

# ACTION on Dentists

Over the past four years, fewer local dentists have been taking NHS patients. This has meant that local people need to travel to find a dentist who will treat them on the NHS.

Mark Hoban has put pressure on the Government to solve this problem. Mark said "By failing to act, the Government has let down local people. Tony Blair promised that everyone would be able to see an NHS dentist. Locally, it is virtually impossible unless you are prepared to travel. Yet again, Tony Blair is all talk. He has washed his hands of the problem. Our plans to encourage dentists to stay in the NHS are the only chance local people have to get the dental treatment they deserve."

# ACTION on Policing

Mark Hoban has been out with police on the beat in Fareham, Portchester and the Western Wards and has worked for local people to highlight policing problems.

Mark believes that the only way to make our streets safer is to make sure that there are more police out there: "We will recruit an extra 5,000 policemen a year. In the first week of the next Conservative Government, we will announce plans to cut the paperwork that keeps police officers behind desks and off the streets. Only the Conservatives will make sure that police officers are where it matters - on our streets, not behind their desks."

# Public Meeting

Mark Hoban is holding a public meeting on Wednesday 27 April at Henry Cort Community College at 8.00pm. If you want to hear Mark's ideas for Fareham or ask him questions about local or national issues, do come along.

If you can't get to the meeting, log on to [www.tellmarkhoban.com](http://www.tellmarkhoban.com) to tell him your views about the important issues facing Fareham.

# ACTION on School discipline



● Mark reads to children at Castle Primary School, Portchester.

As a regular visitor to local schools, Mark has listened to the concerns of heads, teachers, pupils and parents. He has been able to act on these issues in his work as the Conservatives' schools spokesman.

"Time and time again I have heard about the problems of school discipline. Heads and teachers feel undermined by the Labour Government's failure to trust them to make the right decisions on how to tackle

discipline. They feel that their hands are tied. Only the next Conservative Government will give schools the power they need to deal with bad behaviour so that the children who want to learn can."

# ACTION on Planning

Mark has consistently argued for local people to have more control over planning. Last year, he helped collect 1300 signatures for a petition to parliament calling for this.

Mark said "We can see the consequences of Whitehall control over planning all around us: with blocks of flats shoehorned into the site of a couple of bungalows, bunged up roads and pressure on our schools and doctors. I have campaigned for Conservative policy to meet local people's needs. I believe our plans will give local people the control they need over planning to ensure that this constituency remains a great place to live."



● Mark presenting his planning petition in the House of Commons.

# ACTION on Council Tax

Under Labour, the council tax has increased by 70% hitting everybody, but particularly older people, hard.

Pensioners have seen council tax rises swallow their pension increases. These council tax rises have been a result of Tony Blair's Government moving money from the South to the North. The Conservatives have pledged to introduce a discount which will be worth £500 to a couple both aged 65 and over living in a Band D house in Fareham. Mark said "This is a significant saving for older people. Unlike Labour's one-off council tax rebate, our discount will help pensioners year in, year out." This together with Conservative plans to increase the state pension in line with earnings and not inflation will ensure that our pensioners receive the help they deserve.



● Mark with local residents calling on the Government to "Give us our money back".