

Surrey Heath *ELECTION SPECIAL* OBSERVER

Con
49%

Surrey Heath Local
Election Results
2001

Lib
Dem
34%

Lab 16%

Labour are out of the race here in Surrey Heath.
Only the Liberal Democrats can beat the
Conservatives here.

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A Fresh
Start For
Surrey
Heath

Tory Tax Rises Hit Local People

Residents
Angry At Huge
Conservative
Tax Increases

Local Conservatives have voted through a staggering 15.6% increase in Council Tax in Surrey Heath. This is on top of the 17.9% already voted through by Conservative run Surrey County Council.

Lib Dem Councillor John Faulkner condemned the increase saying, "This is a completely disgraceful tax rise. Local residents are up in arms at having to pay hundreds of pounds extra in Council Tax."

This latest tax rise follows an increase of more than 17% last year in Surrey Heath. Unbelievably this increase will not deliver any increase in front line services to the general public.

Cllr Faulkner said, "More tax for no extra services - in fact many services continue to be cut. The Tories have made a complete mess of local finances."

**Lib Dems Offer Real
Alternative**

In contrast, local Lib Dems put forward a completely costed alternative budget with a Council Tax Rise of just 2.7%. This alternative budget would also have given



• Which Council Tax Increase would you rather pay ask local campaigners Cllr Cathie Whitcroft, Anji Patterson, Cllr Bob Smith, Cllr David Whitcroft, Cllr Alan Whittart and Cllr Duncan Clark?
Local Lib Dems proposed a tax rise of just 2.7% this year.

extra cash to improve recycling, daycare and youth services in our area.

Local campaigner Rosalyn Harper commented, "A Lib Dem Council would revise the whole financial strategy of the Council. Residents must be spared more of these punitive annual tax increases which add to the cost of living in the area, especially for those on fixed incomes."

**"Residents are
understandably
angry at this
latest Tory
Council Tax rise."**

Councillor John Faulkner

£148 EXTRA
That's how much
more YOU will be
paying to our Tory run
Councils in Council
Tax this year!
(band D properties)

More Police Now

Lib Dems Campaign For More Police

Local Lib Dems are calling for more Police to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in the Surrey Heath area. They believe that more Police actually on patrol in our area would make a real difference in the battle against crime.

Councillor Cathie Whitcroft said, "Many local residents live in fear of crime and anti-social behaviour even though reported crime is down. More Police on our streets would not only cut crime, it would also reduce the fear of crime too."

Local Action To Tackle Crime

A Lib Dem run Council would also take practical measures to cut crime and anti-social behaviour in our area. These include reviewing the standards of street lighting and the effectiveness of CCTV.

Local campaigner Tony Cowell commented, "These kind of measures alongside more Police on patrol will make our streets safer. The people of Surrey Heath deserve a safe and secure environment in which to live. The Liberal Democrats are committed to providing this."



● Lib Dem Leader Charles Kennedy is leading the campaign for more Police on our streets.

£100 Off Council Tax Bills With Lib Dems

Every Council Tax payer in the country would see their bills cut by £100 under proposals outlined by the Lib Dems in Parliament.

To make the tax system fairer and simpler, the Liberal Democrats published their Alternative Budget with proposals to give every Council Tax payer in the country a refund of £100, funded by national Government.

This would be a short term measure pending the complete abolition of the Council Tax and its replacement with a fairer Local Income Tax.

Other proposals announced in the Alternative Budget included plans to scrap University tuition and top up fees as well as a big investment programme to improve our railways. Free personal care for the elderly would also be introduced.

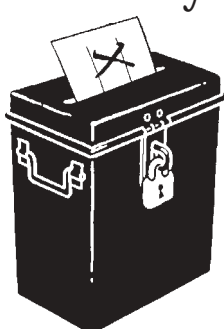
Make YOUR Vote Count on 1st May

Years of Tory rule could come to an end in Surrey Heath this May and YOU can make it happen.

Every extra vote on 1st May for your local Lib Dem candidates will make a real difference. With your support, we will end up with a Lib Dem run Council that will deliver decent services at a fair price for local people.

Voting By Post

Anyone is entitled to vote by post in this election. If you would like a postal vote, please call **01276 473172** before Tuesday 22nd April.



Fighting To Improve Camberley



● Local campaigner Gail O'Flaherty checks out the latest plans for Camberley Town Centre.

Liberal Democrats want Camberley to be a town local people can be proud of. They believe that the town has been allowed to decline under Conservative rule.

Lib Dem Leader, Cllr David Whitcroft, said, "We need real regeneration in Camberley. Some parts of our town, especially the A30 frontage, look something like the worst parts of an inner city area. This will be a top priority for a Lib Dem run Council."

The Lib Dems are promising to involve local residents and businesses in the process of improving the town.

Cllr Whitcroft added, "We will seek to balance the views of business and local residents, with the wider needs of the Borough, to ensure the provision of an attractive and vibrant shopping and leisure hub."

Key Priorities For Camberley

A Lib Dem Council would work to:

- Pedestrianise the High Street and implement a service access route to the rear of premises adjacent to Knoll Road.
- Regenerate the urban parts of Camberley that are run down and shabby in appearance.
- Through partnership working provide a new library and much needed additional medical facilities in Camberley.
- Encourage the development and use of Camberley town centre as a place to enjoy recreational and leisure past times during the day and evening.
- Limit the spread of licensed establishments within the Town to ensure that community safety and residential amenity is protected.

HELP US FIGHT TO GET THE BEST FOR SURREY HEATH

To help us improve our area, we need your help to:

Deliver leaflets to your road

(insert road name)

Help with clerical work

(addressing envelopes, folding etc)

Make a contribution or join the Liberal Democrats

(£5 minimum to join, please tick this box if you don't wish to become a member)

Your name

Your address

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