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## Dear Resident,

If you live in Totton South division, I am fortunate to represent you on Totton & Eling Town Council, New Forest District Council and Hampshire County Council, (as well as Hampshire Fire Authority).

I thought you might appreciate a short report, detailing some of my activities in the past year. If you would like to discuss anything, or have a particular problem I can help with, do get in touch. My contact details are listed on the back page.

### Grant Aid

I have an annual budget of £10,000 which I can use to support worthy local causes. This year, I have been pleased to assist The Tower Youth Project, Testwood Baptist Church, Friends of Eling Infants School and the 4th NFN Eling Sea Scouts.

### Flood Risk

I have asked Totton & Eling Town Council to start work on a full assessment of the flood risk in Totton and to prepare a report, detailing measures that will reduce the risk and manage things in the event that the worst happens.

### Green Audit

Linked to the above, I have ensured that the local Council carries out a "Green Audit", looking at every area of its' work and seeking ways of operating in a more environmentally friendly way. On the District Council, my motion to deal with the problem of abandoned shopping trolleys has been approved.

### Rumbridge Street

I have been very unhappy with many aspects of the work undertaken at Rumbridge Street. More work will be necessary in the later part of 2008 to sort out drainage and complete repairs to pavements. The proposed one-way system has been dropped. I'm doing my best to inform residents and local business owners as things develop.



## Totton - lack of green space

Linden Homes, the property developers who want to build on the football ground at Testwood Park and the Sports ground off Ringwood Road, (the old BAT site), have appealed against the decision of the elected Councillors who rejected the application. All local Councillors have expressed opposition to the proposals. Totton is already critically short of

green, open space. Councillor David Harrison says "The Inspector will have plenty of reasons to reject this. Linden Homes pretend that building on these two important green sites and locating the two sports clubs on other green sites is somehow increasing the amount of green space we have left – complete rubbish!"

## BUS SERVICE PROTEST



David Harrison, County Councillor for Totton South and Marchwood, has taken his fight to keep the bus services running to Hampshire County Council.

There was a massive response from local people when they learned that vital bus services were being withdrawn.

The village of Marchwood was one of the worst affected areas when Solent Blue line suddenly announced that it was unwilling to run some services. Hundreds of people attended public meetings, contacted the County Council and signed protest slips, organised by the Liberal Democrats.

Now, Cllr. Harrison has delivered the protests to the Leader of Hampshire County Council so that he can be in no doubt just how important it is to keep the services running.

Cllr. Harrison says "The campaign to keep the bus services running has been an excellent example of people power. Already, some of the services have been saved, at least for the time being.

We need to ensure that the County Council does not permit the bus companies to withdraw services without proper consultation and an assessment of how it will impact on people".



If you know someone who has sight problems, they can now read this Focus leaflet on line at: [www.dharrison.org.uk](http://www.dharrison.org.uk)

**Fighting for you all year round!**

## NHS Dentistry

You may have noticed that it is almost impossible to find an NHS dentist who will take you on as a new patient in Totton. My recent check with the NHS Helpline revealed that the nearest NHS dentists with vacancies are in Titchfield and Andover! As you might expect, I'm applying maximum pressure on health bosses to improve the situation.

## The Eling Experience

I am strongly supportive of plans to revive the Eling Quay area, including the Tide Mill, Heritage Centre, board-walk and Goatee beach – all aimed at improving access in a manageable way, protecting the area and making the most of it.

## Sports

You will no doubt know that 2007 was a particularly good year for Totton on the sporting front, especially for football and cricket. As Chairman of the Council I was thrilled to witness the progress of AFC Totton and enjoyed a day out watching a Wembley cup final. I also participated in civic receptions for our football and cricket heroes!

## Public Conveniences

I have opposed the proposed closure of public conveniences in Totton, especially the ones in Winsor Road and Eling Recreation ground.

## Speeding

There is still a problem with a small number of motorists who think it acceptable to drive through parts of Totton at high speed. I liaise with the police and highway engineers to try and tackle the problem. If you know any particular trouble spots, please let me know.

## HGV Traffic

I am exploring further options for reducing HGV traffic travelling through Totton. This is a particular problem in the High Street and Junction Road where vehicle emissions are contributing to an air quality problem.

## Community Safety

I have supported a decision by the Town Council to part fund the provision of Community Safety Officers to serve the needs of Totton. We now have a better standard of police on the beat than we have enjoyed for many years. They are doing some excellent work, including tackling the menace of dangerous pavement cyclists and tackling low-level crime and anti-social behaviour.

## Protecting Spaces

As predicted, designation of the New Forest as a National Park has led to increased development pressure on the few green spaces left in Totton. I have campaigned and voted against dense developments of housing in Totton.

## Keeping in touch

I try, as hard as I can, to communicate with the people I represent. This means listening as well as telling you about what is happening locally. In 2007 I have attended over 560 meetings, most of which include a public session for anyone who wants to come along and make a point or ask a question.

I have attended meetings of the Rushington Manor Residents Association, Hounslow Community Association and Eling Residents Association. I regularly contribute articles and letters to local newspapers, mostly about local topics. I also produce and distribute editions of "Focus" with items of local interest and have also written hundreds of letters to residents on topics ranging from school travel plans to highway improvements.



## War Memorial very fitting



Totton can feel proud that they now have a more fitting memorial to all those people who lost lives in defence of our country.

A large number of organisations contributed towards a fund to include the names of local service personnel on the war memorial itself.

This was first set up by Lib Dem Councillor, Neal Scott, whilst Chairman of Totton & Eling Town Council but very well supported by members of the local British Legion, the local Conservative party, Asda Supermarket and a whole host of other groups in the town.

County Councillor, David Harrison says "It's a good example of the community working together for the common good. The improvements to the memorial will be widely appreciated by everyone visiting the area".

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## HOW AM I DOING?

USE THIS CUT-OFF COUPON TO AIR YOUR THOUGHTS ON HOW I AM DOING?



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Name: .....

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Post code: .....

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E-Mail: .....

I would like to join the Liberal Democrats   
I would like to help the Lib Dem Focus team   
by delivering a few leaflets in my street

- Great job - You are concentrating on the right things & you keep us informed
- Fair job - You concentrate on the right things but we don't hear enough from you
- Fair job ? - We hear and read a lot from you, but you are not doing the right things
- Poor job - You are doing the wrong things
- Poor job - We never hear from you

Your specific comment/s on the job I have been doing as County Councillor

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Voting intention at the County Council elections, May 2009:

- Conservative  Labour
- Liberal Democrats  Other

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