

Chatteris could be so much better...

REAL achievements by your Lib Dem Team before they moved to Chatteris.

Skateboard facilities

The St Neots Lib Dem managed council helped provide the largest and best skate board and BMX facility in Cambridgeshire situated far enough away from any residential housing so as to be convenient but not a nuisance.



"The **CHATTERIS** skateboard park has been missing its chief piece of equipment for 3 years - a half pipe" observed Adrian, "I think it is disgraceful that a Town Council with £1million in reserves can't find matched funding of £10,000 to complete this project for our youth!"



THE BEST PLAY EQUIPMENT IN THE COUNTY?

Ten years ago Chris & Christine were part of a Town Council team that made sure property developers were made to pay 'community gain' which

resulted in them providing probably the best play equipment in the whole of Cambridgeshire. "families have told me that they travel from Chatteris specially to visit this site"

Christine explained. "Why can't Chatteris benefit from similar funding?" asked Adrian. "Because only three years ago Chatteris Town Council were still describing the collection of planning gain as 'theft', and FDC forgot to collect as much as £1million across the Fenland" Chris added.

YOUTH CAFE

Chris & Christine were instrumental in the purchase of a disused building to provide both a museum and a youth cafe. Adrian

observed "Three years ago Chris suggested a vacant site for a youth cafe in Chatteris, but the Town Council refused to even write to the owners of the land". Christine added "this sort of facility is desperately needed in Chatteris and I



know from personal experience IT CAN BE DONE!"

And Chatteris?

Has **FAILED YOUNSTERS**

By not budgeting for the repair and replacement of play equipment

Has **FAILED TEENAGERS**

The Town Council has refused to consider a youth cybercafe and has failed to work for an all weather pitch, when other market towns have one!

Has **FAILED ADULTS**

By doing nothing to encourage commercial leisure development. They have been talking about a swimming pool and / or fitness centre for years, but are no closer now than 12 years ago!

Has **FAILED THE ELDERLY**

By their refusal to provide safe road crossings.

Has **FAILED US ALL**

By not ensuring that new facilities were provided as ever more houses were built.

A RECORD OF FAILURE.

BOWLING

Lib Dem lead St Neots Council 'clawed back' land previously given to the District Council in 1974 and attracted a commercial Leisure Provider.



Christine was pleased to sign the lease with Eat'n'Bowl which provided a ten pin bowling alley and Childrens 'soft' play area.

CHATTERIS deserves better - but we need your support to do it!

HALLS COMPLEX

Chris chaired the management committee of the local halls complex. A major financial restructuring exercise was undertaken, and the building was refurbished to broaden the range of Community uses.

“Chatteris Town Council could guarantee the future of the King Edward Centre, if only they had the will” remarked Christine.



LOCAL COMMUNITY CENTRES

Chris & Christine were part of the Lib Dem team that bought an old and run down building and converted it into a thriving local community centre (one of several).

“This proves that Town Council’s can acquire assets for the benefit of the community” explained Christine. “its only sad that Chatteris Town Council won’t listen when I have explained that they can do the same” added Chris

sadly, “for example buying a derelict piece of land and creating a garden.”



YOUTH SHELTERS



“Don’t complain about youths gathering in the Town Centre until you give them facilities and places to go” declared Adrian. “When we visited this youth shelter we delighted at how polite the kids were, and how much they appreciated that something had been done for them” added Christine.

BRINGING MAJOR FACILITIES ON LINE

Ten years ago, Chris & Christine were instrumental in securing the donation by developers of this field for a major community facility.

Plans were drawn up for an environmentally friendly community centre. “its taken years to raise the money, but finally they are ready to start realising this dream” Christine explained, “results don’t come overnight, but if you don’t even try, nothing ever happens!” “I believe that Chatteris Town Council needs more



Councillors with the vision to set goals, and the determination to achieve them” vowed Chris.

We need a strong voice for CHATTERIS on the District Council

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