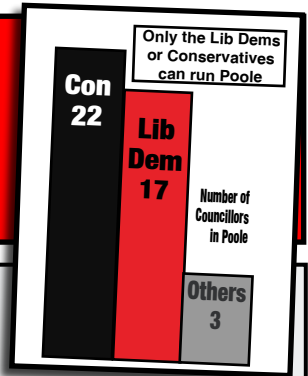


# FOCUS

## on Broadstone



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# THE TEAM THAT WORKS FOR YOU

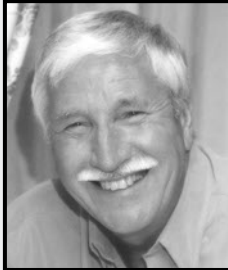


**Councillor Mike Brooke** was first elected to Poole Borough Council in 2003. Mike is married to Annette, has two daughters, who both went to

Broadstone schools, and has one granddaughter.

Having lived in Broadstone since 1977, Mike is fully committed to the village and worked tirelessly to get Broadstone's two conservation areas recognised.

He is campaigning for greater support for the vulnerable and better facilities for young people. He is a retired teacher, runs a small business, and is a school governor.



**Councillor Roy Godfrey** was first elected in 2010. Roy is married to Ruth and lives in Broadstone ward. A former businessman, Roy is retired and

is committed to the community. Previously chairman of the Residents Association he is currently chairman of Neighbourhood Watch and works closely with the Safer Neighbourhood team.

He has supported the play-builder programme in Broadstone and is working with the YMCA for our young people. Roy works closely with the Chamber of Trade and supports both Broadstone in Bloom and Broadstone Access Group.

**Vikki Slade** moved to Broadstone in 1999, is married to Paul and has four children who attend local schools. She runs a business in



the village and understands the needs of the business community.

She was Chairman of the Chamber of Trade for 6 years. Vikki has coordinated the Christmas lights and the Broadstone parade and helped improve disabled parking facilities in the village working alongside Broadstone Access Group.

Vikki is committed to the economic viability of Broadstone's centre and hopes to preserve the character and improve the facilities.

## VULNERABLE MADE TO PAY

### Extra £1.5 million for adult social care rejected by Poole Tories

During the budget debate Cllr Mike Brooke identified an extra £1.5 million for adult social care, together with £500,000 for young people that could be made

available from the Council's coffers but the Conservatives rejected the proposal along with £96,000 for additional community support and £96,000 for additional bus routes.

"It is very important at this difficult time to give extra support to our most vulnerable residents, many of whom have been faced with massive increases in their care charges. "We also need more facilities for our young people so why are the Tories stashing away a further £2 million into already excessive reserves where it will sit doing nothing?", said Mike.

Mike's budget speech can be read on-line at: <http://mikebrooke.org.uk>



Councillor Mike Brooke is campaigning against Conservative cuts to our care services

## Cllr Graham Mason Steps Back

After 20 Years as one of Broadstone's councillors Graham Mason is stepping back from local politics.



"I hope to spend more time with my family and enjoy a long rest," said Graham.

Over the years Graham has worked tirelessly for

Broadstone residents and has taken a special interest in Age Concern Broadstone.

We wish you well Graham and thank you for all you have done for Broadstone.

# Working all year round for you

## Fairer votes mean more power to you!

Britain's unfair and outdated voting system is at the heart of what's wrong in our country.

Under the fairer *Alternative Vote* system all votes will count, making sure your voice can't be ignored any more.

A Yes vote on 5th May will put power back in your hands - where it belongs.

## Out of Touch - Airport Fact:

A recent Conservative newsletter claimed that North Poole had no representative on Bournemouth Airport's Consultative Committee.

**FACT:** a representative from Broadstone was actually appointed last November.

## NEWS UPDATE

**Income Tax-** 2,470 additional Poole residents will be lifted out of income tax altogether while a further 62,000 will pay £200 less from April this year as a result of Lib Dem policies.

**Pensions-** Over the next few years the basic pension is set to rise from £97.65 to £140. As well as this, future pension increases will be by the highest out of earnings, prices or 2.5% thanks to the Lib Dems!

**The Pupil Premium-** The Pupil Premium, a Flagship Liberal Democrat policy, could bring an extra £880,000 to Poole Schools.

**Green Bins-** The Conservatives are proposing to extend the green bin service across the rest of Poole but will charge for the collection service. This will affect all existing green bin users as well as the new and is expected to rake in an extra £1.34 million. Do let us know your views.

**The Dell-** It has just been confirmed that following our requests for action, developer funding has been secured for improvement works which could start this September.

**Playbuilder-** Playbuilder money is safe but there is only enough for 6 out of the remaining 11 play areas. It has still to be decided which ones will be upgraded.

## Council Tax "no-brainer"

Residents will be pleased to learn that this year's council tax will not be increased.

This has been made possible through funding from the Coalition Government. Any Council freezing council tax at 2010 levels will receive a grant equivalent to a 2.5% increase. Poole Council benefits by more than £1.7 million. "The Council Tax freeze is not a special achievement of the

Conservatives in Poole – every council in the country has made the same decision", said Cllr Roy Godfrey.

Remember the Poole Lib Dems proposed a 0% increase last year but this was rejected by the Conservatives – it wasn't an election year!



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