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## Useful Numbers

<b>Victoria Hospital, Deal</b> 01304 865400	<b>Dover Citizens Advice Bureau</b> 01304 202442
<b>Buckland Hospital</b> 01304 222510	<b>Deal Citizens Advice Bureau</b> 01304 374128
<b>NHS Number</b> 111	<b>Environment Agency flood line</b> 0845 9881188
<b>Dover District Council</b> 01304 821199	<b>Gas Emergency</b> 0800 111 999
<b>Kent County Council</b> 03000 41 41 41	<b>Kent Police</b> 01622 690690/101
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## Helping families – changing lives

**Charlie was elected our Member of Parliament in 2010 and he's been passionate about helping families and changing lives.**

So when Major Bill Shaw was wrongly thrown into an Afghan jail, Charlie got him out and safely back to his family. When Dover's Kim Sow was the victim of an immigration marriage scam, Charlie took the case to the Home Secretary.

In Parliament Charlie has campaigned for human rights reform to protect us from criminals and a fair deal for children with special educational needs.

He has taken on tax dodging multinationals and got tax laws reformed. He says it's wrong when hard working families have no choice in

the tax they pay, that big companies can game our tax system.

Charlie challenged water companies and got water bills cut. He successfully campaigned for the poorest families to be taken out of tax altogether.

Charlie has honoured his pledge not to claim MP's expenses for food, furniture and second homes.

Locally Charlie stopped the port sell off, secured a new Dover Hospital, saved Deal Hospital and delivered all day fast trains to Deal. Helping families to work and to keep well matters deeply to Charlie.

Charlie says if you believe and work hard, you can make a positive difference and change lives.

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# A day in the life of Charlie Elphicke

Since being elected Charlie has received over 100,000 emails, has been involved in over 16,500 individual cases, and seen over 1,250 residents in his constituency surgery. In Parliament Charlie has spoken in 460 debates and voted over 1,023 times on our behalf. He says helping people is the best part of his job.

Charlie most enjoys chatting to people at community events, speaking to students in our schools and hearing from people on the doorstep. He says listening to people and hearing what they want for the future is the most important part of his role.



As part of his job, Charlie goes to Parliament and speaks up for us. By making our case in Parliament, Charlie stopped the port sell off, got the New Dover Hospital built and safeguarded Deal Hospital. He also secured the fast train for Deal and has secured millions of pounds of job creating investment for our area.

*Experiencing life without sight and supporting guide dogs for the blind*



*Charlie working hard in his office at Parliament*

## The Big Mow



*Action not words is what matters to Charlie*

Residents of Deal's Freeman's Way complained to Charlie that they couldn't use their green because it was hopelessly overgrown.

The Council and the local councillors failed to sort it out. So Charlie organised a group of volunteers to join him in the "Big Mow". Together they cut the brambles and mowed the green.

The community day of action shows the change we can make together. Action not words is what matters to Charlie and his team. With social action we can improve our area.



*Supporting Choo Choo's nursery in River which offers full day care*



*Charlie welcoming Major Bill Shaw back home after getting him out of an Afghan jail*



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# A fairer share of healthcare

## *What was your healthcare priority before you were elected?*

Before 2010, Buckland Hospital had been wrecked. Services were withdrawn and wards axed one by one. In Deal they decided in 2006 to end outpatient services at the Hospital. Deal Hospital was left teetering on the edge.

Residents feared the Hospital might close altogether.

My key aim was to get the new Dover Hospital built and to safeguard Deal Hospital.

## *How has local healthcare improved since 2010?*

We've come a long way since 2010. I fought with local

campaigners like Reg Hansell and Pauline Majors to get the Dover Hospital back on track. The Hospital is now rising on Coombe Valley Road. It will open in the next month and provide great local healthcare.

In Deal, the Hospital was saved after 2,500 households responded to my hospital



The new Dover Hospital opens next month



Deal Hospital has been safeguarded from closure threats

survey. Over 400 local residents crammed into Deal's St George's Church to help save the much loved hospital. This tipped the balance and the Hospital was saved.

### **Can healthcare be made more local?**

Dover Hospital will be a one-stop shop for outpatient services. It will have a full range of diagnostics, day surgery and a revamped Minor Injuries Unit. This will reduce the need for journeys to faraway hospitals like Ashford and Margate.

Deal has not just been saved – it is getting more clinics and services. This will mean more is done in Deal.

