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On Chalkwell



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Jill takes on the DWP—and wins!

Chalkwell campaigner **Jill Allen-King OBE** is celebrating success after victory in a long-running campaign with the Government's Department for Work and Pensions.

Since back in 1974, utility companies have operated a password scheme, so that if they have to visit blind or partially-sighted people at home the householder can confirm their identity.

Jill asked over many years for the DWP to introduce a similar scheme, as there had been criminals posing as DWP reps to obtain information from vulnerable people.

Now, following a successful trial, the DWP has rolled out a 'passwording' scheme across the country.

Jill commented, *'I have formally thanked the DWP for taking this simple, but important, step to help keep people safe. It took a long time, but I was not going to give up!'*

Does this affect you—or someone you know?

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from this sort of 'password' scheme please contact your utility companies and / or the DWP. If you need any help with this please contact Jill: she will be happy to help.



Parking for 15 minutes in Leigh costs 20p, parking for 15 minutes on Southend sea front in winter cost £2.90. Does this really make sense? Liberal Democrats say it's time for a review



Jill Allen-King OBE—an experienced and successful campaigner who doesn't give up

Lib Dems call for a new approach to parking

Southend High Street is struggling, and needs a new approach if it is to survive and thrive. Jill Allen-King is supporting Lib Dem calls to improve parking in Southend town centre as a simple first step. The 3-point plan calls for:

- Cheaper rates for parking for 1 hour or less
- Reduced parking charges in winter
- An end to the mean and pointless charges for blue-badge holders from outside Southend.

Read more about Liberal Democrat plans to boost our high streets and manage traffic and parking better in our manifesto, which is on the website

southendlibdems.org.uk

Help Jill's campaign!!

Could you help Jill's campaign by:

Delivering some leaflets in your road?
Displaying a poster at election time?

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Fighting for train users

Liberal Democrat candidate for Chalkwell **Jill Allen-King** OBE is currently Chair of the C2C Passenger Panel. She is working with others to try to make rail travel easier for all. Some of the things she is working towards are:

- A regular bus service serving every train station
- Pick-up/Drop-off space as close as possible to every station entrance
- A taxi rank outside every station
- Station surroundings such that people can arrive and leave safely
- A staffed booking office open at all times
- Level access, or lift access to all areas of the station at all times
- All booking offices to have a hearing aid loop system in place
- Disability awareness training for all staff from senior management down
- Fully accessible toilet facilities at every station at all times

Jill commented, *'I know to achieve all these things will take time and money. But if we at the Passenger Panel can, working with others, tick a few things off this list, I will be really pleased.'*

Tory Government in Chaos!!

Jill Allen-King OBE writes:

A few weeks ago I attended a reception for people across the UK who have been campaigning and working with the Government on disability and accessibility issues

By the end of the week the Minister present had resigned from the Government, over Brexit.

There have been over 20 resignations over Brexit since Teresa May became Prime Minister 2 years ago.

Is it quite clear that, whether we voted Remain or Leave, the Conservative Government is in total chaos that shows no sign of ending soon.

'Let's work together to tackle crime'

Many local residents are concerned about the recent spate of violent crime in the area; and also about what seems to be a rise in drug dealers working quite openly on residential streets. **Jill Allen-King** understands and shares residents' concerns.

Jill is pleased to learn that Essex's Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to come and speak with local councillors face-to-face to discuss crime concerns in this area; she is also pleased that Southend Council has agreed, with all political parties working together, to increase the amount of CCTV in certain crime and anti-social behaviour 'hotspots.'

Jill also believes it is important to work with young people to reduce the likelihood of them getting involved with crime, especially knives.



Longer term, **Liberal Democrats** would like to see the failed experiment of Police, Fire, and Crime Commissioners abolished.

Jill comments, *'The Police and Crime Commissioners, who bizarrely are now being given responsibility for fire services as well, are an unnecessary and expensive layer of bureaucracy that are not helping, whatever personal qualities they may have, to reduce crime. Let's go back to the system of Police Authorities which included local councillors who understand their communities, and spend money on fighting crime—not bureaucrats.'*

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On Thursday 2 May, vote for

Jill Allen-King OBE

Liberal Democrat

the **best choice** for Chalkwell