

**Time For
A Real
Change**

The Conservatives have run our area for many years. Have they provided local people with the quality and range of services they deserve?

We don't think so!

Have the massive Council Taxes rises been justified?

We don't think so!

Local people deserve better than this. Why can't we have a council that will listen to local people and provide them with the kind of services they want at a reasonable price?

The Lib Dems are the only real opposition to the Tories around here. They have been growing in strength and they are now in a strong position to end years of Tory rule.

The Lib Dem candidates are local people who really care about our area. They will work hard to improve local services.

If you think our area deserves better, make sure you back your local Lib Dem candidates on 1st May.

Need Any Help?

Rosalyn Harper and the local Lib Dems help many people with their problems every year. If you need help or would like a full copy of our manifesto, please get in touch.



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A Fresh Start For Surrey Heath

A Cleaner Greener Surrey Heath

Our commitment to you is to make our Borough a cleaner and greener place to live. We can help to do this by:

- We will review in consultation with local residents the requirements for street cleaning to improve standards.
- A comprehensive 'Green Audit' of all Council services.
- Working in partnership with local business to promote environmentally friendly policies
- Reviewing the Council's purchasing policy to ensure that suppliers to the Council operate in an ethical and appropriate manner.
- We will attempt to source supplies of energy for council buildings from renewable energy providers.
- We will continue to promote improvements to home insulation and energy saving measures.



FOCUS team member Bryan Ward and Councillor John Faulkner check out local recycling facilities in Bagshot.

- A 'Green Box' home collection recycling service for the majority of the borough will be considered, as will improvements to all current recycling centres.
- We will set a minimum 50% recycling rate target and will undertake a fundamental review of how it can be achieved.

Our Council and the services that it provides affect all of us - be it through the collection of rubbish or planning decisions.

For years our area has been run by the Conservatives. On May 1st local people can vote to change this.

The Lib Dems are committed to improving the way the Council operates. We want to see an end to the years of big tax rises and lack of creative thinking in the provision of services. We believe we have the right policies to achieve this.

With your support we can make our area a better place to live for all residents.



Councillor David Whitcroft
Leader of Surrey Heath Lib Dems

Improving Leisure Facilities

We aim to promote and enhance leisure activities for all residents - young and old alike.

- Having consulted residents about their leisure needs, we will make sure that money is wisely spent on the projects *they* want, rather than those favoured by the Council.
- We will not penalise clubs and societies who use Council recreation grounds and facilities by continually putting up prices by more than the rate of inflation!
- We will review the provision of leisure services and premises to ensure the highest possible standards - including that of cleanliness.
- We will aim to create a Camberley Skate park. Ideally, this will be centrally



Cllr Bob Smith and local Lib Dems want to see a decent skate park like the one in Farnborough (above) built in our area.

- located, accessible and away from existing housing.
- Greater emphasis will be placed on making local services accessible to all members of the community.

Spending Our Money Better

The Lib Dems will end the waste at our Council and deliver decent services at a fair price.

We will conduct a full scale operational review of current council services to ensure that they are prioritised in accordance with local residents' wishes.

The Council has very substantial reserves which it has generated initially by selling its Council houses and from over taxation of local residents. These reserves should be used in an efficient manner so as to improve services and minimise Council Tax increases.

Camberley Theatre

We will review the status of the Camberley Theatre. Our objective will be to reduce the ludicrously high £600,000 plus annual subsidy that the Conservative controlled Council makes to the Theatre.

We shall promote the creation of a Public Benefit Organisation or Charitable Trust for its operation and management.

**Tory
Taxes
UP
45%**

Council Tax Rises in Surrey Heath since 1999

**Surrey Heath Conservatives
Cost You More**

Just look at the Tory record in Surrey Heath. In four years taxes are up by 45%! The Lib Dems proposed rises totalling just 8% in the same period.

**Lib
Dem
8%**

Action On Traffic Congestion

Traffic congestion is a huge problem in our area. A Lib Dem Council will work hard to tackle this problem by:

- Working with land owners and the County Council to see if improvements can be made to the A30 in Camberley.
- Supporting the preparation of a feasibility plan into creating a new tram service around the Camberley area, as proposed by the Camberley Society.
- Pressuring Surrey County Council to provide additional public transport links between the Meadows and local town and village centres and improve rural bus services to local hospitals and community facilities.
- We would seek action from Network Rail and South West Trains to improve disabled access and passenger safety to all Train stations in our area.
- Supporting the implementation of bus and cycle lanes - providing they are



Cllr Meurig Williams checks out the local bus timetables. Lib Dems are campaigning to improve transport.

appropriate and sensible *AND* do not increase car traffic congestion.

- We will pursue the creation of a Rail and Bus terminal at each local station which would introduce a more user-friendly approach and increase comfort, rather than expecting passengers to stand in the cold and wet.

Making Your Voice Heard

Lib Dems believe that you should have a real say on vital decisions that affect our area.

- Introduce a 15 minute residents question time at each Executive meeting, Select Committee and full Council meeting. Here local residents will be able to raise issues and problems directly with their Councillors.
- Bring decision making closer to local people by encouraging the establishment of Ward Consultative Groups for different parts of our area.
- On planning, the Lib Dems will work hard to make sure local people, community groups and Parish Councils are properly consulted on major developments in our area.



Senior Lib Dem Councillors Duncan Clark, David Whitcroft and John Faulkner want to open up our Council.

- Also on planning, we will work hard to make sure local residents get proper notification of applications in their area. We will consider the publication of individual ward leaflets explaining the potential local impact of current planning applications.