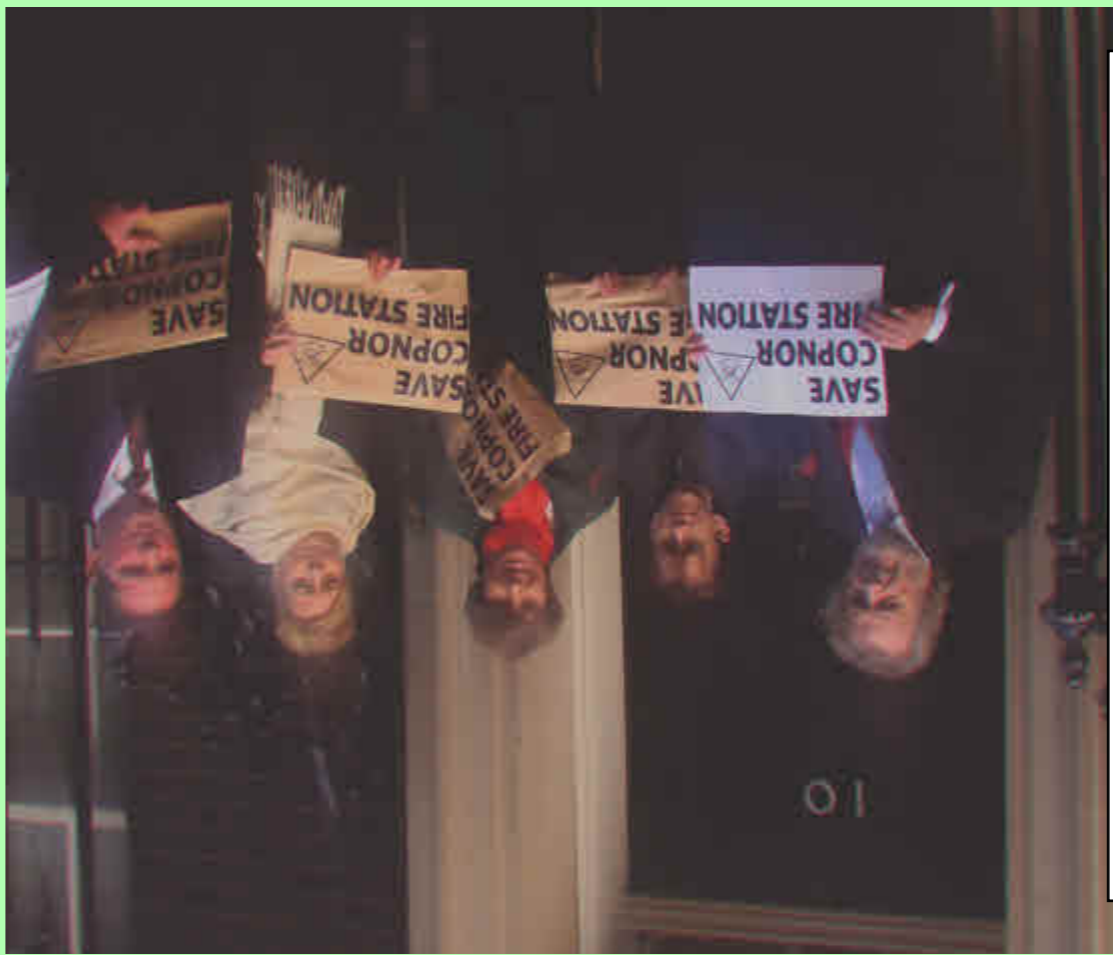


# Mike Campaigns to Save Copnor Fire Station



Mike Hancock has been campaigning hard with local people over recent months to try and save Copnor Fire Station which the Fire Authority have now voted to close.

He led a delegation to present a petition of 8,000 names against the closure direct to the Prime Minister at Number 10, Downing Street as part of the campaign. Mike said: "I am absolutely appalled at the decision now to close the Fire Station."

Last autumn, Mike joined residents at two public meetings to put questions and views directly to the Chief Fire Officer. He told him: "If you change the set-up and take Copnor out, the level of service to Portsmouth as a whole will drop according to your own statistics. It's the reality of having their cover substantially reduced that is wholly unacceptable to the people of Portsmouth."

Mike added: "I have yet to find a single resident that wants to Copnor closed."



## Mike Hancock MP for Portsmouth South

Dear Resident

Welcome to my latest Annual Report as your local MP. I hope it gives you an interesting insight into what has been a busy year.

Particularly pleasing was that with a concerted cross-city effort we managed to save Portsmouth Naval Base. In Parliament I have been speaking up for our armed forces as a member of the Defence Select Committee. We have conducted 29 inquiries and there are more details on this inside.

Locally, I have been campaigning against Post Office closures and to try and save Copnor Fire Station. I have also been pursuing South West Trains and the Department for Transport to try and get better rolling stock on the Portsmouth-London route.

It is a great privilege and pleasure to be the MP for Portsmouth South and serve you. As always if you would like to know more about any aspect of my work, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

*Mike Hancock*

Mike Hancock

PS If you have a problem or issue you would like my help on, please do not hesitate to contact my office using the details on the back.

# Here to help you

Local MP, Mike Hancock has helped many thousands of local residents with problems since becoming our MP.

Last year Mike Hancock and his office dealt with over 10,000 enquiries and problems.

If you have a problem or an issue you would like to raise with Mike, please contact him today using the details below.

Mike's first priority as our local MP is to always be there to help when a local resident needs it.



● Mike has won praise for his campaigns in support of veterans and our armed forces.

