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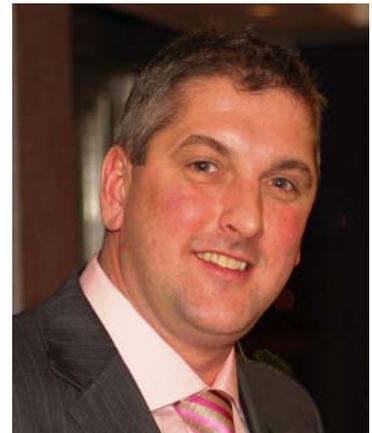
By-Election special for
Thursday 21st October 2010

Positive campaigning in River Ward



Inspector Richard Cherry, Head of Neighbourhood Policing, Andrew Mackness, and Medway Area Commander, Chief Superintendent Steve Corbishley in Chatham High Street

 **Conservatives**
Introducing our
candidate for River
Ward—Andrew Mackness



- Andrew is 46 and is married with two children. Both children attend authority run schools in Medway.
- Lives in the heart of River Ward, and has done so with his family, for nearly ten years.
- Formerly a commercial pilot.
- Managing Director of a local catering company and with its operations in River Ward employing 20 local people, a real success story for local employment.
- Vice Chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) in North Kent.
- A key campaigner for 'Think Local, Shop Local'.
- Big supporter of the City bid for Medway.
- Supporter of the 'Morning Star Trust', a charity which gives youngsters an opportunity to experience sailing and use of the key resource of River Ward—the Medway estuary.

Andrew's Priorities for River Ward—straight talking

- ♦ **Combating drugs and alcohol** - ensuring that the Alcohol Control Zone in Chatham High Street does exactly that.
- ♦ **Anti social behaviour**—using the streets of River Ward should be a pleasure; this means cracking down on litter louts, dog fouling and unacceptable behaviour.
- ♦ **A hard yet fair approach to prostitution** - keeping up the pressure to get more street prostitutes to use the 'Safe Exit' programme, which has helped reduce prostitution in River Ward by 80%, and has led to dozens of arrests for kerb crawling.
- ♦ **Residents' parking** — demand a change to the residents' parking scheme to ensure that residents' parking areas are exactly that, particularly in the central zones of Chatham and Rochester within River Ward.
- ♦ **Cleaner streets and open spaces** — making sure that all Medway contractors fulfil strictly their contracts and keep the streets clean. Promote a 'Chatham in bloom' initiative, particularly on all approaches to Chatham Town Centre next Spring.
- ♦ **Encouraging business to Medway** — push for a revitalised traders' association for Chatham, with the help of the Federation for Small Businesses and the Chatham Town Centre Forum.
- ♦ **Ward funding**—direct ward funding to local groups who make a difference across the ward.
- ♦ **Make River Ward even better** — working with all agencies, council, police and voluntary, to make a safer and cleaner community.

Caring and campaigning for our community

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Andrew Mackness & Cllr Craig Mackinlay

Closure of the Manor Road drug clinic

After years of lobbying by River Ward Conservatives, the Manor Road clinic is scheduled to close in mid-October, with drug and alcohol rehabilitation services to be dispersed, as was always Cllr Mackinlay’s suggestion, to GPs’ surgeries and the new Healthy Living centres across Medway. A welcome relief for residents in central Chatham and Rochester.

Another success for River Ward Conservatives

Out and about in River Ward

Andrew, a regular river user, is a big supporter of the Morning Star Trust, which offers youngsters the opportunity to experience ‘big yacht’ sailing in the River Medway and beyond. Chief Executive of the Morning Star Trust, Ted North said “Andrew does a lot of work to improve our charity’s profile in Medway, which offers young people a unique experience. Andrew is a key supporter in our continued work.”



Ted North of the Morning Star Trust with Andrew



Daily donations to support local charities

Andrew’s catering business donates food at the end of each day’s trading to the less fortunate in River Ward. Prime recipients of direct help have been the AMAT charity in the Institute Road area, and ‘Helping Hands’ on New Road. Andrew Mackness said “We commonly have unsold food at the end of a day’s work, it is perfectly fresh and we are pleased that it can go to positive and worthwhile causes.”

Andrew’s positive action in River Ward

A history of action— a promise of more after October 21st

- You asked for more salt bins in Brompton—they’re on their way.
- You asked for more policing in Chatham Town Centre—they’re here.
- You demanded low council tax—Medway Council has the **LOWEST** council tax in Kent.
- You wanted to keep weekly bin collections in Medway + more recycling -it is exactly what we’re delivering.
- You demanded a cleaner Chatham and Rochester—we’ve delivered graffiti busting teams across Medway.
- You wanted libraries protected—we’ve done exactly that, and are promoting them as community hubs.
- You wanted us to put Medway on the map—we’ve built the 5 star ‘Medway Park’ facility which has attracted international athletes in advance of the 2012 Olympics, and are promoting the 2012 City bid for Medway.
- You wanted car parking charges to be low—we’re freezing car parking charges for three years, and our public parking charges are the lowest in Kent.
- You demanded that potholes be repaired promptly —we’re delivering £4m of extra repairs over two years—Medway’s roads are judged to be some of the best in Kent.
- You asked for better public transport for children—we’ve delivered a new subsidised bus service for St Mary’s Island children, and half price fares for all under 18s.

Don’t put at risk the Conservative successes in River Ward. Don’t forget what 13 years of Labour Government did to the country’s finances. Don’t give Labour any chance of doing the same to Medway.

**River Ward Conservatives—
action ALL the time, not
just at election time.**

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