

## More good 'green' news!

After the 2007 European Parliament ruled to cut the cost of using mobile phones abroad, the European Commission requested the industry solve the problem of incompatible mobile phone chargers – a huge inconvenience for users.

Graham Watson, Somerset's Lib Dem MEP, said: "The problem is there are over 35 different chargers in use across Europe and an estimated 50,000 are unused, creating several thousand tons of electronic waste each year."

Graham hailed an agreement made between Europe's big ten phone manufacturers, who produce 90% of the 185 million handsets sold on average every year in the EU. They have agreed to adopt a universal charger for handsets sold in the EU from 2010.

Tessa Munt commented: "This deal reduces pollution and will please



consumers, as people won't have to buy a new charger when they buy a new phone. As the companies offered a solution themselves, the European Commission will not need to introduce any new legislation to crack this problem."

## Campaigning with WaterAid at Glastonbury

Tessa was joined at this year's Glastonbury Festival by Lib Dem leader Nick Clegg who spoke to a large crowd in the Green Field. On tour around the festival site, Nick talked to festival organiser Michael Eavis about WaterAid, one of the 3 main charities supported by the festival.

WaterAid is an international charity campaigning to give the world's poorest people access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene education.

This year's Glastonbury festival saw over 18,000 festival goers sign WaterAid's 'End Water Poverty' petition to Gordon Brown, urging him to be a 'sanitation champion'.

During the weekend, the issue of sanitation is really brought home for the thousands of people who spend a few days without the luxury of their own loo!



**Tessa visits Zambia to see first hand how the WaterAid campaign improves and saves people's lives. Tessa financed the fact finding visit to Zambia out of her own pocket.**



**“Real political change is about taking power from those who have hoarded it for themselves and distributing it to others.”**  
Nick Clegg, Thursday May 28 2009

### A CARBON NEUTRAL CAMPAIGN

Tessa and the local Lib Dems recognise that political campaigning does have an environmental impact - using paper and petrol, for example. So they have signed up to an internationally recognised off-set scheme. Tessa and the Lib Dems will purchase carbon off-sets each time they campaign. The money funds green energy, energy efficiency schemes and forestry projects. For more information contact: [www.climatecare.org](http://www.climatecare.org)

## SAVING LIVES DURING THE CREDIT CRUNCH



Tessa has been a long time supporter of our local emergency service charities, such as The Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance and BARB Hover Rescue.

Tessa said: "These organisations depend on donations from the general public but fulfil absolutely vital roles".

"At a time when most families are feeling the effects of the credit crunch, giving money to

charities such as these isn't so easy. I know that as well as being at full stretch offering rescue services, the teams are also working flat out on fundraising. I will do all I can to help.

**Photo left:** Tessa and one of the pilots at The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

**Photo right:** Tessa and Lib Dem leader Nick Clegg on the Burnham Area Rescue Boat.



## Keep in touch with Tessa's campaign for Change!

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Labour gets its money from Trade Unions  
The Liberal Democrats rely on people like you

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- Putting up a poster at election time
- Joining the Liberal Democrats
- Making a donation to Tessa's campaign for change (cheques made payable to: Tessa4Wells)

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