**To contact Mike Hancock:**  
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 Email: portsmouthldp@cix.co.uk  
 Tel: 023 92 861 055  
 Fax: 023 92 830 530

**Advice Centres:**  
 By appointment at 1A, Albert Road (normally Saturdays - please ring for an appointment)  
 6pm-7pm Mondays at City of Portsmouth Girls School, St Mary's Road, Fratton (except Bank Holidays - no appointment needed)



# Mike Hancock, MP

## Our local MP. Our local champion.

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# Fighting for local people

## Mike in the news

**Fire station protest goes to No 10**  
 THE massive campaign to save a Portsmouth fire station has been taken straight to the door of the prime minister. The party, led by Portsmouth South Lib Dem MP Mike Hancock, handed in a petition yesterday containing 8,000 names. A delegation turned up outside 10 Downing Street as they raised the stakes in the crusade to stop the Copnor station being shut.  
 Portsmouth News 31/01/08

**MP demands ban as 513 horses are battered**  
 AN angry MP will table questions in the House of Commons tomorrow about jockeys abusing racehorses with the whip. Lib Dem MP Mike Hancock's protest follows a News of the World investigation which uncovered 674 whip offences recorded on British racecourses last year. News of the World 27/01/08

**City MP joins row over troops' treatment**  
 A PORTSMOUTH MP has joined calls to save Royal Hospital Haslar by calling on the prime minister to give injured troops better treatment. Mike Hancock has signed an open letter to Tony Blair backing demands for a better deal for British service personnel. Portsmouth News 16/03/07

**Minister's tribute to campaign for tunnel**  
 Transport secretary Douglas Alexander today paid tribute to Portsmouth campaigners during a visit to see work on the A3 at Hindhead. Mr Alexander went on to namecheck efforts by... Lib Dem MP Mike Hancock. Portsmouth News 21/05/07

**City MP gets praise for his animal welfare beliefs**  
 Mike Hancock has landed a top award for his campaigning work by an animal welfare charity. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals praised the MP's 'fantastic commitment to animal protection issues', which has led him to speak out over fox hunting and abandoned animals in Lebanon. Portsmouth News 05/07/07

Mike Hancock has been working hard for local people across South Portsmouth and Southsea over the last year..

He was at the forefront of the campaign to save the naval base - working with people of all parties and none in making the case for Portsmouth to ministers in Parliament.

He has been campaigning for a better NHS - for example to allow all Alzheimer's sufferers to be able to be prescribed dementia drugs free on the NHS. And Mike has also been arguing the case for a better deal for our local hospitals.

Mike has been listening to the concerns of older people who are being particularly hit by the recent increases in gas and electricity prices. He wants the basic state pension increased to help pensioners meet these increased bills.

Mike also wants a strong Climate Change Bill with annual targets for reductions in carbon emissions. And he has been backing a bill that would reduce food packaging. This would not only save energy and cut carbon emissions but food packaging cost the average household £430 a year - one sixth of their food budget.

After a long campaign backed by Mike, the Government finally agreed to build a tunnel for the A3 at Hindhead - improving links to London.

Over the year, Mike has also visited many local schools, businesses and other groups to listen to their concerns, keep in touch and explain his work as an MP.



● Mike has been at the forefront of the campaign to keep the naval base.



● Mike backing a stop smoking campaign.



● Backing kids reading.



● Getting more trees planted in the city.



● Mike welcomes local pensioners to Parliament.

# Standing up for us in Parliament

## Mike's record in Parliament includes:

- Voting for**
  - Action to stop climate change ✓
  - Better animal welfare ✓
  - A better deal for our pensioners ✓
  - Scrapping university tuition fees ✓
- Voting against**
  - The war in Iraq ✗
  - The closure of post offices ✗
  - NHS cuts ✗

Mike is a strong voice for local people in Parliament. He has used his position on the Defence Select Committee to argue for a better deal for our armed forces. He has campaigned for better accommodation for service personnel and their families. And the committee has also held inquiries on the lessons to be learned from the Iran hostages incident and UK operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

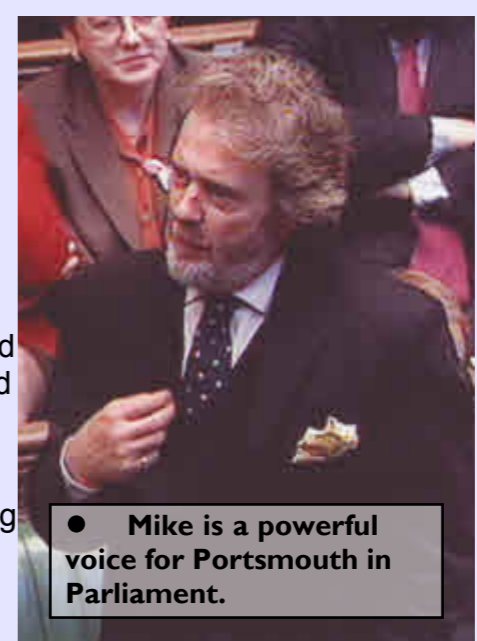
Mike also wants a referendum to be held on the Lisbon EU Treaty so people can have their say.

In the Commons, Mike recently put the case for more support for council housing. In that debate he urged the Government to look again at the Housing Revenue Account subsidy system under which he said millions of pounds from

Portsmouth "will go elsewhere, from rents paid by council tenants in the city, just because we have looked after our houses better than other local authorities."

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) gave Mike their prestigious "Proggy" award as Britain's most effective politician campaigning on animal welfare issues. These have included campaigns for fake fur to be used in guardsmen's bearskins, against foie gras and against experiments on monkeys.

Mike's call to ban jockeys from using whips in horse races has won support from the TV racing expert, John McCririck. And he also wants to see foods such as chicken produced to higher standard of animal welfare.



● Mike is a powerful voice for Portsmouth in Parliament.