

LOCAL COUNCILLORS PRAISE TOWN PLAN EVENT SUCCESS

Local Councillors Andrew Starr and Fred Drane were very impressed with the Upton Town Plan event day. Over 500 people of all ages attended and a request has been made to hold the show again.

Cllr Andrew Starr said: "It was particularly interesting how the needs and wishes for the area were so similar for all the people present. Both young and old want the anti-social behaviour in Upton to be tackled and are suffering from the changes to bus services."

"I would like to congratulate the organisers of this event for a job well done. We hope to do our bit to make Upton an even better place to live," added Cllr Fred Drane

Fred Drane (left) and Andrew Starr (right) were impressed by the turnout and organisation of the event day in Upton

Happy Christmas

Annette Brooke MP, Cllr Fred Drane, Cllr Wendy Starr and Cllr Andrew Starr wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year.



FOCUS ON LYTCHETT MINSTER

CALLS FOR SPEED CAMERA AT ACCIDENT BLACKSPOT



After another recent fatality in a motorbike accident, local MP Annette Brooke renewed her calls for speed cameras in Lytchett Minster Village.

"The road can be very dangerous for those who do not know the area. There are a number of sharp turns and concealed bends which should be better signposted. I have asked the Dorset County Council to consider placing a speed camera along this road as speeding could well play a part in future tragic accidents if it is not deterred." Explained Annette.

FRED DRANE CAMPAIGNS ON PENSIONS



Councillor Fred Drane lobbying with Annette Brooke MP for a fair deal for pensioners

Local Liberal Democrat Councillor Fred Drane has gone to Westminster to campaign for a better deal on pensions, with a rise to £114 per week suggested.

Thousands of pensioners converged on the heart of London to lobby the government. They told MPs that they were concerned about quality of life issues for many elderly people and called for action to help them.

“The means tested Pension Credits are not doing the job. Even though 1 in 5 pensioners live below the poverty line, 1.6 million eligible older people do not claim because the forms are too complicated,” said Fred Drane.

“I will continue to work with both Liberal Democrat colleagues in Parliament and local activists to call for a fair deal for pensioners,” promised Annette Brooke MP.

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BUSES:

THE LATEST

SUCCESS! 128 ROUTE EXTENSION

After sustained pressure by the local community alongside your local Lib Dem Focus team, there may be light at the end of the tunnel for bus users.

After vigorous work from Annette Brooke, Fred Drane and Wendy Starr, the bus company have agreed to a route extension. Poole Council asked Dorset County Council to fund a route extension of the 128 bus into the Dacombe Drive area, which was particularly hart hit by the bus cuts.

Councillor Fred Drane said; “This is very important development for the local residents in and around Dacombe Drive. I am pleased that the bus company and County Council have finally listened to our representations.”

LOCAL LIB DEMS SAY NO TO CARE CUTS

Local Liberal democrats are calling for cash- strapped Dorset County Council to withdraw its proposals to cut home care for the elderly and infirm. They are also opposing the Councils plan to introduce charges for the use of day care centres.

People visiting day care centres would be charged £5 a day, on top of transport and food charges. The worry is that the vulnerable will be forced to stay at home, instead of being able to meet up with friends.

Councillor Wendy Starr said, “We believe that the last thing the Tory held County Council should cut is home care, especially during the Winter months”.