

STOP PRESS :

a briefing for residents regarding current scams and how to deal with them

Callers claiming to be from the local council are contacting residents and, if given the opportunity, asking them a series of lifestyle questions. This can be a way of trying to sell something to people and we want to reassure residents that the Council would not adopt this style of cold calling.

Our advice to anyone receiving a call they think is suspicious is:

- Don't get drawn into conversation.
- If the caller is adamant that they are from the council and they need to speak to a particular person, the resident should ask them to provide their:
 - Name
 - Job Title
 - ID No
 - Work telephone number
- Do not discuss anything else, and never confirm or give out

any other personal details.

- If Name, Job Title and ID No are provided the resident can contact their Local Authority and ask for verification of these details. To check a Borough of Poole staff member's ID Number Poole residents can contact Tel: 01202 633633
- To reduce unwanted telephone calls from marketing companies residents can register their telephone number with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS). TPS Registration can take up to three months to take effect, but can reduce the amount of cold calls. Tel: 08450 700707 **w e b s i t e :** www.tpsonline.org.uk/tps/
- For further advice on scams or other consumer issues please contact Consumer Direct on **08454 040506**

✂ Are there any issues that you would like your local Lib Dem team to help you with?

- I will vote Lib Dem at the next election.
- I will be voting YES for fairer votes
- I can help to deliver FOCUS

Your Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Mobile:

Please can we have your email address to help us keep you up-to-date with any local issues and campaigns:

Email :

Return to: Mid Dorset & North Poole Liberal Democrats, FREEPOST, 14 York Rd, Broadstone, BH18 8ET ✂

Yes! to fairer votes

Fairer votes will make MPs work harder to earn and keep your support. That's because every MP will need to win more than half of the votes to get elected.

Annette Brooke said, "This is a small change that will make a big difference.

"People are fed up with MPs who think they have a job for life no matter what they do. A Yes vote on 5th May will change that once and for all."

A Yes vote will mean that every MP will have to win more than half of the votes in their area to keep their job.

To add your support, visit www.YesToFairerVotes.org.uk or www.LibDems.org.uk today.

Fairer votes will change Britain for the better

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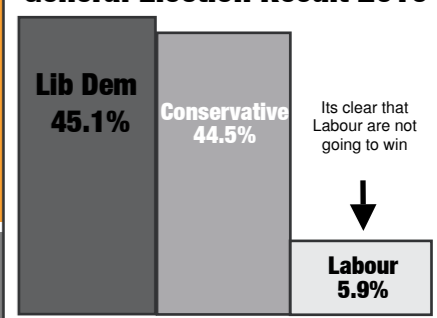
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FOCUS

On Broadstone

From Your Local Lib Dem Team

General Election Result 2010



Broadstone in Bloom

Congratulations to Jenny Vincent who has once again won a Poole in Bloom award for her wonderful garden in Selby Close. Congratulations are also due to "Through the Window" for winning the Broadstone in Bloom hanging basket competition.

We would like to give a special thanks to Denise Hill and her Broadstone in Bloom volunteers who work so tirelessly throughout the year to keep the Broadway a more colourful and attractive place to shop.

Playbuilder update

Coalition Government returns £370,000 to Poole following Lib Dem and resident pressure

The Coalition Government have decided to return the Playbuilder funding, allowing the Council to continue with its investment in play areas.

"This is very welcome news", said Cllr Roy Godfrey. "However, the money is not ring-fenced, nor is it enough to cover all the planned works across Poole but we will fight for improvements to be made to our Recreation Ground play area."

Cllr Mike Brooke added, "A lot of work and consultation has already gone into preparing the plans and our young children should not be let down again."



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Residents' Survey – report back

Your ward Councillors are currently carrying out a residents' survey. "We have had an exceptionally friendly reception on the doorstep and the response has been excellent", said Mike, who added: "We are hoping to visit every house in Broadstone over the next few weeks."

If you want to complete the survey on line then please go to: <http://mikebrooke.org.uk>

Findings so far:

- 1. Aircraft noise:** the majority of respondents have no worries about aircraft noise but a significant minority do. The distribution of responses suggests that certain parts of Broadstone are more affected than others.
- 2. Provision for Young People:** nearly everyone believes there are insufficient facilities for young people. In particular they want the Youth Centre to offer far more open access. Negotiations are progressing between the Council and the YMCA to open on Friday evenings, and we are hopeful

there will eventually be a successful outcome.

- 3. Issues:** topping the list is dog fouling with the Trailway and Delph Woods being mentioned most frequently. Uneven and damaged pavements also feature near the top of the list. Your ward councillors are already working to resolve these issues.
- 4. Service Cuts:** clearly residents value those services which most directly affect them – waste collection, road cleaning and maintenance, adult social care, child protection and youth services. You want to see the use of consultants reduced – it cost the council over £4 million pounds last financial year; Councillor Responsibility Allowances reduced and money spent on Poole News limited. Mike, Roy and Graham will do their utmost to ensure front line services are not cut.
- 5. Crime:** most residents feel no less safe now than a year ago, though there is an almost unanimous call for more police

on the streets. Your ward councillors work closely with the Broadstone Safer Neighbourhood Team and Neighbourhood Watch and are pleased that a recent Council survey ranked the Broadstone team one of the best in Poole.