Some of the best local healthcare is provided by volunteers. Patients caring for each other or helping to raise

funds to beat disease. These volunteers are fantastic!

### **What improvements are you planning next?**

The next stage is to see five star healthcare in Dover and Deal. Not just care beds, but five star care and recovery suites where people can get better in our community.

In Dover I want to see the new hospital's Minor Injuries Unit upgraded to become a local emergency centre.

In Deal, the Hospital is a great hub and I want to see even more local services provided there. We need to keep these local services in Deal Hospital so residents have the best quality care near where they live. This includes better mental health and dementia care services.



Attending the Talk it Out group who support people who suffer from depression and mental health challenges

## **Beating breast cancer together**



Local campaigner Kerry Rubins has raised over £100,000 to help beat breast cancer. Charlie has supported her fundraising and took part in the Crocus Walk

## **Beating dementia together**



Dementia is on the increase as we are all living longer. Helping people with Dementia is more and more important. So Charlie and the local Conservatives trained to be Dementia Friends

## **Backing Heart Start**



Heart Start and the First Responders do so much to help save lives. Charlie supports their community work and training programmes to give more people life-saving skills

# Giving children the best start in life

**Charlie is passionate about opportunity politics. The chance for everyone to aspire, get on and do really well, whatever their background. Key to this is ensuring we have great education and fantastic local schools – all the way from early years to adulthood. Great schools are the best ladders in life.**

Lots has been done to give our young people the best start in life:

- ▶▶ Help with Childcare. Tax-free childcare of up to £2,000 for all children under 12 will begin this Autumn. Helping families in Dover and Deal with their childcare costs.
- ▶▶ Turbo charging our secondary schools since 2010. More students in Dover and Deal are getting 5 A\*-C GCSEs, including English and Maths.
- ▶▶ Apprenticeship Revolution. There have been over 3,000 apprenticeships created in Dover and Deal in the past five years. More young people are getting the chance to train and learn a skill. This will help people get a better job and more money.
- ▶▶ Primary School standards on the rise. Results in local primary schools have soared. A few years ago, primary school pupils in Dover and Deal did worse than the England and Kent averages in the 3Rs. Now, they are ahead of the England and Kent averages. Congratulations to Eythorne Elvington Community Primary, Sholden Church of England Primary and Temple Ewell Church of England Primary who all got top marks.



Temple Ewell Primary School got top marks for the 3Rs



With Iain Duncan Smith MP visiting East Kent Railway apprentices

**Great schools are the best ladders in life**



Showing Dover Christchurch Academy students round Parliament

# Bringing down our bills

We have all felt the pinch in recent years. Bills rocketed under the last Labour Government. The food shop, utilities like gas and water, fuel for the car – they all rose, hitting us hard in the pocket. Meanwhile Labour's great recession made us all poorer.

That's why Charlie has campaigned to get bills lowered and our taxes down.

Charlie fought to get water bills down. Bills had risen over 24% between 2005-2010. Charlie showed how they were charging too much. He convinced water regulator OFWAT to order lower bills. In Dover and Deal that means an 8% cut. Saving around £34 each year for local families.

## Charlie's little list of lower bills

### Gas and Electricity

Green levies taken off energy bills saving an average of £50 a year on household bills.



### Filling up the car

Cutting fuel duty and abolishing Labour's fuel escalator. Saving motorists on average £7 on every fill up. A driver filling up once a week saves over £350 a year.



### Water

Water bills in Dover and Deal are now lower – saving around £34 each year.



### Council Tax

The Government has given extra funding to help freeze Council Tax for five years in a row. A saving of £1,075 to the average Band D taxpayer.



### Income Tax Cut

The tax-free personal allowance will rise to £10,600. Taxpayers will be £825 better off on average by 2015-16. More money in our pockets.



**Total savings: £2,334 a year**

# In our Community



## Street surgery

Holding a street surgery in Dover listening to concerns

## Lower carbon

Listening to green concerns and backing low carbon energy



## Cleaning up

Caring for the environment, helping to keep the River Dour clean



## Backing business

Supporting Small Business Saturday at the Mash Tun Micropub



## Special needs

Holding a summit to improve special needs education



## Best High Street

Showing Splash Celebrity and High Streets Minister Penny Mordaunt MP Deal's High Street of the Year



## Coming now!

Buckland Mill was "coming soon" for a decade – Charlie's campaigning made it happen, pictured here at the opening