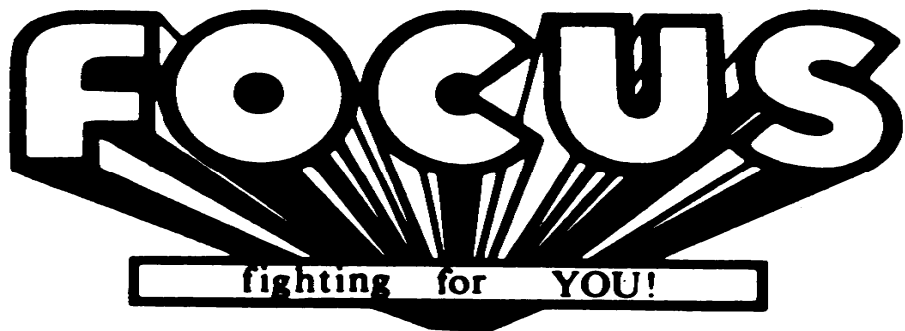


# Dundee's Maryfield Ward



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from Chris Hall

and the local Liberal Democrats

## Welcome to FOCUS!

Dundee Liberal Democrats produce a regular newsletter called "FOCUS" - to keep residents in touch with local news and it also gives you the opportunity to raise local concerns.

We are extending the delivery of FOCUS to include your street, so if you have not received FOCUS before - welcome! Editor of the newly expanded FOCUS is Chris Hall, pictured right, who lives locally in Baffin Street. If there's an issue concerning you, please e-mail Chris at [focus@maryfield.net](mailto:focus@maryfield.net), or send back the "Grumble Sheet" on the back of FOCUS - it won't even cost you a stamp!

You can also read all the latest updates at [www.maryfield.net](http://www.maryfield.net).



### LibDems tackle local graffiti complaints

Dundee's Liberal Democrat councillors have long campaigned to get graffiti and other vandalism stamped out. Chris Hall has been tackling residents' complaints in our own area.



The picture (right) shows graffiti on a utility box in Pitkerro Road, opposite the junction with Dalkeith Road. The FOCUS Team has reported this to the City Council's Waste Management Department.



Chris says, "I have also had complaints about graffiti on some street signs - for example, I have reported damage to a sign in Watson Street to the Council and asked for it to be cleaned.

Chris added, "It is important that the Council responds fast and effectively on graffiti and vandalism - please let me know about any other problems in the area and I'll do all I can to help get action."



Chris

**Chris Hall & the LibDems  
work hard for our local area**

## Education Matters

Chris Hall and the Liberal Democrat councillors in Dundee have strongly supported improving Dundee's schools.



The City Council has opened a number of new, modern schools and has some more planned, but it could have done a lot more if it wasn't for the incompetence of the SNP Government in Edinburgh. The SNP stopped more PPP buildings projects but has failed to come up with any alternative. Its so-called Scottish Futures Trust is a myth that has built nothing.

Chris says, "Many schools in the City like Glebelands Primary and Clepington Primary in the Maryfield Ward would benefit from modernisation and 21<sup>st</sup> century facilities but the SNP has let Dundee down by failing to come up with the capital funding to let it happen.

"I think it is important to campaign for modern schools facilities and give full backing to teaching staff," added Chris.





## CHRIS HALL ... working for our local area

**IMPROVING LOCAL PAVEMENTS** : Dundee Liberal Democrats have led the campaign to improve pavements in the city. Before the last election, it was the LibDems who proposed increasing annual expenditure on unadopted pavements - some of the worst conditioned footpaths in the City - and the Council has since done this - an increase of two and a half times each year on these pavements.

Chris is pictured (right) in Nairn Street, one of the many pavements in the area he is campaigning to have upgraded. "I think it's important that there are good quality pavements throughout the area - it is a

matter of public safety," says Chris. Chris has also written to the Council to see improvements in Nesbitt Street - he's pictured (left) in Nesbitt Street, beside the poorly patched road surface. Chris added, "I have written to the City Council asking for better road surfacing here. Again, Nesbitt Street has poor-conditioned pavements and it is important that this gets addressed."



### CITY CENTRE UPDATE

✦ **BINS ON PAVEMENTS** : Chris has received complaints from some residents about bins left on pavements - see right - do let us know if you have encountered this problem - many thanks!



✦ **TAY HOTEL** : Chris has written to the Council about the fact that the Tay Hotel is still an empty eyesore, some time after a planning application was approved to have the building upgraded and re-opened. Chris says, "The Tay Hotel is in a very prominent location and it is vital that it is improved as soon as possible."



**The FOCUS "Grumble Sheet":** The FOCUS Team is here to help. If you have a problem or complaint that you'd like sorted, let Chris Hall and the Team help. You've nothing to lose! **My problem/suggestion/complaint is:**



Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Address \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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