

## TORY CASH CRISIS CONTINUES



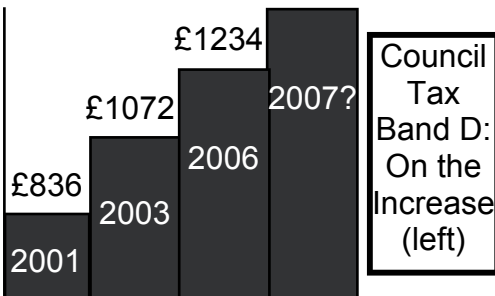
"Colehill Library is threatened with closure because of cash problems at the Tory run County Council," said Cllr Janet Dover (pictured above with Cllr Don Wallace).

Five years of Tory control at the County Council have hit residents hard this year. The figures below show the shocking extent of the Council's debt.

Even after cuts to Dorset bus routes and home care for the elderly, budgetary problems at County Hall may affect Colehill residents further as the Council tries desperately to salvage the situation.

Cuts are hurting the blind, the deaf, the elderly infirm and those using day centres for the aged. Libraries have also been threatened, with the closure of more than 1 in 3 being proposed.

"When the Lib Dems were in charge, there was no debt and local services were not under threat. Now the Conservatives run County Hall, we risk losing our library and having elderly care cut," said Cllr Don Wallace.



Council  
Tax  
Band D:  
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Increase  
(left)

- The Conservatives took over Dorset County Council just five years ago, when the Council Band D Tax set by the Lib Dems was under £700. Now it's £1,000.
- Back in 2000 the Council had no debt. Since then it's borrowed almost £133 million!
- The County Council's income has soared. with the Government grant rocketing from £195 million to £290 million.

## BOUNDARY CHANGES



Annette Brooke MP, Liberal Democrat Children's Spokeswoman

Dear Resident,

The Government has decided Colehill will become part of the Mid Dorset and North Poole Constituency at the next General Election. I currently represent Mid Dorset and North Poole and I am very pleased to have the opportunity to serve you as your local MP in the near future.

I am already working with local Councillors Janet Dover and Don Wallace. We will keep you up to date on local and national issues affecting you with our Focus newsletter.

Due to official rules, you should continue to contact your current Member of Parliament for help with any personal casework, which is outside the remit of your local Lib Dem Councillors.

Best Wishes,

Annette Brooke MP



# LIB DEMS ACT TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY

Your Lib Dem councillors have responded to an overwhelming public desire to make our roads safer.

For instance, 4 Years of pressure by Colehill Councillors Janet Dover and Don Wallace has delivered marked carriageways on the accident blackspot at Canford Bottom Roundabout. "We will keep the pressure up so that this dangerous road has the necessary improvements," explained Councillor Janet Dover.

Likewise, they have acted on local residents requests for a dropped kerbs in Cutlers Place and Middlehill road. Since it was raised in our recent 'Have Your Say' survey, the Councillors have secured 8 new sets of dropped kerbs in areas requested by local residents.

"We will continue to act on residents concerns and make sure East Dorset Council provides the service local residents deserve. If you would like to raise any other issue with us, we hold regular surgeries from 9.30-10.30am at Colehill Library. These take place on the first and third Saturdays of the month," added Councillor Don Wallace.



Councillors Janet Dover and Don Wallace inspect improvements at the Roundabout.

## Have Your Say Survey

The results are back from the Have Your Say survey. Thanks to all of you who returned them and let your views be known. The three issues concerning Colehill residents most were: **Council Tax, Crime and Development issues**. We are continuing to press for better value for money on Council Tax and will keep you up to date with any news on the other issues you raised with us. If you would like us to deal with a specific concern, please feel free to contact us:

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## YOUR SAY

Have a problem or concern you would like us to deal with? Tell us in the space below and we will see if we can help you.

Name .....  
Address .....  
Email .....  
Phone.....

Return to your local representatives, Janet Dover and Don Wallace at: Liberal Democrats, 14 York Road, Broadstone, BH18 8ET

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