

Local Tories In A Spin!

Conservative Surrey Heath Borough Council in February raised your Council Tax yet again, by an inflation-busting 5.5%. Liberal Democrat councillors, led by Councillor John Faulkner, proposed a fully-costed 2% rise, which would have been achieved by better financial management, whilst allowing additional expenditure for services required by residents.

Local Councillor Judy Douch told Focus *“Lib Dems do NOT intend to ‘sell off family silver’ . The sale of Camberley Theatre was but one of several options proposed for the Theatre. The Labour government wants us to get ‘Best Value’; because of the subsidy of £634,000, each visitor to the Theatre costs you, the ratepayer, about £9. Do you consider that Best Value? We will continue to ask questions.”*



Local LibDem Councillor Judy Douch with LibDem Group Leader David Whitcroft propose savings for local taxpayers with a LibDem budget

Other “Common Sense” Snippets

“Voting Lib Dem is a wasted vote”

Recent by election results say otherwise!

LEICESTER SOUTH

Lib Dem gain from Lab **Con 3rd!!**



BIRMINGHAM HODGE HILL

Lib Dem 2nd **Con 3rd!!** (*behind Lib Dem & Labour*)

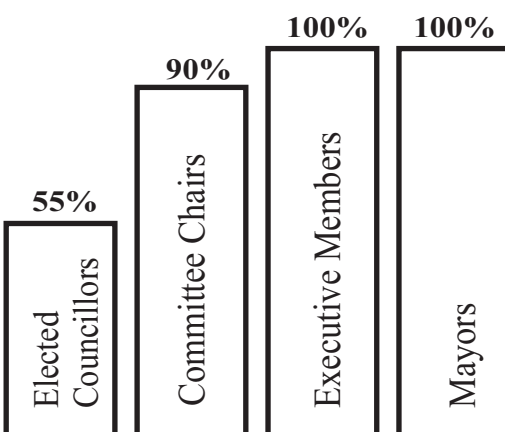


LATEST OPINION POLL RATINGS:

Lab 30% Lib Dems 28% Con 28% (*Populus, 25 July*)
According to the National Press, even the Tory hierarchy believes they are doomed.
Is this really a party set to govern in 2005?

The Conservatives have sacked two leaders. Now they are thinking of dumping their current leader. They have sacked their local MP. Maybe their problem is not their people but their Party??

TORY APPOINTMENTS



“Putting people before politics”??

At the last full Council meeting, all Tory Councillors voted, like sheep, without debate, against a Lib Dem motion requesting that the Mayor should be selected from all parties. Neighbouring Boroughs do so, why not Surrey Heath?
Many residents are denied the opportunity to thank non-Tory hard working Councillors for long service.

Tory Councillors have also rejected suggestions to further improve recycling and waste management. SHBC does not have a carbon dioxide emissions policy and, unlike Woking, has not signed up to protect its heritage heathland.

LOCAL TRAFFIC STILL AN ISSUE

West End Parish Councillor George Bright told Focus, "There are seven Parish Councillors in West End, not just four Tories. We **ALL** supported the 40 mile/h limit along the A319 and the partial closure of Church Road. Along with Parish Councillors in Bisley, we will campaign for a 30 mile/h limit along the A322 through West End and Bisley. We will continue to campaign for a by pass. "Also, Lib Dem Parish Councillors work hard for local residents. We **do** put people before politics."



LOCAL CHILDREN, LOCAL SCHOOL

Sarah's Fight Continues

Conservative Surrey County Council retain their unfair admissions policy - result: 3 children in Donkey Town are excluded and must cross into the catchment area (APA) and drive to Bisley. Furthermore, new residents moving into the APA push these children further down the list. Sarah Esperanca told Focus, "Kent County Council operates a different policy. This is so unfair. I wanted to walk to school and take part in a walking bus scheme being proposed by the Parish Council." If you agree, please sign Sarah's petition in the Post Office.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS TO US

Surrey Heath Borough Council is replacing its Local Plan with a Local Development Framework. The first step is to set out the long term vision for Surrey Heath, together with policies for housing, employment, development in rural areas, transport and provision for show people and travellers. Local Borough Councillor Judy Douch, who sits on the LDF Working Party, told Focus, "It is vital that residents complete and return the questionnaire which will be distributed in the autumn via Heathscene. There are issues of concern to West End and Bisley residents and we need your input."



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- I can deliver a few leaflets from time to time in my road
- I can help with clerical or computer work
- I would like to help the LibDems with their campaigning costs.

This Focus costs £50; 100 posters cost £10.

- I enclose a cheque/PO for:
£250 £100 £25 £10 £ (other)

Please make cheques etc payable to 'Surrey Heath Liberal Democrats'

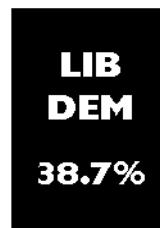
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Only the Lib Dems can beat the Tories in Surrey Heath



Source - 2003 Borough Council elections in Surrey Heath.



Labour can't win here!