

**From Councillors Janet Dover and Don Wallace**

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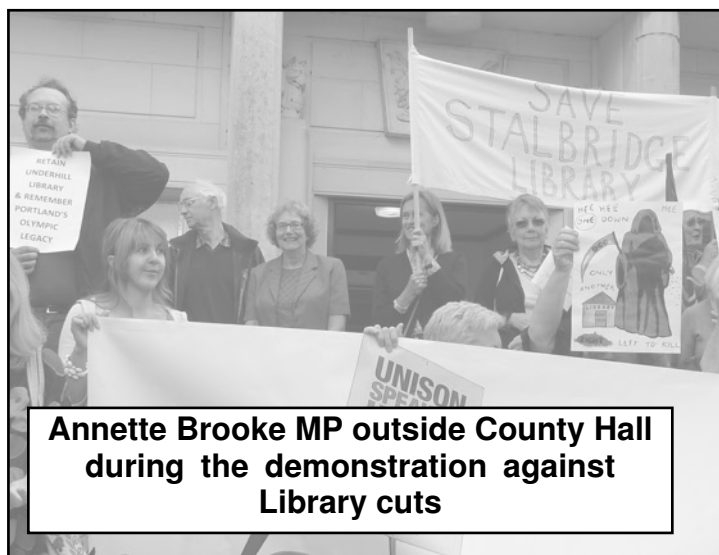
# LIBRARY HEARTBREAK FOR CAMPAIGNERS

**By the narrowest of margins, Dorset County Council members have decided to withdraw support for Colehill Library and 8 other libraries within Dorset.**

Despite the efforts of your Local Lib Dem team, with Councillor Janet Dover sharing with the Councillors the enormous amount of local support and Annette Brooke MP making an impassioned speech on the day of the debate, funding has been withdrawn.

The only offer now left is that local people can take up an offer of council support to secure a community-run facility instead.

A separate proposal, which involved maintaining all 34 libraries, but with more significant cuts to spending on the book fund and staff, was also debated at the meeting. This was supported by all



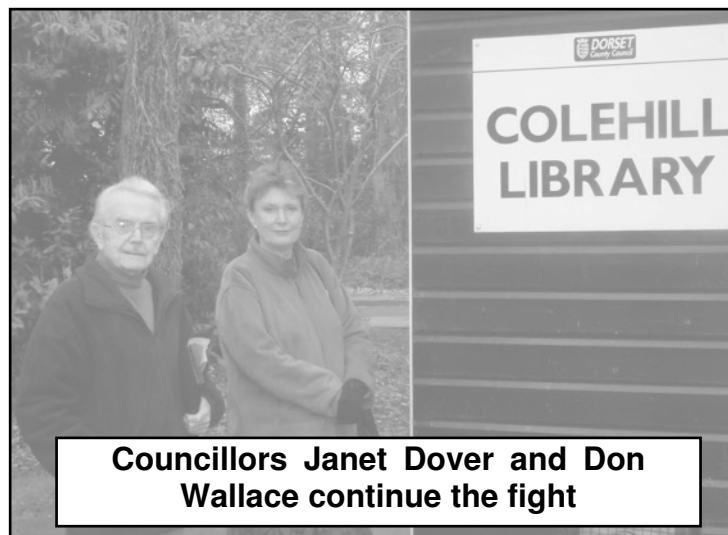
**Annette Brooke MP outside County Hall during the demonstration against Library cuts**

of the Lib Dem County Councillors but sadly lost out by a single vote.

Cllr Janet Dover, who was heavily involved in the fight for Colehill Library, said: "We're all very upset and quite devastated. Funding for the council-run service stops in April so we will be working together to see if there is anyway forward to keep it open .It's just so tragic.

"Two months ago the staff at the library won an award for customer service and we have a high lending rate."

Annette Brooke added "with the great need to improve our children's literacy skills it is a nonsense to close libraries when Dorset clearly could make management savings and efficiencies in book purchasing."



**Councillors Janet Dover and Don Wallace continue the fight**

**Colehill Lib Dems- the team that works for you**

# THANK YOU!

Both Councillor Janet Dover and Councillor Don Wallace wish to say thank you to those that elected them back to East Dorset District Council and the support shown to Linda Dickins

## Personal Thank You

Councillor Janet Dover said "I am delighted to have been re-elected to East Dorset District Council to serve you again for the next four years and thank all those who voted for us on 5th May."

Cllr Don Wallace added "whoever you voted for at the election, we will gladly represent you all to the very best of our ability."

Sadly, despite all of her hard work, Linda Dickins failed to get elected to the District Council but continues to be involved in the local community

## The result in Colehill East ward

BRADBURY, Oliver	Labour	200
DACOMBE, Kenneth	UKIP	175
<b>DOVER, Janet</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>1,066</b>
JOHNSON, Kevin	Conservative	667
MITCHELL, David	Conservative	668
<b>WALLACE, Don</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>765</b>

## The result in Colehill West ward

DICKINS, Linda	Liberal Democrat	375
PACKER David	Conservative	729

# Canford Bottom Roundabout Update

As this Focus goes to press, we are able to let residents know the news that the proposed works by the Highways Agency on the Canford Bottom roundabout have been given the go ahead.

Annette Brooke MP, along with Christopher Chope, approached the Minister and asked him to review the decision following a well attended public meeting but sadly after a short deferral the works will go ahead. Local residents have already expressed great concerns about the proposed local road closures and diversions during the

constructive phases. Businesses too, have expressed their horror at the effect the road closures will have on access to their business premises either side of the roundabout

Engineers are due to start work in September on transforming Canford Bottom into a six-arm 'hamburger' junction in time for the Olympic events in Weymouth in 2012.

We will continue to keep residents informed of the progress made.

## FOCUS TEAM- A STRONG VOICE FOR COLEHILL

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

Your Name:

Address:

Postcode:

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

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