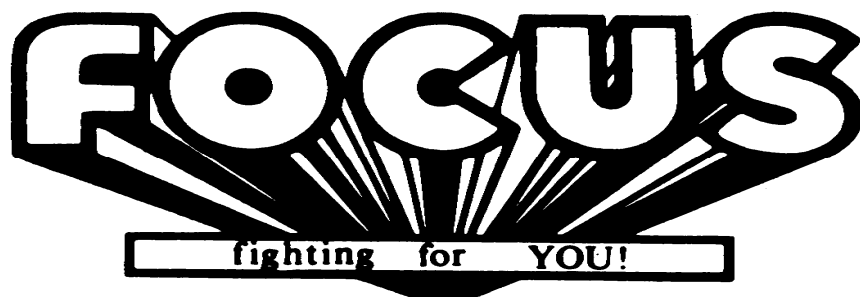



Dundee's Maryfield Ward



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from Chris Hall and the local Liberal Democrats

Massive response!

There was a huge response to the last edition of FOCUS from Chris Hall and the local Liberal Democrats. Chris has taken action on all local issues raised by residents. As always, Chris and the LibDems work for our local area all year round.

If there's any local issue or concern you'd like to bring to Chris's attention, we have included a "Residents' Survey" at the back of this edition of FOCUS - do please fill it in and send it back to Chris - there's no stamp required - many thanks!



Road safety concerns ...

Chris has received feedback from many residents in the area about road safety concerns.

The photo (left) is at the Mains Loan/Clepington Road junction, where the white lines at the junction are very worn. Chris has received similar concerns at the junction of Ferguson Street and Princes Street - again badly worn white lines at a busy junction. Chris says, "White lining at busy junctions should be clearly marked, in the interests of road safety. I have therefore contacted the City Council asking for urgent action to improve matters."

Chris has also received concerns from Rennell Road residents about the large volume of traffic using this residential street as a short-cut and he has asked the Planning & Transportation Department of Dundee City Council to take steps to improve the situation.

Chris has also received many complaints about the tailback of vehicles on Forfar Road immediately south of the Kingsway junction. The lights sequence is currently controlled by BEAR Scotland, the trunk roads organisation, but Chris is pleased to advise that the City Council will take over control of the lights in March and this will hopefully result in "tweaking" of the lights sequence to give greater priority to local drivers on Forfar Road.

The LibDem FOCUS Team - working for our area!



CHRIS HALL REPORTS BACK ...

- **TENEMENT STAIRWELL CONCERNS** : Chris has received concerns about safety in tenement stairwells where communal lights have failed. He has raised these concerns - do let Chris know if you have experienced similar problems - many thanks.
- **DIGITAL TV ISSUE** : Many residents in the southern part of the Maryfield Ward - particularly in the



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City Centre and Broughty Ferry Road areas - cannot receive Freeview digital TV. This is because they get TV signals from the Tay Bridge relay transmitter, which does not yet carry Freeview.

Chris has received complaints about this and enlisted the support of the LibDem Council Group Leader, Cllr Fraser Macpherson, who has been in discussions with the broadcasting regulator OFCOM and with Digital UK about the issue.

Chris says, "It is unfair that, although everyone pays the same TV licence fee, some residents do not get Freeview. Although the "digital switchover" takes place in 2010, even when Freeview becomes available for residents who do not currently receive digital TV, they will get a reduced version - Freeview Lite - with fewer channels."

The Liberal Democrats believe that all TV licence payers should get the same quality of TV services and Chris Hall will continue to campaign on this issue on behalf of local residents.

- **RECYCLING LOCALLY** : The photo (right) is of the neighbourhood recycling facility at the corner of Arklay Terrace and North Court Street. Chris has received several requests for additional recycling facilities in the Maryfield Ward area - if you have any suggestions about improving recycling locally, please let Chris know - many thanks!



- **SNP MSP GETS £688 EXTRA EVERY MONTH FROM THE TAXPAYER** : Many Dundonians were shocked to learn the recent news that former Dundee SNP councillor Nigel Don - now an MSP - had moved from Dundee to Aberdeen, despite the fact the area he represents includes Dundee - and, as a result, now gets £688 every month from all of us, the taxpayers, to subsidise a flat he owns in Edinburgh. If he had not abandoned living in Dundee, he would not have got taxpayers' cash.

Chris says, "The MSPs' mortgage allowance scheme need to be reviewed. The fact that an SNP MSP is getting an extra £688 every month by moving house to Aberdeen is not acceptable."

Chris Hall works all year round!

Clepington Primary School road safety concerns



A number of parents have contacted Chris regarding traffic safety concerns outside Clepington Primary School.

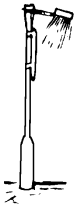
Chris says, "The safety of pupils entering and leaving the school is of paramount importance and I have written to the Director of Education about the concerns raised."

Chris will report back on feedback in a future edition of FOCUS.



Your chance to have your say!

Local FOCUS Team Editor Chris Hall is here to help. Please give us your feedback on local issues - or tell us about a problem or complaint which you'd like sorted. It won't even cost you a stamp! Many thanks!



STREET SIGNS OR LIGHTING: Are there any street lights out in your area, or street signs missing or damaged?

VANDALISM/GRAFFITI: Please advise of any vandalism or graffiti damage not already raised by FOCUS which needs action



The FOCUS Survey continued ...

DUMPING : Do you know of any area which needs action to control dumping?

ROADS/PAVEMENTS : Any dangerous potholes or pavements we haven't already highlighted?



BUS SERVICE : Do you find the local bus service is adequate and on time?

YES / NO

Any views on how the service can be improved on specific routes?

Any other matter you'd like Chris and the FOCUS Team to take action on?

Thanks for participating!

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Phone number _____

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