

# FOCUS

Summer  
2025

Cheriton, Hythe East,  
Sandgate & Saltwood

Liberal  
Democrats

**fhld.uk** From Tim Prater, Gary, Peter,  
Roger, John & the Lib Dem team

Tim Prater  
Reporting Back

On election Tim immediately  
launched a monthly online diary of  
County Council work from May 2025.

Read the monthly reports at  
[www.fhld.uk/tim-reporting-back](http://www.fhld.uk/tim-reporting-back)

Lib Dem  
Tim Prater  
2051

Reform 1987

Conservative 973

Green 595

Labour 428

# Thank YOU

In the Kent County Council  
elections on 1st May, Tim Prater  
was elected with over 2,000  
people backing him locally.

**Tim Prater was the ONLY person  
to beat Reform anywhere in  
Folkestone & Hythe.**

The former Conservative  
Councillor for the area slumped  
to a poor third.

Tim says:

**"This is simple: thank you.**

"Thanks for the trust you have put  
in me, and my work for the area.

**"I'll stand up for Cheriton,  
Hythe East, Sandgate and  
Saltwood.** I've already been  
working on highways projects  
across the area alongside our  
town and parish councils.

"I'm blown away by the number of  
people that have congratulated  
me in the last few weeks,  
including huge numbers of  
former Labour, Green and  
Conservative voters.

"Across Kent Reform UK have won  
a big victory: congratulations to  
them. I hope they use their win to  
benefit all Kent residents.

"The Liberal Democrat group are  
now the official opposition and  
will hold them to account. Where  
they do good things for local  
residents, we'll say so.

**"And where they cancel  
meetings, duck decisions,  
spread chaos and dissent as  
they have in their first few  
weeks, we'll say that too."**

**From this, to this.** Tim has  
continued to actively fight grafitti  
and improve our area.

Sometimes that's about reporting  
problems and chasing action,  
and for these seafront bins, it's  
cleaning the grafitti off himself!

Tim was delighted to attend what was,  
as ever, a moving service in  
**Folkestone Garden of Remembrance**  
at 11am on 6<sup>th</sup> June to mark D-Day.

## Sandgate 20mph Zone

Tim's had confirmation that  
following the formal "TRO"  
consultation, Kent Highways are  
content to move forward. Tim says:

**"We've now cleared all  
required consultations, and  
have a green light.**

"The detailed designs will give a  
cost (for the signage and lines  
required with installation) which

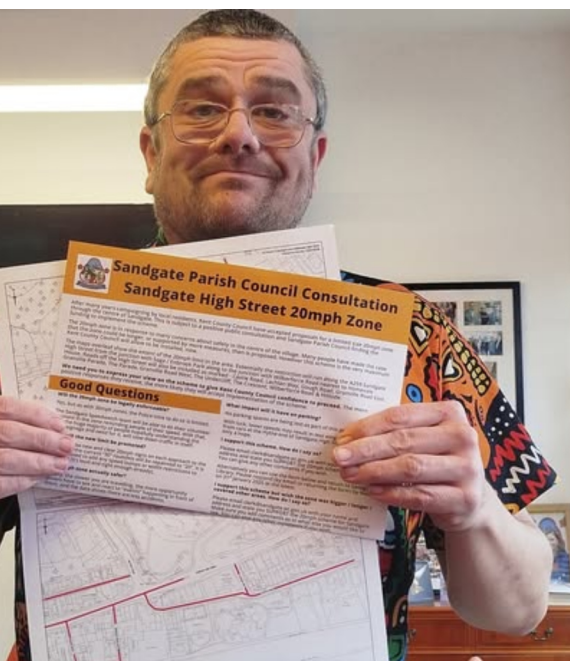
between your district councillors,  
Sandgate Parish Council and  
Sandgate Society is all at hand  
and ready to go.

"We're on course for installing  
this summer, after decades of  
trying. For every person that's  
worked, campaigned and  
petitioned for this: thank you.

**We're winning."**

Learn  
More

**...about the work of the Folkestone &  
Hythe Lib Dem team at [www.fhld.uk](http://www.fhld.uk)**





# Don't Lose Your Vote

Over the coming months the Folkestone and Hythe elections team will start the process of contacting 16,000+ electors to reapply for their postal vote.

The Elections Act 2022 changed the way in which electors vote.

Previously, postal voters were contacted every five years to refresh their signature. Now postal voters must now reapply for their postal vote up to every three years.

If you vote by post currently, you will receive letters about this over coming months. Please respond as quickly as possible to ensure your postal vote is in place ahead of any pending election.

## Action File

Tim has been approached by **Horn Street** residents about a 20mph zone in the central section near The Britannia pub. He's taking that up with first Hythe Town Council, then onto Kent County Council.

A broken bench on **Naildown Road** in Seabrook should soon be repaired by Hythe Town Council at Tim's request.

Tim has opposed an application to allow 24 hour lorry access to a site in **Caesars Way**, Cheriton past houses in **Cherry Garden Lane**.

Potholes blight our area. Tim spends loads of time reporting them to Kent Highways, including recently in **Langdon Road** and **Hawkins Road**, Cheriton & **North Road**, Sandgate. The only potholes they fix are the ones they know about. Anyone can, and should, report potholes when you see them.

Report online at [www.kent.gov.uk/KHSFaults](http://www.kent.gov.uk/KHSFaults)

Tim has raised the need for repairs and repainting to the seafront beach huts from **Sandgate** to **Folkestone**. A programme of works is being put together to keep all huts looking a credit to the area.

Assisted a local resident in getting fly-tipping removed from a car park off **Fremantle Road**.

Outstanding work from Lee and the team on behalf of the District Council has turned it from swamp to bridge over (gently) running stream.

That's being followed by works to the path and springs feeding the stream on adjacent land by neighbours.

**Better water flow, better path, better bridge: great result!**

### From swamp to stream!

Tim worked with local residents to try to get improvements to a boggy former water course on the path from **Wilberforce Road** car park to **Encombe**.

## CAN YOU HELP US, OR HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Name: .....

Address: ..... Post Code: .....

Phone: ..... Email: .....

☐ Keep me updated about Lib Dem campaigns. ☐ I'd like to join the Lib Dems. Please contact me.

Cut out and return for free to: **FREEPOST Kent Lib Dems**

## Contact the team:



Your local Lib Dem team want to hear from you on any issue that you need help with.



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