Nr Canterbury  
Tel: 830923

**MARTIN VYE**  
The Dacha, Patrixbourne Rd  
Bridge, Nr Canterbury  
Tel: 830983

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

# FOCUS

Liberal Democrats keeping you informed



New Year issue: January 2004. Edited by Janet Horsley and Martin Vye

BRIDGE

## Big response to Residents Survey

By Janet Horsley

Hundreds of people have replied to the FOCUS Residents Survey delivered to local homes last month.

- **No to urban sprawl!** – say most people. Liberal Democrats succeeded in stopping green belt development at Nackington Road, Canterbury and I am backing local residents fighting to preserve the character of our area.

- **Many people** would like more and better-timed buses, including school buses. I and the Lib Dem Focus Team have been in touch with Stagecoach about timetabling and will report as soon as we have news.



- **New and starter homes**—needed for local people—should be built on brown field sites, rather than covering up more of the countryside. Infilling wherever possible.

- **There's a big thumbs-up** to neighbourhood recycling—which is saving useful materials and helping keep council tax rises to a minimum. Let us know if you get too many or too few bags delivered.



- **Some drivers** are still coming down **Bridge Hill** too fast for safety. Children and the elderly are most at risk. I will investigate what can be done to enforce the existing speed limit. **LET'S NOT WAIT FOR AN ACCIDENT TO HAPPEN!**



- **A2 traffic noise** is getting worse as the road surface ages. Smooth tarmac *must* be used next time the road is repaired. Meanwhile Liberal Democrats are fighting for a new **Wincheap slip-road**, which would help local car users and Bekesbourne Road residents.



**Thanks to everyone who replied—your views are important!**



## Fly Tipping Hotline – 862211

Too often when out in the country I see dumped rubbish. We must stick together and fight the fly tippers. Your Lib Dem-led Council has set up a **Fly Tipping Hit Squad**. If you spot rubbish that has been dumped in our area you can **phone 862211**—and make sure they don't get away with it!



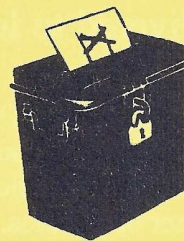
# Local people have asked Bridge resident and rural campaigner JANET HORSLEY to stand for the Lib Dems on January 22nd



Local Bridge resident Janet Horsley came within 125 votes of winning North Nailbourne for the LibDems last May



IT'S A TWO HORSE RACE



Last May Janet Horsley came a very close second and only missed becoming your local councillor by 127 votes.

Make the difference!

## VOTE HORSLEY

On January 22nd

Janet Horsley is a well known local Liberal Democrat activist who has lived in Bridge for the past 26 years and has been involved with the Village Hall for over 7 years – the last 5 as Chair.

*“In recent years I have seen Bridge and all our local villages threatened by overdevelopment and rat-running non-local traffic. We must protect our communities and put local people first.*”

*“I am lucky enough to lead a full and active life despite having rheumatoid arthritis and so I appreciate more than most the transport problems of living in a village. This is particularly true for those with small, or school-aged children and the elderly. In fact everyone would benefit from a decent bus local service!*”

*“Having actively supported Lib Dem County Cllr Martin Vye with his plan to provide a local warden for Bekesbourne, now in place, I will also campaign for better street lighting and reduced speed limits for Bekesbourne, Patrixbourne and Bishopsbourne as well as opposing the expansion of Canterbury.”*



LibDem County Councillor martin Vye and Janet Horsley work together to make local peoples lives better

**ACTION**

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You can find out more about Janet Horsley and the local Liberal Democrat FOCUS Team by visiting [www.cantlibdem.com](http://www.cantlibdem.com)

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**VOTE**  
**GREEN PARTY**

**ON**

**THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2007**

***YOUR CANDIDATE FOR THE NORTH  
NAILBOURNE WARD IS: Emily Shirley***

Emily has lived in Bridge with her family for the last 18 years. During this time she has fought numerous environmental campaigns, including trying to prevent the land between Barton and Bridge being swallowed up by a huge industrial park, and being successful in keeping Canterbury College out of this area but sited in the central city where it best belongs. She has also been a Parish local Councillor. She does her bit for the planet by refusing car ownership and encouraging allotment use and local food production. She is a recent law graduate and wants to pursue a career in environmental law.

**For more information visit our website at:  
[www.kentgreenparty.org](http://www.kentgreenparty.org)  
or contact Geoff Meaden on 01227 456806**

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## Green Party aims for the Canterbury District

Our priorities following the local elections on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007 are:

- All new houses (and other buildings) to be built to 'Eco-excellent' standard. Amazingly your present councillors do not insist on this.
- Council to supply free home energy audits. This would save householders money, reduce CO2 emissions and create many local jobs.
- Champion small shops and businesses and discourage all out-of-town retail expansion. There are now over 40 empty shops within the city walls.
- Promote local organic farming and farmers' markets and put localisation before globalisation (unlike the other main parties). Help local schools, hospitals and public services use more local produce. These policies reduce transport costs, save energy and are more sustainable.
- Support the high tech 'Innovations Centre' at the University of Kent, but drop plans for the massive Barton Industrial Park at the top of the New Dover Road (more traffic congestion and loss of Grade 1 farm land).
- Encourage office development on the regeneration zone near Canterbury East and on Wincheap industrial estate (both sites are near the station).
- Discourage the 4<sup>th</sup> Park and Ride site near Harbledown. This will simply encourage more people to use cars for the bulk of their journey. There should be more smaller car parks near to public transport routes but further from the city centre, e.g. along all the major bus routes.
- Vigorously promote a walking and cycling culture (why can't we be like the Dutch or the Danes?). This would improve health, reduce wasteful congestion, save people money and cut air pollution.
- Invest in small scale, locally owned renewable energy systems as are other progressive councils, e.g. Merton (but not, of course, Canterbury!).
- Who can afford to buy or even rent property in Canterbury? We would promote affordable high quality council and housing association flats and houses, plus housing cooperatives and self-build schemes.
- Give a real say to local people through genuine consultation and put environmental considerations ahead of those that benefit big business.
- Tackle chronic vehicle congestion and associated air pollution through incentive schemes to reduce car use, through staggered business hours, more home working, more school 'walking buses', cheaper bus fares (reducing fares will encourage more bus use), etc.
- Encourage more green areas within the city where children can play safely.
- Develop a comprehensive 'sustainability policy' for the Council – one that will act as a guide to sensible future actions.

We unashamedly put people and their environment first. You have seen that the three main 'grey' parties compete like mad with each other to show who is the greenest. They are slowly realising that they should have been doing the things we have been saying for years. Why not vote directly for the party that is light years ahead of the others? Don't be stuck with 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century ideas – on May 3<sup>rd</sup> vote for a 21<sup>st</sup> century vision of sustainable progress and real imagination that only the Greens are offering. In the many councils that now have Green councillors, you can really see the difference.