

Save Our Post Offices

Local residents are up in arms at Labour's plans for the Post Office. The plans announced recently involve the closure of 3,000 post offices and the sack for 40,000 staff. Liberal Democrats both locally and nationally are leading the fight to save our post offices. Thousands of people have already signed a petition calling for action to save our Post Offices. Lib Dem Councillor Duncan Clark told The Observer, "After years of Post Office closures under the Conservatives, things have actually got worse under Labour. In the last three years Labour have closed over 1100 post offices. Now Consignia/Royal Mail are threatening that deliveries will be scrapped and the cost of posting a letter will rise."

Consignia have also announced that many parcels depots across the country will close. Many local residents are already complaining about missed and late deliveries.

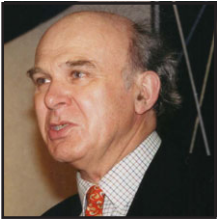
Duncan Clark commented, "The Post Office provides an essential service to thousands of people across our area. Sadly successive Governments have failed to recognise this and have run down the Post Office network."

Local Lib Dems are urging local people to sign the petition (below), calling on Consignia and the Government to stop the current wave of Post Office Closures.

Daily Collection Under Threat

The universal daily collection and delivery of mail is also under threat because of a proposal to increase competition in the postal services market.

Twickenham Lib Dem MP Vince Cable said, "The rapid introduction of competition will lead to the inevitable cherry-picking of the Post Office business which will make carrying the financial burden of the universal service obligation even tougher."



Local Councillor Duncan Clark campaigns with Focus Team member Shirley Wheeler to protect local Post Offices. Thousands of people have already signed the Lib Dem petition demanding an end to Post Office closures.

Post Offices - THE FACTS

- The Conservatives closed 4000 Post Offices while they were in power
- Hundreds of Post Offices have already closed under Labour
- New Government proposals could mean the closure of 3000 more Post Offices and cost 40,000 jobs.
- The second delivery has already been scrapped
- Only the Liberal Democrats are fighting to save our Post Office network and the essential services it provides.



Grand Autumn Jumble Sale

Saturday 19 October 2002

Mytchett Community Centre
Mytchett Road, Mytchett.
Doors open 11.30am

Entry 20p

Refreshments available
For collection of jumble,
bric-à-brac, books etc,
please call: 01276 506626

Save Our Post Offices

We, the undersigned, call upon Consignia and the Government to stop the wave of closures of post offices. Post offices provide an essential service to our community.

Name/s

Email

Address

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Surrey Heath Lib Dems, FREEPOST GI 3420, Camberley, Surrey, GU16 5BR

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)
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