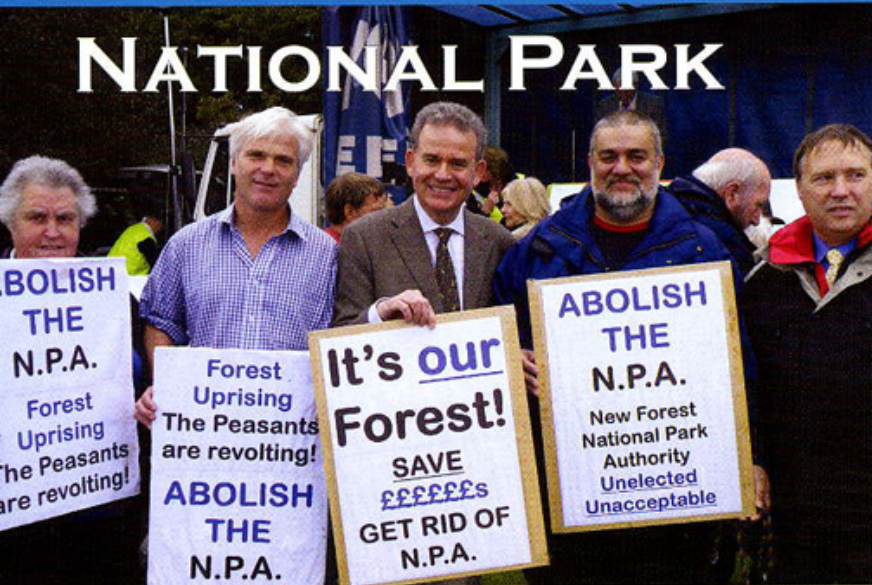


# PROGRESS REPORT ON LOCAL

## NATIONAL PARK



- Both the then New Forest MPs, Julian Lewis and Desmond Swayne, **OPPOSED THE SETTING UP** of the National Park Authority. They were proved right by the uproar it caused with its heavy-handedness and unaccountability.
- For their work in taming the NPA and bringing it to heel, Julian and Desmond were jointly awarded the Kennel Club's 'MP OF THE YEAR' Award in 2008!
- Whilst **THE LIB-DEMS AND LABOUR FULLY SUPPORTED THE NPA**, the two Conservative MPs backed the revolt against its dictatorial approach – a revolt which forced it to change course.

## COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

- In 2005, the local Primary Care Trust was **THREATENING TO CLOSE** community hospital beds – and possibly entire hospitals – in the New Forest and Romsey.
- Julian and Desmond formed an alliance with Liberal Democrat Sandra Gidley. With support from the local press, all three MPs set up 'SAVE OUR COMMUNITY HOSPITALS', to fight the closures by bringing together all the Leagues of Friends and the PCT management.
- This umbrella group has met more than 40 times, in Julian's Cadnam Parliamentary Office, during the past five years. The PCT and the Friends now work together to support the local hospitals – **NONE OF WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED.**



## MENTAL HEALTH



- As well as his prize-winning work in the field of Defence, Julian has campaigned throughout his time in Parliament for **ADEQUATE AND HUMANE** mental health in-patient facilities.
- He was delighted when Woodhaven Hospital and Crowlin House were opened a few years ago, and is **APPALLED AT THE RECENT CLOSURE** of Woodhaven's Intensive Care Unit and the threats to Crowlin's future.
- If re-elected, Julian will **SET UP A NEW CAMPAIGN GROUP** on Mental Health, similar to the one he established to Save Our Community Hospitals.

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