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Just 21
votes in it!

Remember
the 2021
Election
Result in
Cheriton,
Sandgate &
Hythe East?



Labour 792

Only Lib Dem Tim can beat
the Conservatives in May 2025

It's Time

With the Kent County Council Election in May now confirmed to be on, well known local campaigner **Tim Prater** explains why he'll be standing again for the most marginal County Council seat in Kent: **Cheriton, Sandgate and Hythe East.**



After months of confusion the Government has now confirmed there will be elections to Kent County Council in May.

There is a Government drive to merge County and District Councils in Kent.

It's likely the next 2 years will be about agreeing those mergers, their terms, and delivering them.

I don't like all the suggestions. A local council for more than 500,000 people (which is the Government aim) simply isn't local any more.

But I know how councils at all levels work. Over the last 20 years I've represented our area on the County Council, the District Council, Hythe Town Council, Folkestone Town Council and Sandgate Parish Council.

There is simply no-one with more experience of our Councils at all levels locally.

I know how to get things done. I'll stick to what I say.

I am determined that our area gets the best possible deal from a new Council. And I will fight to deliver it.

I've lived and worked in Sandgate for over 20 years. However many years our councils have left, I'm determined to bring my practical experience to Kent County Council, and the negotiations to end it.

I have a strong record of speaking up for our area, and not being afraid to speak truth to power. I will continue to do so.

The situation is hard. We need our best representatives to fight for us. And my record speaks for itself.

So I will be standing for election to Kent County Council in May for Cheriton, Sandgate and Hythe East. In 2021 I failed to win the same division by 21 votes.

I will try hard to do better this time: with YOUR help.

Giving It My All

If elected I can only promise I will work hard for you.

As a District Councillor I've dealt with hundreds of local issues. I've spoken up at hundreds of meetings. I've sent thousands of emails to get things done.

I've run a monthly drop-in surgery since 2019 in Sandgate, where local residents raise issues for me to work on. And as a County Councillor, I would do the same again.

I can't perform miracles. But I will, and can, speak up for my neighbours, friends and fellow residents here. And always have.

Our County Council is still important in delivering local services. Designing a successor to deliver them better is critical.

Any more power being a County Councillor gives to improve our buses, social care, schools, adult education, local libraries: I'll use.

Any more power it gives to fix our atrocious roads: I'll use.

That's not just about getting Kent Highways to fill more potholes (although they should).

It includes getting our utilities to **do the job right first time.** We've seen the farce of Southern Water digging up the same piece of Sandgate High Street every other month failing to fix the same problem. **Do it right first time or pay a fine.**

And developers like Taylor Wimpey need to take responsibility for the damage their construction traffic is doing to our roads. Pond Hill Road and others locally are being destroyed by their lorries. It's time they fixed them, or paid for it to be done.

Will
You
Help?

If you will help my campaign until May, email me tim@prater.uk or call 07956 276118: I'd love to hear from you.

Welcome Back! SAGA Returns to Sandgate



He might not look it, but **Tim Prater** was delighted to hear Saga is returning to their Sandgate Enbrook Park HQ. After months of rumours, staff were recently told the building would reopen from March. Tim says: **"It'll be great to welcome Saga back to Sandgate.** They have kept the park open and maintained following their departure in 2023, and their site manager has done a heroic job keeping it looking good."

Picture with Gary Fuller at the time of the 2023 closure announcement.

Princes Parade Consultation Completed



A consultation on the future of Princes Parade by the district council has now closed and results are being collated.

Views were sought on a number of options including rewilding, preparing and sowing with wild flowers, or selective tree planting, adding leisure facilities, some areas opened to the public or even creating some park or play space.

Development is off the cards as the costs of making the site suitable are likely higher than the value of any development.

Lib Dem Hythe Councillor **John Stokes** commented:

"I'm looking forward to hearing what local residents want to see: its such an important space. We then need to protect it for the long-term."

Cheriton White Lion Success

The Lib Dem team have been campaigning to get action on the White Lion in Cheriton for years.

After pressure, the District Council finally put an improvement notice on the site last year. **Doesn't it look better now!**

Planning permission will soon be submitted for it to become a supported living project for older people including a ground floor café.

Lib Dem Folkestone Town Councillor **Peter Gane** is delighted. He said:

"The state of the White Lion has blighted the area for decades. It's great to see it is now much closer to being a credit instead."



Cheriton Lib Dem Campaigners **John Renshaw, Roger West, Peter Gane** and **Tim Prater** outside the White Lion on Cheriton High Street.



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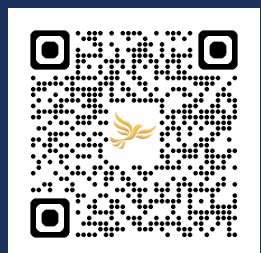


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