

## **PRESS RELEASE**

We are pleased to announce the formation of the Greatstone Residents Alliance under the Acting Chairmanship of John Commerford, a former Mayor of Lydd and who, in his capacity as founding Chairman of the Coastal Community Group, was the architect of the plan for the creation of a Coastal Parish Council.

The main aims of the Group are to enhance local democracy by supporting the creation of Greatstone Parish Council for a unified Greatstone and seeking to ensure that a fairer distribution of the Local Parish Council Tax Precept takes place than that which currently prevails.

Since 1974 Lydd Town Council have consistently failed to provide any major capital expenditure to Greatstone and Lydd-on-Sea despite an ever increasing Council Tax burden being placed upon its residents. The Coastal Community Group partly sought to restore the balance when they obtained a majority on Lydd Town Council following the May, 2007 Elections. However, they have now lost considerable public support through their inability to provide any significant funds or improvements to the infrastructure and amenities of Greatstone.

The time for excuses is now over and it is vital that the voice of the people in Greatstone be heard. All residents of Greatstone are therefore, now invited to join us in our quest to provide Greatstone with a much higher profile and its own identity. Those who share these views and wish to help us to bring about this change are invited to contact us via our website [www.residentsalliance.greatstone.net](http://www.residentsalliance.greatstone.net)