

# FOCUS

on Canford  
Heath



From your Lib Dem Cllrs: Sandra Moore, Graham Curtis, Chris Matthews and Jeff Allen

## HEATH FIRES: COUNCILLORS CCTV PETITION DELIVERS

The heath fire back in March devastated a large area of heathland and came too close for comfort for many local residents. Immediately after the fire, your Canford Heath Councillors lobbied Poole Borough Council to do more to protect the heath from arsonists. We began a petition to install CCTV as a deterrent to would be fire setters.

After collecting over 500 signatures from Canford Heath residents alone we presented it to Poole Council. Thanks to local residents support, our petition delivered. The plane is a first in England and will be flown across the Poole area in periods of high risk. It may even pay for itself, as it could be hired out to areas such as Ferndown, which also has arson problems.

Your local Councillors, Sandra Moore, Graham Curtis, Chris Matthews and Jeff Allen are very pleased that our call for CCTV has been answered. "This is just what Dorset Fire and Rescue need to discourage arsonists, lets hope we don't have any repeats of the heath fire in March." said Cllr Chris Matthews.



Annette Brooke MP and Councillors Chris Matthews, Graham Curtis and Sandra Moore at the unveiling of the plane.

**SUCCESS!**

## PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FOR ADASTRAL SQUARE



I am delighted to tell you that thanks to local campaigning, Poole Council have approved a 'Puffin' type pedestrian crossing for Adastral Square which is expected to be installed this Autumn.

Residents also want a crossing at the Canford Heath Road location (affectionately known as 'Jock Dall's' crossing after its main campaigner who, sadly, passed away earlier this year). Although it is still on the waiting list, I very much hope to be able to tell you more about this shortly.

# Council Tax: Lib Dems demand value for money

Despite year on year under-spends amounting to some £13 million pounds since 2003 we are being warned by the Council Leader that Council Tax could rise significantly again this coming year.

In a recent survey across Canford Heath, a massive **81%** of you agreed that Council Tax is an unfair system of taxation. Only **3%** of you felt value for money had improved in Poole Borough Council

This year Council Tax again rose above the rate of inflation. Your local Councillors have researched into where this money has gone to see if the concerns about lack of value for money were legitimate.

Since 2003:

- the number of officers earning more than £50,000 has risen by 25 - an increase of 125%
- Conservative Cabinet members' allowances have increased by 40%
- Charges for many adult education courses have increased by more than 100% and many more have been axed altogether
- Almost £2m has been spent on introducing a call centre
- Stealth Taxes: Significant increases in car parking charges and swimming pools. Planning advice now charged for.

Would you call this value for money?

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Chris Matthews (left), Sandra Moore (centre left), Graham Curtis (centre right), Jeff Allen (right)

## CONTACT YOUR LIB DEM TEAM

### Canford Heath East

Cllr Sandra Moore Tel: 388418

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### Canford Heath West

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### Councillors Advice Surgery

At Canford Heath Library 5.30 to 7.00

pm. First Friday of each month.

No appointment necessary!

## Got a problem or concern?

Feel free to contact us:

Name:

Address

Phone

Email



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