

Listening to you -

I want to know what you think



Please take a few moments to complete the attached survey and return Freepost to: DDCA, FREEPOST SEA4775, Deal, Kent CT14 7BR Please tell me about your wider comments and concerns.

'My priorities are more renewal, community respect and protecting our NHS in Dover and Deal'

Charlie

Conservative News from Charlie Elphicke

August 2007 Newsletter



National issues

Please indicate which are important to you:

- Education
- Housing
- Pensions
- Crime
- NHS
- Europe
- Immigration
- Other: _____

Local issues

Please indicate which are important to you:

- Safeguarding local health care
- Community respect and safety
- Regeneration and renewal
- A border police force to secure our ports
- Other: _____

Other issues

Tell us about any concerns you have in your street or your community - we will do our best to help

Voting intentions party last time

Did you vote Conservative at the last General Election?

- Yes
- No

Party this time

At the next General Election will you vote:

- Conservative
- Labour
- Liberal Democrat
- Other, state which: _____
- Possibly Conservative
- Possibly Labour
- Possibly Liberal Democrat

Your Contact Details:

Name: _____

Address: _____



Charlie talking to Dover's Town Centre Manager and the DoverForum team about Dover renewal



Charlie enjoying the fun at Alkham fete



Charlie and the team at Aylesham's Colliery Welfare Club



I am delighted to be the Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Dover and Deal. My family have lived in East Kent for many years and my own family home is at Sandwich near Pfizer. My wife Natalie and I have two children - Charlotte 7 and Thomas 8 months. So I am passionately concerned with improving school and vocational education and realising our opportunities.

I've been involved in many regeneration projects and now is an exciting time for our community. For someone of the centre ground like me, it makes such a difference that politicians of all parties are working together so well on regeneration locally. I want to see greater success and prosperity across the board. The wealth gap is too high and I want to see this fall. We need a Britain we can all feel part of.

We have our challenges - with local healthcare, anti social behaviour, and getting more prosperity. Yet I'm optimistic about the future. If we all fight for it together, we can safeguard and improve our community.

Charlie



Charlie at the Aylesham Catholic Church get together



Charlie donating Archery World Cup tickets to White Cliffs School, St Rads



Charlie talking to Cllr Rook about improvements to Deal Pier

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Labour Mayor joins Conservatives



Labour Mayor of Dover, in 2005/06 Ken Tranter writes...

“To abandon a political party I have supported all my working life was not an easy decision.

Four years ago, seeing a Labour administration that had virtually bankrupted Dover District Council; I was told to be silent when I pointed out an error of £1.2m for the redundancy payments to be made to those unfortunate Council officers who were to be sacrificed to balance the books.

Time has shown that those same irreplaceable officers have been needed to implement the amazing progress made by the Conservative administration. An administration that has demonstrated its ability to create a great future for us all by working with partners who can bring so much to the District.

Therefore to change my loyalties and go Conservative means I no longer have to defend the indefensible of Dover Labour and its tired, failing Labour MP, but can wholeheartedly support those committed to a future of prosperity for the District and its residents.”

Community Respect



Charlie with PCSO Phillips, Cllr Jan Tranter (Lab) and Cllr Nigel Collor (Con) – working together to beat bad behaviour

People tell me their concerns about being woken up in the night, intimidation and beatings, house breaking and disrespect. This is not acceptable. Dover Council has been working to combat bad behaviour. If you see any blackspots or are a victim, please call the Council's Hotline on 01304 872220.

I want to see more support for the police with zero tolerance policing powers and more Police on our streets.

THE £10,000 RIP OFF

The average household pays £10,000 extra in tax than ten years ago. Where's it all gone? Our hospital has been done in and bad behaviour is worse than ever. Lots of our cash, not very well spent.

Meanwhile our pockets are emptier. Earnings have flatlined since 2001, with real weekly income going up just a few pounds. The rich / poor gap is bigger than ever. We need tax cuts starting with the least well off who cannot afford to pay. Economic growth has come not from us all getting richer, but from more people having come to Britain. This needs to change.

Pensions have seen tax raids. Low annuities are cut further by means tested pension credit. The state pension is too low and should be higher. Older people should get more respect and have enough money to retire with dignity.

NHS YES



Up and down the land, the Government is shutting hospitals, closing beds and firing nurses. So we are not alone in being concerned about the government's appalling treatment of Buckland and the threat to Deal's Victoria. It's a disgrace. I want to see more and better healthcare in modern facilities, not less.



Renewing Dover

Dover District Council Leader Paul Watkins writes...



Cllr Watkins – a leader with a vision

“There is a buzz around the constituency that “things are happening”. An “air” of potential regeneration .

In Deal the recent seafront “café culture” development precedes the completion of the Deal Pier restaurant project. Talks continue with other funding agencies to progress a Coastal Towns Regeneration agenda.

At Whitfield the White Cliffs Business Park Phase 2 advances daily with investment interest from local firms wanting to re-locate and expand and regular inquiries from development companies looking to acquire sites.

Dover Town Centre is moving forward with the St. James's Development passing the planning phase, subject to conditions and site acquisition currently being undertaken.

The Port of Dover's Western Docks development adds a further dimension to the changing landscape of Dover. The proposed inter-connection of the Town to a New Maritime Dover via a landbridge crossing the A20 between De Bradelei Wharf and Bench St. will bring Town and Port back together. These Projects will be delivered to the highest sustainable eco standards.”

All these projects are being delivered with cross party support.

Let us know what you think about Dover's Conservative led renewal - please write with you thoughts and comments

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