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Alsagers Bank  
Halmer End  
Miles Green  
Scot Hay  
Shrabley Brook

# FOCUS

## AUDIT COMMISSION PRAISES NEW-CASTLE COUNCIL

The January 2011 letter from the Audit Commission sums up Newcastle Council as follows:

**"You have continued to focus on delivering good value services in areas that matter to local people. You have improved your performance management and have tackled cases of under performance, for example in waste and recycling."**

**Liberal Democrat Cabinet members running the main front line operational services have played a leading role in this improvement.**



Lib Dem Cabinet Members

Left to Right

David Becket

Wenslie Naylor

Robin Studd

### STOP PRESS

After years of campaigning by County, Borough, Parish Councillors and others the Halmer End Institute is now saved. Peak Pursuits of Audley have taken over the building. Further information will be issued at a later date.

*The Audley Parish Council Telephone number is 01782 722168 and not as in the New Year Focus*

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### COMPARE WITH LABOUR

In 2007, after we had spent one year clearing up after Labour's mess the Audit Commission summed up:

**The Council has started to make a steady improvement, albeit from a very low start**

**You can't afford Labour back**

# 0%

## Council Tax Increase

**No cuts in Front Line services**



David with a food waste vehicle

## KEEP UP TO DATE WITH YOUR WARD WEB SITE

The Halmer End Ward Web site continues to expand. New links include advice on how the planning process works. The number of visitors runs into the hundreds, with over 1000 hits. If you think we should add more information please contact Andrew or David.

**<http://mycouncillor.davidbecket.org.uk>**

## NHS STOP PRESS

David was one of the conference delegates at our Spring Conference backing a successful motion mandating our MPs to fight against the most contentious of the NHS reforms, including mass privatisation.

### Join our successful and growing team!

Unlike the other parties, the local Liberal Democrats do not get most of their funds from big business or trade unions. We rely on ordinary members and supporters like you, so if you like what we do and what we stand for, why not help us? Please return this slip to:

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- I can deliver a few Focus leaflets locally
- I can display a poster at election time
- I enclose a donation of £..... towards your printing costs
- I would like to join the Liberal Democrats

I have the following comment/query:

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## AWARD WINNING RECYCLING

Your waste and recycling won the 2011 Government Business award for a cost effective, efficient waste and recycling service, against strong competition from larger councils. Thank you to residents for taking up the service and to council staff for their hard work in achieving this.

**We've come a long way in five years**

### ANDREW AND DAVID WORKING FOR YOU

- A Victoria Avenue resident had been trying for months to get an open sewer capped and the rat problem tackled. **Within hours of contacting us the problem was sorted.**
- A bus stop at Crackley Gates was demolished and buses would not stop. **We sorted that out.**
- Farm mess in Shraleys Brook Road. **We got that cleared within hours of the complaint.**
- Uprooted railings in Halmer End Car Park. **Fixed after Andrew and David spotted them**

## MEETING LOCAL NEEDS

### Fairer votes mean more power to you

Britain's unfair and outdated voting system is at the heart of what's wrong in our country.

It has allowed Governments and MPs to ignore us and take us for granted.

All that can change with the Fairer Votes Referendum on 5th May 2011

Under the fairer Alternative Vote system all votes will count making sure that your voice cannot be ignored any more.

A Yes vote on 5th May will put power back in your hands where it belongs.

### Fairer Votes Referendum



*Yes!*