



# ALDERLEY EDGE FOCUS

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## This May's Local Election Results

In neighbouring Wilmslow, Morley and Styal Ward the Liberal Democrats held their seat. The result was:

COLIN SHEPHERD (Lib Dem)	949
Conservatives	842
Lib Dem Majority	107

Elsewhere in Macclesfield Borough Liberal Democrats won seats in Macclesfield East, Bollinbrook, and Hurdsfield Wards.

### In Neighbouring Councils

We gained seats from the Conservatives in Bramhall (Stockport MBC) and Sandbach (Congleton BC).

We gained seats from Labour in New Mills (High Peak BC) and Barnton (Vale Royal BC).

It was a good day for the Liberal Democrats throughout the North West.

## Meanwhile, in Alderley Edge, Craig continues his work.

There were no elections in Alderley Edge this year but Craig Browne and the Liberal Democrat Team have continued their all year round work for the local community.

If you would like help or advice with local problems, you can phone

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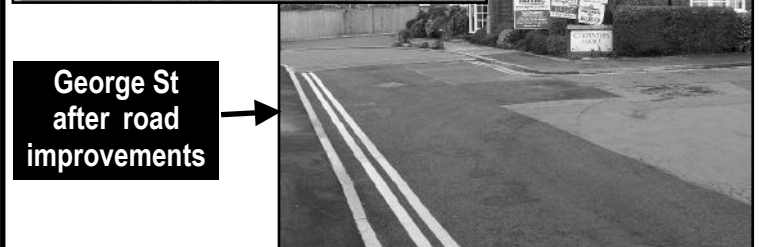
or by mail at 23 Wilton Crescent, Alderley Edge, Cheshire, SK9 7RE.

## LOCAL ROAD'S SUCCESS

Following a few letters and phone calls to the Area Highways Engineer, Craig Browne and your local Liberal Democrat team are pleased to report that part of George Street (opposite the Doctor's Surgery) has been resurfaced. As a follow up, Lib Dems have also written to Cheshire County Council, seeking assurances that similar improvements will also be effected in West Street (opposite the Dentist's Surgery).



George St  
before road  
improvements



George St  
after road  
improvements

## Alderley Edge Money Diverted

Section 106 money raised following developments in Alderley Edge, such as Royles Square, or St Hilary's apartments (totalling over £350,000) is to be used to help provide affordable housing in Macclesfield.

Craig Browne says 'At least a proportion of this money could and should have been spent on affordable housing in Alderley Edge, or on road or pavement improvements in the village centre. However, your Conservative Controlled Council have voted to redirect the money to other parts of the Borough.'

**LIBERAL DEMOCRATS - STANDING UP FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS**

## ACTION ON OVERGROWN HEDGES

As mentioned in our previous FOCUS, there are a number of overgrown hedgerows in the village that fall under the responsibility of the Macclesfield Borough Council. A couple of carefully directed letters from your Lib Dem team have resulted in the hedgerow at the junction with The Circuit/Heyes Lane being cut back and made tidy.



## RECYCLING SUCCESS

Following the recent changes in refuse collection made by Macclesfield Council, recycling rates have risen from 8% a little while ago to nearly 40% now.

This will avoid the heavy taxes that the Government has introduced on residual waste going to landfill. It has also allowed fortnightly collections to be introduced.

Craig says 'Most of the local problems caused by fortnightly collections have now been resolved. If you are still experiencing difficulties or experience problems in the future, let me know or phone the Town hall on 500500.'

Following my appeal for a plastics recycling bank to be located in Alderley Edge, over 200 local residents signed my petition calling on Macclesfield Borough Council to take action. I have forwarded the petition to Paul Morgan (Waste Services Manager at MBC) and he confirms that he is looking into the feasibility of siting a bank either at the Parade or Festival Hall. In the long term we support a roadside collection, but this is an important step the right direction.'

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## CONGESTION CHARGES TO PAY FOR MANCHESTER'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT?

Manchester is planning to bid for a £1bn grant from the Government and to borrow £2bn to improve Public Transport.



The grant is dependent on the introduction of 'Congestion Charges'. Under current proposals, all commuters who drive into the Congestion Charging Zone (the M60 Motorway is the boundary) will pay at least £600 per year. Commuters who continue to drive into the Manchester City Centre could pay over £1000 each year.

Most of the grant and loan will be spent on 40km (approx.) of new Metrolink track, including track to the Airport, the Trafford Centre and East Didsbury.

The charge is designed to persuade people who drive to work from outside the M60 to switch to public transport, yet there are no plans to improve train services into Manchester from Alderley Edge or Wilmslow.

**We would like to know what you think about this and whether congestion charging will encourage you to use public transport. Craig has set up a WebBlog ([www.craigbrowne.blogspot.com](http://www.craigbrowne.blogspot.com)) so that you can send him your views via the internet.**

## CAMPAIGN FOR ROAD SAFETY

Cheshire County Council is making Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) available as part of a campaign to reduce excessive speed on our roads.

SIDs reinforce existing speed limits by displaying a passing vehicle's speed and either a smiling or frowning face.

Craig Browne remarked 'research has shown that SIDs can have a positive impact on driver behaviour. I would like to see areas around the Primary School and Knutsford Road in Chorley registered as SID locations.'

If there are any other areas you would like to see registered, please email Craig at [craig.browne.wps.me.uk](mailto:craig.browne.wps.me.uk)