- 6. The Coalition:** so far the vast majority agree with the coalition and what it is doing to set the country's finances in order. The top three additional priorities you think the coalition should focus on are: cutting NHS bureaucracy; ending the war in Afghanistan and reducing immigration.
 - 7. Voting Reform:** A significant number favour replacing the current first past the post system with a new fairer alternative voting system. A number are unsure, so we will be happy to provide a simple guide. Please contact Claire on 658629 or e-mail organiser.mdn@gmail.com
- Mike, Graham and Roy would like to thank all who have already completed the survey. We will be writing to every individual in due course.

Broadstone Christmas Lights



Congratulations to all involved in the Christmas lights and Parade, especially Broadstone Chamber of Trade and Commerce. With further additions this year the lights are looking better than ever. The official switch-on was attended by over 150 children and parents and it formed an excellent start to the Christmas Period with mince pies and carols. At the time of going to press Broadstone is blanketed in snow and temperatures are well below freezing. Let's hope the Christmas Parade can take place as usual.

Cllr Brian Leverett

The sudden death of Cllr Brian Leverett earlier this year was a great shock to us all. He was a man of considerable stature who dedicated his whole life to the Borough of Poole. He will be sadly missed.

Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market is now well established in Broadstone despite having had a number of different locations. With the sale of "The Stepping Stones" pub to Wetherspoons the market had to move from the car park – its most recent home. Thanks must go to the management at Budgens for coming to the rescue and allowing the market to use its land in front of the store. Although the site is rather restricted it proved very successful last month when it took up residence for the first time. There was a very good atmosphere and positive response from residents. Don't forget – the market comes to Broadstone on the third Saturday of every month, mornings only.

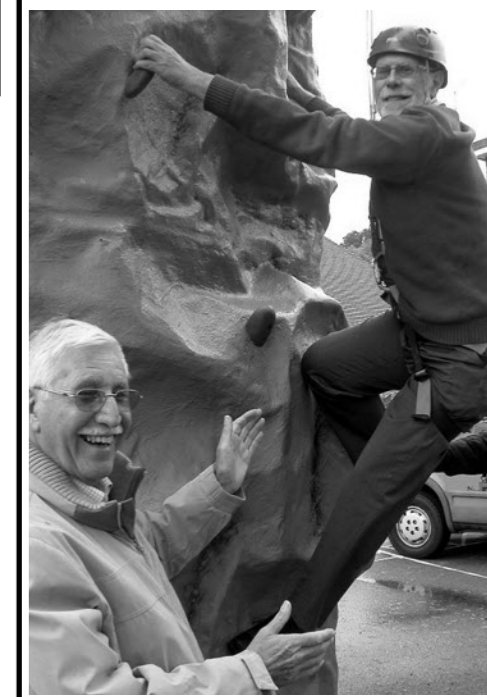


Broadstone Off the Wall

Cllrs Mike Brooke, Roy Godfrey and Graham Mason would like to thank Broadstone Residents' Association, Neighbourhood Watch, Broadstone Chamber of Trade and Commerce, and our local Safer Neighbourhood Team for all their hard work in securing the Council's mobile climbing wall for a day during the October half-term.

Despite picking one of the wettest and windiest days of the year, the wall, based at Broadstone First School, attracted a number of young people who thoroughly enjoyed conquering both the wall and the elements. Even Mike was tempted to have a go.

"This was a wonderful example of the community working together for the benefit of our young people" said Roy, who added: "We hope to repeat this event next year." And the last word from the youngsters: "It was great".



Friends of the Dell

Since last commenting on the Dell in a previous Focus, Cllr Mike Brooke has received a number of requests to set up a 'Friends of The Dell'.

"The Dell has suffered over the years from neglect by Poole Borough Council, and it is hoped that we can establish a group of volunteers who can help restore and maintain this potentially outstanding feature within the Recreation Ground", said Mike.

Any one willing to offer their services can contact Keith Clements by e-mail at environment@broadstoneresidents.org.uk



Aircraft Noise – an update

Following further conversations with Bournemouth Airport representatives and a somewhat animated Area Committee meeting at the end of October we are pleased to inform you that:

- The airport management admits it got it wrong when adjustments were made to the flight paths and that efforts have now been made to correct this.
- The Airport management

accept that the Broadstone area is under-represented on their Consultative Committee and so are willing to accept a representative from the Residents' Association.

- Several residents have volunteered their gardens for additional monitoring of noise levels.

Your councillors hope this will ease the concerns expressed by a significant number of residents.