



FOCUS *On* Creekmoor

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WHERE HAVE ALL THE BUSES GONE?

Your MP, Annette Brooke has been inundated with phone calls and letters expressing concern over the massive cuts in bus services publicised recently.

Annette and Lib Dem Councillors have taken up your case with Conservative controlled Poole Borough Council and Go-Ahead, the bus company involved. The privately owned bus company is pursuing what it considers are its commercial interests. Whilst the council has offered some subsidies, the unprecedented cuts in services suggest the amount is clearly not enough, at almost 10% less than last year's subsidy.



Lucky find? A bus on time in Creekmoor.

During our discussions we have managed to secure some improvements to services for Creekmoor residents. with a route through Milne Road added to the other temporary services. We appreciate these are not ideal and we are still negotiating for both an increased frequency and variations in route to give elderly people in particular better access.

“I accept Wilts and Dorset is a commercial company, but I intend to find out how much our councils are spending on subsidising bus routes compared to councils elsewhere. Local residents have been suffering from poor services for too long.” says Annette Brooke MP

COUNCIL TAX - IS YOUR MONEY BEING WELL SPENT?

Having said your council tax was too high the Conservatives have continued to increase the amount you pay by more than 13% over the last three years. This year your Council Tax rose by 3.5%. Your state pension rose by 2.7.% and inflation was only 2.0%.

Recent Government grants have been far more generous to Poole Council than in the past. Between 2003 and 2004 Poole's grant increased by £6m, paying the Council the equivalent of 12% council tax, so why is Poole Council taking more and more money from you?

Is grass cutting in Poole becoming less frequent - should we accept this standard?



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