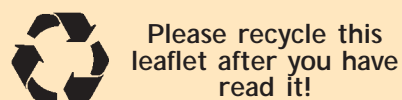


**Liberal Democrat 5 Point Plan to save our Post Offices**

- ◆ £2 billion to invest in Post Office branches.
- ◆ Open new branches where there is a need.
- ◆ Retain the Post Office Card Accounts for benefits and pension payments.
- ◆ Free the Post Office from Royal Mail restrictions and let it develop new business.
- ◆ A new legal requirement for the Government to maintain the local Post Office network.



# Labour's Closure Decision Threatens Yet More Local Post Offices

The Welsh Liberal Democrats have warned that Post Offices throughout Wales are under threat of closure following Labour's decision to axe another 2500 branches across the UK. "Like the Tories before them, Labour have already got form when it come to closing Post Offices, 22 having gone in Swansea alone since 1999," said John. "Such closures have caused problems for many communities." "The Liberal Democrats have produced a costed rescue plan for the network," added Nick. "We want Labour to invest in our local post offices, not close them. Please fill in our petition form; we have to try and stop this nonsense."



**Labour's new plan:** 2500 more Post Offices like this one of which Nick took a picture in Bristol. Please sign our petition today!

## Stop the Post Office Closures

I/We call on Labour to drop their plans to close another 2500 post offices across the UK, and invest in the network instead.

Name	Address
E-mail: .....	

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are to be used for the benefit of the community of Dunvant. After all, it was our money! So, the assets from the defunct Youth Club were divided between the **Brownie and Cub Scout packs** that Dunvant children use. The cash assets came to £8595.00, and this will be spent on improvements to **Dunvant Meadow and Dunvant Park**. As for the play area in the Meadow, this now falls to the City Council to maintain. It is regularly inspected for safety and maintenance issues by Council staff, and the City Council will pay for any necessary work.

## Dunvant Community Council

A NUMBER OF PEOPLE have asked if we can clarify again what happened to Dunvant Community Council's assets upon its dissolution, and to the precept that the Community Council used to levy on us. Briefly, the position is this.

### Precept

The last precept levied by the former DCC finished on 31/3/07.

### Other Assets

There weren't a lot of assets, but, John and Nick insisted that they



Mycomment, complaint, idea, or suggestion is...

- I would like more information on the Welsh Liberal Democrats.
- I would like to join the Dunvant 'Environment Watch' team.
- I would like to join the 'Keep Dunvant Tidy' group.
- I would be prepared to deliver 'Focus' to my road.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age:  Under 21  21-29  30-49  50-59  60-74  75 +

**Please return to your City & County Councillors:**

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Our emails are:  
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 nick\_tregoning@yahoo.co.uk  
 ...or you can text Nick on 07973 672580.

The Liberal Democrats, John Newbury, and Nick Tregoning may contact you from time to time to keep you informed on subjects we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish the information above to be used to help with this. If you give us your telephone number and/or email address we may call and/or email you in the future (even if you are TPS registered) unless you let us know otherwise.

# Dunvant FOCUS No. 22



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# Swansea Administration Offers Low Council Tax in 'Value for Money' Budget.



£2.4m for children with additional learning needs,  
 £1.1m in child & family services,  
 £500,000 for adult services,  
 £45,000 in extending library opening hours.

**The facts speak for themselves:** John Newbury and Nick Tregoning with just some of the increases for front-line services. Quite a contrast with Labour's sorry record. (See below.)

SWANSEA COUNCIL'S LIBERAL DEMOCRAT driven Administration has limited this year's Council Tax increase to an inflation-busting 3.5%. Their budget includes £15.5 million extra for front line services. Street cleaning, waste disposal, libraries, new specialist teaching facilities, and support for children and families will all receive extra investment. Top priority for the Administration is

cleaning up Swansea. They have earmarked an extra £200,000 to fund specialist cleansing teams who will move from community to community targeting 'grot' spots. An extra £67,000 is to be spent on better sweeping machines that can get into more awkward places.

