

Thank You!

Ruth Reed would like to thank everyone who voted for her in the by-election on the 23rd March and to those who contacted her by email, telephone and by signing and returning her petition.

Ruth is delighted to have been able to help in Ewhurst. Ruth raised many important issues during the election campaign including the proposed landfill tip at Ewhurst Brickworks.

Ruth took action in campaigning against the tip and also getting a team in place for Community Speedwatch.

Ruth said, "It was great to meet so many people throughout the campaign. Although I am disappointed not to have won, I am pleased that the Lib Dems have pushed some vital issues to the heart of the Ewhurst agenda.

"I would like to congratulate



Diane James on her victory and I wish her well as a Waverley Borough Councillor."

As well as an Independent candidate shocking the Conservatives by taking a seat they had held for years, the election was notable for a very poor Labour result.

Richard Chaundy picked up just six votes - so not even all of the ten people who nominated him cast a vote for Labour. The Labour Party admitted they were "stunned" by the result, which proved yet again how poor their record is in Surrey.

RESULT

1) Independent	372
2) Conservative	360
3) Ruth Reed	230
4) Labour	6

Turnout 58%. Independent gain from Conservative.

Councillors lead the way with recycling trial

The alternate weekly collection service that is starting this month has been on trial over the last two months with local councillors - with fantastic results.

The recycling rate for the trial scheme was 52% - well over

double the current rate of just 22%. This increase bodes extremely well for the new recycling scheme in which all areas will be treated the same. This Lib Dem initiative augers well for recycling in Waverley and together we should be able to double our current recycling rate."

Landfill tip - have you objected?

Ruth hopes you have all had time to object to the proposed landfill tip at Ewhurst Brick-works before the deadline on April 10th.

Ruth Reed has led the campaign against the tip from the start. Ruth said, "I am sure that the action group set up against the landfill tip, as the result of my leaflet that let you all know in time before it was too late to put in an objection, and the letter of objection that I wrote to Surrey

County Council on your behalf will make the council think again.

"I was so pleased that more than 80 people attended the presentation by the Surrey County Councillor, Conservative Portfolio holder for The Environment, David Munro at the village hall on Monday 20th March. Many of you there said that if there had not been for my leaflet you would not have known in time!

INFORMATION:

Ring Hilary Herbert at SCC on 020 8683 6602

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Click on www.surreycc.gov.uk/wasteplan

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CVH Latest

Health minister Lord Warner has given a boost to Cranleigh Village Hospital Trust (CVHT), warning PCTs that closing Community Hospitals could be a 'false economy.'

Last year, Lord Warner met with representatives of CVHT in a meeting organised by local Liberal Democrat **Baroness Margaret Sharp of Guildford**.

Baroness Sharp has been at the heart of the campaign to save the Village Hospital, while other Lib Dems including **Ruth Reed** have been campaigning hard locally.

Ruth Reed said, "I am glad that Lord Warner realises the value of Community Hospitals to our villages. Hopefully the many voices wanting to save our local hospital will be heard when the PCT decides on April 27th.

Community Speedwatch Latest

Thanks to Ruth Reed's action, the Community Speedwatch scheme continues to draw nearer for Ewhurst.

Ruth said, "I have been in touch with PC Andy Crane, Waverley Casualty Reduction Officer, since the election and the meeting in the village hall. As a result of my initiative and the initial required group of 6 that have signed up, a Community Speedwatch group has now officially been registered with the Police and one of two sets of equipment, including radar gun and warning signs, will be allocated on loan initially to Ewhurst.

"A further group of 4 people from the village have signed up and are willing and keen to take up the training he will be offering. I have also received an offer from one of the members to coordinate the 'Ewhurst Watch'. I know that Parish Councillor Ian Westgate has been asked to be the Parish Council Liaison officer between the group and the Parish Council; this is important as there is still funding of £800 to be found for the purchase of the equipment in the long term."



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