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# FOCUS

On  
Lytchett  
Matravers  
& Morden



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# Regional Spatial Strategy Update

2,750 extra dwellings are proposed in the vicinity of Lytchett Minster and Lytchett Matravers.

Although specific sites are not identified at the moment there could be a devastating impact on Lytchett Minster and Lytchett Matravers villages and our green belt, an intolerable burden placed on our existing infrastructure and risks for many if building takes place in the flood plain.

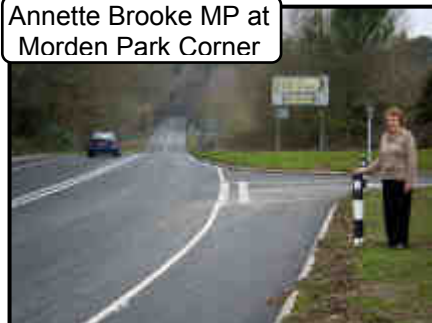
Annette has recently received a letter from Baroness Andrews - who writes "you made it very clear how important the Regional Spatial Strategy for the South West is to you, your constituents and the rest of the region. I must stress that at this stage no conclusions have been reached on any of the Panel's recommendations". She continues "may I reassure you that when the proposed changes are published (*expected in spring*), there will be a 12 week period of public consultation on the proposed changes".

Annette Brooke MP is urging all local councils, action groups and individual residents to work together and start preparing now for the battle ahead.

## MORDEN Park Corner

At long last work has taken place to improve safety at this dangerous junction on a dangerous road.

Annette Brooke MP at Morden Park Corner



Please let Annette have your views on these 'improvements' and on any further safety measures that you feel are required on the A35 between Morden and Bere Regis.



Under Threat - the Green Belt

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION: MULTI USE GAMES AREA

After 4 years of design planning and raising £110,000, the Multi Use Games Area is now under construction opposite Lytchett Matravers School thanks to the input from the MUGA Committee of residents, teachers, sports experts and Parish Councillors.

Martyn Colvey, Focus team member and Chair of the MUGA Committee relayed a special thanks to the Football Foundation who donated £82,000 towards the cause.

The aim of the area is to provide more activities for young people. Lytchett Matravers School will have access to the MUGA during school hours and it will also be available to the public to book at other times. The name of 'Lytchett Astro' has been picked by the children. Completion is set for Easter.

The construction site at the MUGA



 Working for Lytchett Matravers all year round 

# Only 2 out of 4 for Dorset County Council's Adult Social Care Services

Services for the elderly and vulnerable have plummeted under Tory controlled Dorset County Council. The Audit Commission only gave Dorset 2 stars out of a possible 4 in a recent evaluation. This will not come as a surprise to many residents struggling to cope.

Cllr Fred Drane successfully proposed a motion to Purbeck District Council calling on the County Council not to close Swanage Day Centre and we can now report that Dorset County Council

has reversed most of its original proposals on day centre closures. Swanage will remain open and so will Wareham but we have to watch out for cuts in staffing and other cutbacks.

The Liberal Democrats recently proposed an extra 10 per week council tax (Band D) on top of the Tories' proposals for the County Council budget, all to be spent on improving adult social care. The Tories rejected this. Will they find efficiency savings or will they just allow our services to plummet still further?

## Further Restrictions To Free Bus Pass

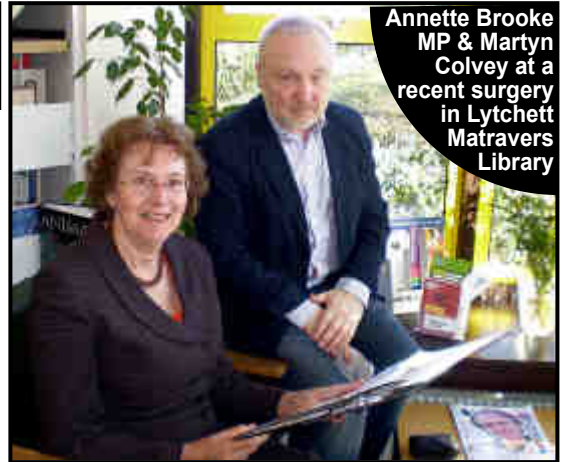


Purbeck District Council have reverted to a Government decision to restrict free bus travel to after 9.30am. There is however good news: from April senior citizens will be able to use their bus passes in all areas.

Your Lib Dem Team are pressing for flexibility from the bus services when people have to commence a journey before 9.30am, with Councillor Fred Drane writing to the Managing Director of Wilts & Dorset Bus Company.

## Surgeries

Annette Brooke MP will be in Lytchett Matravers Library on Saturday 19th April 10-12 noon. If you would like an appointment for this session or an alternative surgery please ring : 01202 693555.



Annette Brooke MP & Martyn Colvey at a recent surgery in Lytchett Matravers Library



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When it comes to recycling, most residents say "we want more". Annette Brooke MP recently wrote to Purbeck District Council on your behalf.

The Council told Annette they were hoping to extend the number of plastic

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I will be voting Lib Dem at the next election

I will display a poster in my window at election

I will deliver my road once a month

I would like to join the Lib Dems