

Peartree

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BOOST FOR CITY JOBS & EVENTS UNDER LIB DEMS

Gerry Drake says: "It's great news for the city economy that Carnival, parent company of **Cunard** and P&O are to set up their new UK HQ at West Quay and that prestigious **Lloyds Register** plan to re-locate from central London to the University of Southampton campus."



"Not only will these moves maintain and increase high quality jobs in the city, but the Carnival decision will kick start the wider redevelopment of **West Quay** area and could prove the key to delivering an **arena and ice rink** to the city centre."

Peartree candidate Gerry Drake at the Veracity Ground

The Lib Dems were instrumental in boosting the **Christmas Lights** in the City Centre, and the **German Xmas Market** and **Farmers' Markets** were introduced. We have supported the celebration of major events such as anniversaries of **VE Day** and **Spitfire, Garden Festival** and **Sea City Southampton** have been launched.

Liberal Democrat candidate, **Gerry Drake** says: "The Lib Dems have worked hard to improve things right across the city for local people. With your support we can strive to improve things even more."

Remember Gerry Drake lives in the ward and has a proven record of action. He has represented Peartree as a city councillor since 1993.



Choose the local candidate who works for you all year round ...

LIB DEM ANGER AT LABOUR'S BUS PASS FIASCO

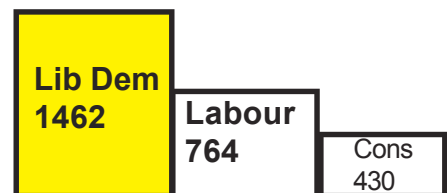
Southampton pensioners have now discovered that the Labour government's free bus scheme, hastily introduced just before the General Election, does not permit them to travel around Hampshire, when bus pass holders outside the city can. The government have now realised what a mess they've made of the scheme, and recently announced free travel across the country for pensioners and disabled people - but not until 2008!

Gerry Drake says: "Labour have treated pensioners disgracefully, mis-leading them with an unfair, unworkable bus pass scheme, AND they've taken away their £200 council tax allowance as well."

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The major bus companies have made a legal challenge to the Secretary of State against Hampshire's free pass scheme, recognising that it's unworkable.

The result for Gerry last time



On Thursday 4th May, vote...

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FOR A SAFER, FAIRER, GREENER CITY

Safer City

The Lib Dem Administration have invested in making our parks safer by introducing CCTV cameras.



More information about Southampton Lib Dems can be found by logging on to our website www.southampton-libdems.org.uk

Housing

The Lib Dem run Council is on target to exceed the Government's Decent Homes Standard for warmth, repair and facilities by 2010.

THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- 1. The Liberal Democrats** provide services all year round, not just at election time, keeping in touch through regular **Focus** newsletters. We have been rated a 'good council, improving well' by independent watchdog, the Audit Commission.
- 2. The Conservatives** make promises they know they can't keep. David Cameron is desperately abandoning policies which less than a year ago he wrote into Michael Howard's election manifesto. They promise below inflation increases but don't say this will lead to cuts in services.
- 3. Labour** is now the **third party** on the Council and can't win in Southampton. Nationally their leaders are squabbling. They are tarnished by Tony Blair's disastrous Iraq War and secret loans.

Fairer City

Although the Lib Dems have delivered the lowest Council Tax increase for years at 3.9%, we are continuing to campaign for the replacement of the Council Tax by a fairer system, based on people's ability to pay.

Cleaner City

Southampton is now rated one of the cleanest cities in the U.K. "Official".

The Lib Dems have given top priority to dealing with litter and graffiti, and boosting road, pavement and lighting repairs.



Greener City

Southampton's Lib Dem Council has won national recognition for environmental action. A trial to run street lights on solar power has been applied for. The city already has solar powered bus shelters and even parking meters. The City's recycling rates has gone up from 9% to 25%.

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