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Totton West Edition
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Di Brooks and Dave Hibbert at Hanger Farm Playground

Dear Resident,

I am sorry that for health reasons I have had to stand down as your Conservative New Forest District Councillor in Totton West.

During my time on the Council I served as Vice-Chairman of the Housing, Health and Social Inclusion Panel and also on the Crime and Disorder Panel. I am proud to have helped people in Totton, and in the New Forest, with a range of housing problems - from homeless couples to people who want their accommodation improved. In addition, I have spent considerable time assisting the residents of Sarum House and Compton House at Calmore.

On Crime and Disorder, I have been especially involved in tackling the problem of Domestic Violence and working with the staff at the two New Forest refuges for victims of this very serious problem.

I shall continue to serve as your Councillor on Totton and Eling Town Council and will work for the residents of West Totton to the best of my ability.

Meanwhile, I am confident that, subject to the result of the election, I shall be leaving Totton West in the safe hands of Di Brooks, who is already a Town Councillor and is renowned for her hard work, dedication and commitment to the well-being of the local people.

Dave Hibbert

Cllr Dave Hibbert



Di with Dave at the Salmon Leap admiring the restored view

Your Conservative Candidate

I am Di Brooks. I have lived in Totton for almost 40 years and think it is a great place. My husband, Ray, and I moved here after we left the RAF. We have two wonderful children—Sally, who is a leisure centre manager in Southampton and David, a teacher, who lives in Ringwood with his wife and two children, Robert (6) and Keira (2).

I have served as a councillor for Totton in various wards for over 20 years and have also served two terms on the District Council and many more on the Town Council. Whatever the result of the by-election, I shall continue to work hard for the people of Totton.

I have been a school governor for 30 years, spending 20 years at Abbotswood School where I was instrumental in the school receiving over £1,000,000 from the then Conservative government for the extension needed to admit many children into the school from West Totton. As well as being Chairman of Governors there, I was also a governor at Testwood School and became Chairman of the Board there too. I am now Vice-Chairman at Calmore Infant School and worked hard in the successful campaign to stop its closure.

I am a Trustee of Age Concern New Forest East and a member of Totton Twinning. I work for New Forest East MP Dr Julian Lewis as his Parliamentary Caseworker and enjoy my job very much as it often overlaps with council work. I like helping people and trying to sort out their problems. Julian is a very hard-working and committed constituency MP and it is a pleasure to work for him. Together we continue to campaign to save our community hospitals, to clean up Totton and to improve our quality of life. It is a great benefit to me in my role as a councillor to be able to use the skills and knowledge I have gained through many years of working locally in the Parliamentary office.



Cllr Di Brooks

**New Forest
District Council
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**TOTTON
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**Thursday
20th July**

Conservative Council is Excellent - OFFICIAL!

People in Totton and the New Forest are being given excellent value for money by Conservative-controlled New Forest District Council, according to the annual official audit. The report by the Audit Commission concludes: "The Council is delivering high quality services for generally low cost and this includes achieving high levels of customer satisfaction."

NFDC's Housing Department is rated "generally above average" compared to other councils, with tenants very satisfied with the overall service. Clean streets also caught the eye of the audit team, who put the Forest's towns and villages among the top 25 districts in the entire country. The refuse collection teams played their part in achieving the target for recycling. Action to remove abandoned vehicles as quickly as possible was a further area highlighted during the audit.

The Forest has strengthened its reputation as a low crime area, with NFDC continuing to work with other agencies. It remains committed to its effective CCTV system. The Audit Commission also notes that NFDC is "making effective use" of anti-social behaviour orders (ASBO's) to curb the activities of persistent offenders.

NFDC Leader, Mel Kendal, welcomed the report and said: "The Audit Commission has ranked all councils for the use of financial resources and we have received one of the highest rankings in the South.

"It is particularly gratifying that the latest report of the Commission says we are continuing to improve. I have always been concerned that we as a council rated "excellent" a few years ago should never become complacent and this report proves our excellent staff continue to seek ways to improve our services to the public."



Above: Leader of Conservative-controlled New Forest District Council, C Mel Kendal (second from right) with Cllr Ken Thornber, Conservative Leader of Hampshire County Council, Desmond Swayne, Conservative MP for New Forest West and Dr Julian Lewis, Conservative MP for New Forest East.

"I have seldom seen a report as good as this."

Kate Handy, District Auditor, Southern Region, The Audit Commission

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