Average Council Tax Increase	%
<b>Under Liberal Democrat led Administration</b>	<b>3.90%</b>
<b>Under Labour</b>	<b>8.66%</b>

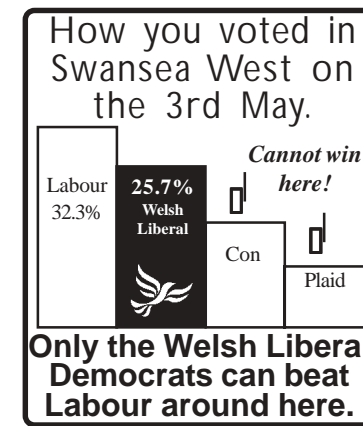
## Thank You!



PETER BLACK AND PETER MAY would like to thank all those who voted Welsh Liberal Democrat and supported them in any way during

the recent Welsh Assembly elections. The Welsh Liberal Democrats ran Labour close in Swansea West; and did well elsewhere in Swansea, retaining their second place in Swansea East, and increasing the number of votes they got in Gower. **Peter Black** was once more elected to the Assembly on the Regional List and will continue to represent our area for another four years. His office number is **536353** and he can be e-mailed at **peter.black@wales.gov.uk**. On the basis of these results the Welsh Liberal Democrats remain the main alternative to Labour

in Swansea with other parties trailing some way behind.



**Nick and John - Working in Dunvant all year round!**



# Brickworks Initiative:- Could YOU help?

DUNVANT BRICKWORKS is one of only eighteen sites identified by the Council and Swansea Environment Centre as being suitable to share in the 'Cydcoed' initiative, which will identify and carry out improvements designed to increase community use of important wildlife and woodland areas in Swansea.

### Volunteers Needed

"I attended the launch of this initiative at the Environment Centre," said Nick Tregoning. "While there is around £200K to go round the sites, it isn't a lot per site, and to ensure that we in Dunvant get our fair share we will need to work together. That is why John and I are asking for volunteers. We've listed out the jobs that will need doing in the cut-out slip below - if you would like to get involved, please return the

slip. The project is being professionally overseen by the Swansea Environment Centre. There's a lot that can be done, from tidying up the area, to putting up information and interpretation boards, to planting trees where needed, and much more. We want to involve local schools too."

### Great Opportunity

"This is a great opportunity for local environmental action," said John Newbury. "I hope we will be able to take steps to increase community and school use of this important heritage area in Dunvant."



Better access control needed: John and Nick are in regular contact with the police and the Council about illegal use of the Brickworks site.



Vandalism and pollution problems must be addressed too.

# Council Tax Benefit - Are you entitled?

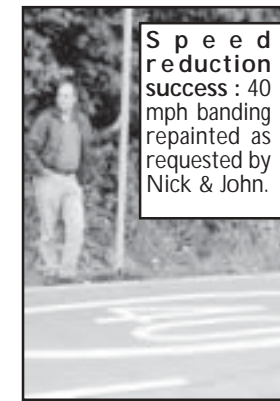


Don't miss out: "Claiming benefits to which you are entitled is your right as a citizen," said Nick.

COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT is there to help people on a low income to pay their council tax, and both tenants and homeowners can apply. The problem is that a third of those who are entitled do not claim, and don't get money to

which they have a right. That is why Swansea Council is running a take-up campaign, which John authorised as Cabinet Member. Obviously, whether you'd get anything depends upon your individual and family circumstances, and how much council tax you have to pay, but it costs nothing to find out!

I have stocks of leaflets giving more information," said Nick. "Why not give me a ring, text me, or drop me a line to the **Freepost** address, and I'll drop one round for you or send you one in the post! Or you could ring the Council Tax Benefits Section on 635885 and ask them - they are open from 8.30 am to 6.30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. **Why miss out?**"



Speed reduction success: 40 mph banding repainted as requested by Nick & John.

### Garrod Avenue

THE 40MPH banding that John & Nick had installed in 2000 has been repainted to maintain the deterrent effect on motorists. In addition, a number of potholes have been filled in, including this one that we spotted while delivering newspapers before the election. "We always take a picture of things like this - it makes it so much easier to explain what needs to be done," said Nick.



