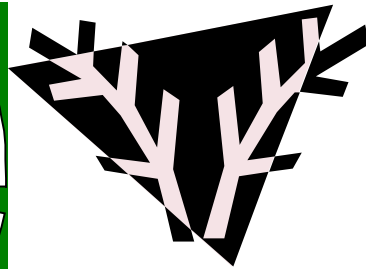


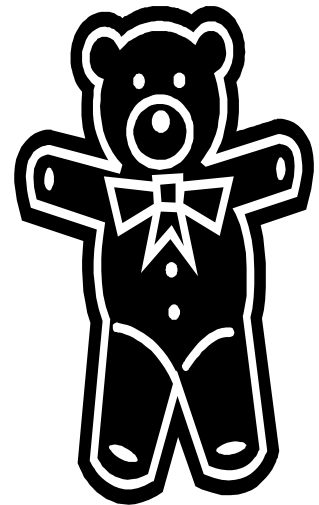
# BranchLine



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## Toxic Teddy comes to Havant

Branch members played host during a recent visit from Toxic Teddy to Asda Wallmart store in Havant. Toxic Teddy, a 7-foot high brown bear, is the mascot for an FOE nation-wide campaign against the use of risky chemicals found in most cosmetics, some foods and toys. These chemicals build up to disrupt our hormone, nervous and immune systems. Hundreds of pledge cards were handed to shoppers asking them to add their names and send the card to the store management. Marks and Spencer, Debenhams and the Early Learning Centres have already committed to take action to eliminate or reduce risky chemicals. **Thanks to Sophie & Ray Cobbett, Daisy and Tim Dawes, Sue Holt, Patricia Williamson and special thanks to John Vivian and not least to the guest of honour, Teddy (aka Phil Coombes from Portsmouth FOE).**



## FOE Shop opens in time for Xmas.

Havant FOE's shop will open for business on the 9,10&11<sup>th</sup> of December in the Pallant at the entrance to the Bear Hotel car park. Those seeking stocking fillers may find what they're looking for on the Fair Trade stand while further possibilities may be found on the FOE goodies stand featuring, mugs, key rings, non-disposable shopping bags, pencil cases and yes, at last, re-usable labels for envelopes. Many thanks to members who have already volunteered for a shift at the shop and to those who have promised stock. We could do with more of both so whatever the offer it would be welcomed **by Liam Hutchings (92475140) or email havantfoe@hotmail.com**

## Thumbs down for Wessex expansion

Hampshire councillors have backed local residents, David Willetts MP and Havant FOE to veto the application from Wessex to expand their waste facilities in New Lane. Most people agree that it's the wrong business in the wrong place and should be re-located to a site more suited to dealing with 500 lorry movements a day. FOE members, Liam Hutchings and Sophie Cobbett were among the protesters with posters ('people before profit') outside Wessex

plant and later outside the Town Hall. Ray Cobbett attended the meeting at Winchester. Full marks to the branch for an excellent and successful campaign!

## **Borough Road Show**

Hardy branch members hit the streets of Havant town centre on a wet and windy Saturday morning to distribute leaflets and recruit new members. They found themselves in good company with stalwarts from Compassion in World Farming from whose members some useful lessons were learned. Firstly, if you want to get noticed set-up a pitch few can ignore. Secondly, find a strong local issue and thirdly apply for a street collection licence. Further outings are being planned for Hayling Island and Emsworth in the New year. Please contact Ray Cobbett (02392 483070) for details.

**All our thanks to Jim Jennings and Sue Holt and others for turning out**

## **Meeting with David Willetts MP**

Havant MP, David Willetts, has written to the branch offering to meet FOE members and discuss local concerns. Clearly this is an opportunity to meet a key opinion former to lobby for particular causes and raise issues. Sometime in February in Havant depending on diaries so please contact Ray if you're interested.

## **Membership keeps growing**

**Branch membership is now over 40. The FOE is its members and their commitment to making a difference is our common aim. A borough like Havant needs more members. Please help us by mentioning FOE to friends and family.**

Make your concern for our planet  
Count!



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**Havant Branch**

Annual membership costs

<b>Unwaged</b>	<b>£1</b>
<b>Individual</b>	<b>£5</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>£10</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>£15</b>

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