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STREET DRINKING IN RIVER WARD

CLLR MACKINLAY DEMANDS IT BE STOPPED

Following full local consultation and overwhelming public support, all of Medway's High Streets have Alcohol Control Zones (ACZs) in place. The central Chatham zone was introduced in January 2007 giving Police, PCSOs and authorised council officers the power to confiscate and dispose of alcohol. Police have strengthened enforcement by issuing 12 hour 'no return' notices to street drinkers, banning them from an area (akin to a short term ASBO). If ignored they can and have been arrested and brought to Court. Despite successes, Cllr Mackinlay is looking for more and wants Chatham Town Centre to be a 'want to go



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area', rather than as it is perceived by many potential shoppers, as a 'no go area'.

Street drinking is not tolerated at Bluewater and it should not be tolerated here. River Ward has been allocated, uniquely, two Neighbourhood task teams; specialist rapid response units to counteract drugs, prostitution, anti-social behaviour and other crime. Cllr Mackinlay is meeting with Police to ensure that prevention of street drinking becomes a primary strategy over the Summer.

OVERWHELMING WIN IN ROCHESTER AND STROOD, MEDWAY AND KENT FOR CONSERVATIVES ON MAY 6TH—A BIG THANK YOU!

Cllr Mark Reckless gained the Parliamentary seat of Rochester and Strood by a convincing margin on May 6th with a 9.8% swing to the Conservatives. River Ward residents can now look to Mark for help as their constituency MP. Mark commented "I am here to help all constituents and will work to ensure that Medway gets its proper share of resources and will fight for personal freedoms and fairness. The national coalition with the Liberal Democrats is a unique one in British politics and has the aim of restoring the nation's finances and the country's self-respect."



Cllr Mark Reckless MP and Cllr Mackinlay campaigning in the Dockyard



Excellent work—enforcement against High Street drinkers

LABOUR COUNCILLOR NOW ELECTED TO SEFTON CENTRAL NEAR LIVERPOOL

Congratulations are in order to River Ward's Labour councillor, Bill Esterson who was elected at the General Election as MP for the Merseyside seat of Sefton Central. We wish him well in his new position.

We would like to keep in touch with you about the issues affecting our area. If you would be happy for us to do this by email and mobile phone, please complete your details below:

Name

Address

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*By giving us your email address and/or mobile number, you are agreeing to receive communications and information from us by email or SMS.

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- I can display a poster at election time
- I would like a postal vote
- I would like to make a donation
- I would like to register my local support

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TRAFFIC—SHORT TERM PROBLEMS—LONGER TERM GAINS

All travelling through Chatham town centre will have been inconvenienced by the substantial works in progress. Some are down to the Council's ambitious and extensive regeneration project for Chatham Town Centre, running into £millions but added to the mix has been new works in Dock Road and The Brook by EDF energy in gas main replacement. Major gas works were scheduled in the Autumn, but the energy company was encouraged to bring forward their programme to prevent the new road surface of the Brook, as part of regeneration, being dug up again soon after. But please don't stay away

Do your bit for the Medway economy by shopping locally and using local trades as far as possible for your car repairs, home improvements and the like.

GRAFFITI CLEANING—THE WORK NEVER STOPS

Cllr Mackinlay took part in yet another clean-up day around Gala Bingo in Chatham High Street, involving Community Payback (Probation Service), Medway Council's Community Safety Officers, Kent Police and Medway Council's graffiti busting team. Expect to see more of this as more projects are commenced for the Summer period. Ward funds are always available for your own clean-ups and graffiti paint-outs, just ask.



ST MARY'S ISLAND, BROMPTON, CHATHAM DOCKYARD & MARITIME



The River Ward Conservative team spent a lot of time in St Mary's, the Dockyard and Brompton over the general election campaign and listened to what you had to say about the state of our country, but just as importantly about what you wanted for Medway. You were generally pleased with the 'bread and butter' issues of refuse collection, street cleaning and greenspaces (we identified some areas that you'd missed but you can be sure these will be attended to as well!) You were concerned about potholes following the atrocious winter, as well as salt bins. Road resurfacing and repairs are in progress in much of Brompton and grit bins will be put in place in good time this year. A warm welcome to all new residents in Maritime Quays and Dock Head Road.

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