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DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL US ?

If you think we may be able to help you with any problem don't hesitate to get in touch.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

CAN YOU HELP US ?

Yes, I can help by :

- Delivering Focus in my road
- Displaying a poster at election time
- Helping with clerical work at home
- Joining the Liberal Democrats

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Murston Ward Liberal Democrats may contact you from time to time on matters we think may be of interest. Please let us know if you do not want the information provided above to be used for this purpose.



A Happy New Year to all our readers



Dave Banks asks the Murston community to help by signing his a petition entitled Make Murston a safer place to live, With the help of his trusty scooter, and assisted by Keith Nevols and Mr James Hall, Dave is resorting to a massive petition in order to get the powers that be to finally move on their promise to put up signs to stop the problems which can be clearly seen in the photos aboveThe petition explains that for the last four years the ward Cllr Dave Banks and residents in Murston have been trying to get new signs put up to stop lorries coming into Murston. There have been a number of meetings with Highways and others and we have been promised many times that new signs will be put up-but each time we have been let down.

What Cllr Banks and residents are looking for, are new signs to be installed informing drivers that they cannot access the Eurolink via Murston. The signs need to be large enough that drivers can see them and placed on the A2 either direction at the traffic lights. Also signs are needed in Castle Way indicating that lorries cannot access Dolphin Way thus stopping drivers trying to get to the A2 in that direction.

If you have not yet had a chance to add your name to the petition and would want to see these long awaited signs in place, just give Dave a ring or sign on line at. <http://sittingbourneandsheppeylibdems.org.uk/en/petition/stop-lorries-driving-through-church-road-murston-sittingbourne>

Alternatively write to **Andrew Rourke KCC Highway, County Hall, Maidstone.**

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NEWS FROM AROUND OUR AREA

THE BATTLE FOR A SAFER MURSTON CONTINUES

Dave and Keith are campaigning to protect the corner of Tonge Road and Church Road (near the Co-op), in order to make it safer for pedestrians especially parents and children crossing to attend school. What they are hoping to achieve is to raise the kerb to stop vehicles mounting the pavement.

They have also welcomed the yellow lines due to appear in Keswick Ave which will make that area a lot safer.



THE NORTHERN DISTRIBUTOR ROUTE



Dave is keeping a watchful eye on the progress of the Northern Distributor Road and especially the Bridge. This is the



photograph he took recently and suggests you may wish to

follow the progress yourselves by logging onto the link to see the video at:-
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4AZZPCcRUg>

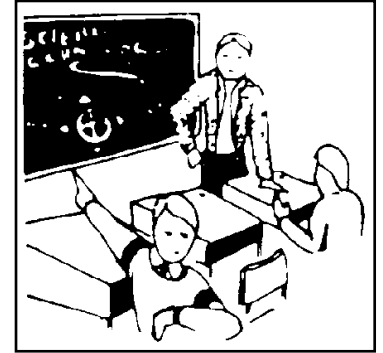
COMMUNITY AWARDS



Dave, having put some of his Cllr community fund into the project, was proud to accompany the Mayor in presenting awards at the recent ceremony to honour Swale's outstanding Sports persons., and also to the Good Neighbour awards especially as the winners were from Murston. He says it is important that we are a real community and look out for one another and it was an honour to be part of this night to say thank you to these good neighbours.

HOW THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT LED PUPIL PREMIUM WILL HELP CHILDREN IN SITTINGBOURNE & SHEPPEY

The government have unveiled further details of the **Pupil Premium** – a key Liberal Democrat policy which will ensure the most disadvantaged children in our country get the help they need. From April next year every school in England will get £430 for each child in their school on Free School Meals. Based on latest estimates this will mean at least an extra £1,153,260 for schools to spend on the students who need it most in Sittingbourne & Sheppey.



Each year between now and 2015 the amount spent in your constituency will rise – by 2015 we will be spending a total of £2.5bn nationally on the pupil premium. This is money on top of what is already being allocated for school-children – no school will lose money as result of the Pupil Premium. And it will be given to Head Teachers to spend at their discretion on what they think works best for their school – be it extra one to one classes, breakfast clubs or after-school clubs.



Keith Nevols with Nick Clegg

Keith says “The Pupil Premium was one of four key front page manifesto commitments on which we fought the last General Election. Making it a reality will help improve the social mobility and life chances of hundreds of thousands of children from less privileged backgrounds over the coming years.”

That is the real difference our party is making in government.

FAIR DEAL ON FEES AND CHARGES FROM SWALE

Tory led Swale Council is reviewing all the activities for which it charges you, the public. It is, of course, reasonable that the Council meets its costs in providing some of these services but it looks as if the Tory controlled Council is too often looking to push up the charges just to make a profit from people. The Liberal Democrat group on Swale Council is demanding that we look at reducing costs rather than increasing prices. Elvie says “at a family level we have to *save money by reducing costs*. The Council should do the same.” Elvie has also urged them to stop making percentage rises across the board and to look at each facility individually especially Hall Hire as some halls offer better facilities and represent better value for money to the hirer.

