

# Another Tory Tax Hike?

Your Lib Dem Councillors will be keeping a careful eye on Tory controlled Surrey Heath Borough Council as we enter the budget setting process for next year. This year the Tory Council once again raised Council Tax above the rate of inflation, by 5.5%.

This is despite the fact that our Council is one of the richest in the country - and currently has more than £32 MILLION POUNDS of your money in its bank accounts!

Your Lib Dem Councillors proposed an inflation-hugging 2% rise instead. This would be achieved by better financial management whilst allowing additional expenditure on areas such as CCTV, Crime and Disorder and environmental improvement initiatives as well as enhanced youth facilities.



Above: Councillors Patricia Pinder and David Whitcroft show just how rich Surrey Heath Borough Council is!

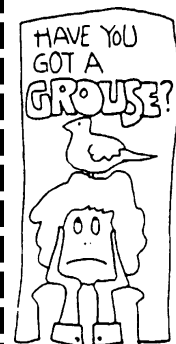


## Where's That Bus?

The new bus time indicator outside the Kings Arms in Bagshot Square now gives better information. Councillor Meurig Williams noticed that it was showing the times of buses travelling towards Guildford instead of towards Camberley. After he reported it to Surrey County Council things were put right.

Councillor Williams is also asking the County Council and the Arriva bus company to explain their policy about carrying disabled passengers, after a resident reported seeing a wheelchair user give up trying to get on an "easy-access" bus in Guildford Road, Bagshot. The driver apparently offered no help, and the pavement was much lower than the bus platform. "How are disabled people supposed to get about if they can't even board a bus designed for them?" asked an incredulous Councillor Williams.

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## Lib Dems call for action to tackle A322 'Death Mile'



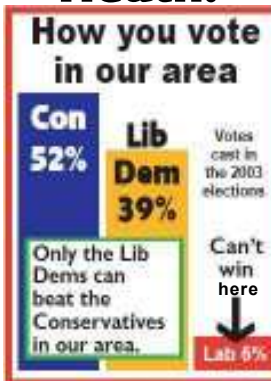
Local Liberal Democrats have called for more road safety improvements after two recent tragic accidents on Bagshot's "Death Mile".

In separate accidents during September a 92-year-old pedestrian and a motorist lost their lives on the busy A322 dual carriageway. This was in spite of speed restrictions put in place by Surrey County Council earlier this year.

Councillor Meurig Williams (pictured left) told Focus, "The County Council should look again at this dangerous stretch of road as a matter of urgency. The new speed limits are very welcome, but are they enough? How safe is it for pedestrians to cross the road? Should there be more safety barriers in the central reservation? These questions must be answered quickly. Action must be taken before someone else is killed."

Councillor Williams also commented, "Pedestrians cross this road in at least three places between the A30 Bridge and the M3." He has asked for a pedestrian phase at the New Road traffic lights and for improved warning signs.

### Lib Dems can win Surrey Heath!



Following recent parliamentary by-election victories, there are no parliamentary seats that the Liberal Democrats can not win! Consider the facts about Surrey Heath. About 10 years ago the Tories had a majority in the constituency of about 30,000. In 1997, their majority fell to 16,000 and in 2001 it fell again to 10,800—less than the majorities in Leicester South and Brent East, where we won!

With Surrey Heath Tories in such disarray, the Liberal Democrats can and will win in Surrey Heath!



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