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The two "MACKS"  
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Full Medway Council Elections on May 5th: River Ward will elect two Councillors Election issue

## RIVER WARD CONSERVATIVES — FRANK AND HONEST ABOUT OUR LOCAL POLITICS



Craig and Andrew in The Brook, Chatham

### Chatham roadworks

We live in the heart of River Ward so have faced, with you, the daily frustrations of extended roadworks whilst Chatham regeneration continues. We share your view that it has been badly managed, with poor traffic management and significant aggravation for all. The requirement to spend a central government grant within a fixed time has meant a need for all to come together within a timescale which we wouldn't ideally have chosen. Utility companies, using their statutory powers to virtually do as they please, have merely added to the problems, but the end is now in sight. The new Waterfront Way is judged by all a major success, and the bus station is starting to show itself. The good news for Medway's traffic is that a multi-million investment in a new SCOOT system (a cutting edge, high-technology traffic management package) will be launched as the road-works end.

Shopping in Chatham brings huge benefits to the local economy, more local jobs and lower fuel costs for us all. We're supporting the Federation of Small Businesses "Shop Local" campaign.

## ACTION AROUND RIVER WARD



River Ward—a magnet for investment. The Dockside outlet centre and Dickens World represent over £100m of private investment in Medway. Other

world-class tourist attractions—The Historic Dockyard, Fort Amherst and the obvious historic offering of Rochester—bring £300m of tourism income to Medway annually. We are bucking the national trend on youth and adult unemployment and our High Streets have higher shop occupancy rates than the South East average.



### Helping out in Brompton.

A resident in Brompton had a need for handles to help her in getting up the steps to her property. We were pleased to assist and River Ward Conservatives' "maintenance team" did the work, leaving a very happy local resident.



### Stamping out anti-social behaviour

River Ward Conservatives have proved their effectiveness in working with Medway Police to stamp out anti-social behaviour in River Ward. We've campaigned for more town centre police—there are now 8 for River Ward, up from 3 in 2007- and the removal of the blight of prostitution, now virtually non-existent. Shoplifting in Chatham is also down 50%.

## SURE START SAFE WITH MEDWAY CONSERVATIVES

### Conservatives deliver on education

There are nineteen Sure Start centres across Medway—all are safe, and all will receive full funding thanks to Medway Conservatives. We are one of only two authorities across the whole country which have maintained full funding of Sure Start, with all Medway children offered a centre within walking distance.

Our record on education is second to none. Thanks to Conservative MPs across Medway, the Primary Capital programme of £11million to improve fifteen Medway Schools has been safeguarded. We have Brompton Academy just outside the ward—a brand new £25m facility, and we are likely to have one of only forty University Technical Colleges planned for the country here in River Ward. Add to that the £120million investment in three Universities in Medway, the new Mid-Kent College in Prince Arthur Road, and Medway Conservatives' guarantee to safeguard the grammar school choice, and we have a heady mix of education options on our doorstep.



Cllr Mackinlay at Brompton Westbrook school

Don't forget, it was the uncontrolled spending of the last Labour Government which is causing the current pain; they managed to add more to the national debt in their last three years of government than had been borrowed in the previous 300 years! Don't let Labour do the same to Medway as they did to the country.