### Goetre Fawr Road



THE MISSING PANES in the bus shelter outside Binks have been replaced, and the shelter has been repainted.

### Wellfield

AFTER COMPLAINTS from residents of disruptive behaviour, 'No Ball Games' notices have been put up. "The situation seems to have improved," said John. Residents from nearby **Graig y Bwldan** have asked if their area could be treated similarly, and John and Nick are in touch with the Safer Swansea Partnership over the matter. They've asked for the missing road name sign to be replaced too.

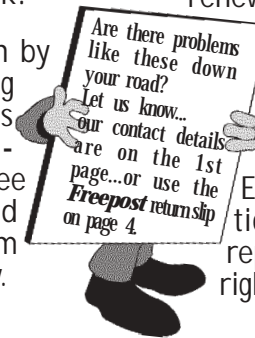
### STOP PRESS!

### Killan Road

Yellow lines have been installed at the junction with Fairwood Road. Final funding has been approved for variable speed indicator.

### Bus Service is Back!

After a 2 year campaign by John, a Sunday evening and Bank Holiday bus service is to be re-instated between Three Crosses, Upper Killay and Dunvant, to and from Swansea. From 30th July.



Are there problems like these down your road? Let us know... our contact details are on the 1st page... or use the Freepost return slip on page 4.

# No Waiting Proposal at Broadmead & Dunvant Road



THIS IS THE PLAN of the 'no waiting' proposal that John and Nick have been trying to get in place since last Autumn, and which was recently flagged up again at a recent PACT (Police And Community Together) meeting in Dunvant Gospel Hall. "The traffic order has now been confirmed. The work should make the junction a lot safer for everyone," said Nick.

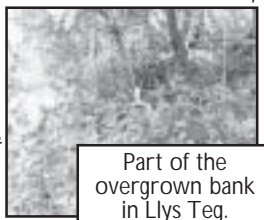
# Getting Dunvant NEAT

PART OF THE EXTRA £200,000 on specialist cleaning teams we mentioned on the front page is being spent on Neighbourhood Environment Action Teams - and one of those teams has been in action in Dunvant in the last couple of weeks! "We spent a couple of afternoons in

early May identifying places that needed tidying up above and beyond normal street cleaning, and then gave the team the list," said John. "One of the main areas they've cleaned up is around the **Social Centre**, and another is the wooded bank to the right of **Llys Teg**."



"The NEAT project is in addition to normal street cleaning and removal of fly-tipping, and they're due back in Dunvant in the Autumn," added Nick. "We'll obviously be keeping a look-out for extra areas that need attention, but if you spot something, let us know! Why not use our **Freepost** reply slip?"



Part of the overgrown bank in Llys Teg.

# Dunvant Brickworks Initiative Reply Slip

Could you help us consult with the local community?  Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Could you help survey flora and fauna?  Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Could you help run an event/help with guided walks etc?  Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Could you help with some practical work?

Could you be a site warden?

Could you perhaps contribute to match funding?

*Please return to :*  
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### news and information

#### Dunvant Meadow



UNDERGROWTH behind the goal has been cut back, and the fence has been increased in height, widened, and painted. Costings for replacing tubular fencing at the Old Station car park end, and where necessary between the bus-stop and the bridge are being sought.

#### New Bus Shelters

THERE IS A NEW SHELTER at **Dunvant Meadow**, in addition to the one on **Dunvant Road**. Following approaches from local residents to John and Nick, a third has been put in at the **Killan Road/Penyfro** junction. In the next few weeks there will be a new sign, and a combined litter and dog-fouling bin. As with the other two, the pavement has been raised to make using the bus easier.

#### Dunvant Bridge

John and Nick also asked for the recurring damage to be sorted out, and this has been done.

#### Dunvant Road

DROP KERBS have been fitted to both **Highland Terrace** and **Howells Road** to make it easier for mobility scooters & wheelchair users as well as those pushing prams and buggies.

#### Social Centre Signs

THE SIGNS that Nick and John asked for to make it easier for visitors to find the Social Centre have now gone up in **Dunvant Square**.

