

# Surrey Heath Villages FOCUS



## SAVE SURREY'S ROADS

Local Lib Dems are calling on Surrey County Council to act urgently to improve our roads.

The Lib Dems want the Council to deal with dangerous local roads like Bagshot High Street and Lucas Green Road in West End.

### Wasted money

But the Conservatives at County Hall in Kingston who wasted £4.6m on an aborted attempt to move their offices to Woking are managing Surrey's roads disastrously.

### Action needed

The Lib Dems are urging the County Council to:

- Improve service levels so that residents do not have to wait 20 days for a reply to a query and a further 28 days before anything is done.
- Recruit the number of budgeted officers for the department
- Borrow the original £5m planned for further investment in 2007/08
- Assign at least £1m to solving flooding issues.
- Stop re-organising the department (now 4 times in 2 years)
- Negotiate to revise or end the contracts with Carillion and Ringway.

# Residents want better recycling service

A Lib Dem survey shows there is high demand for a kerbside collection service in Surrey Heath.

Over 2,500 residents completed the survey earlier this year and 63% said they wanted a better collection service. 50% wanted a weekly recyclables collection and 13% an alternate weekly service. 37% wanted 'no change' in the service.

### Cost to ratepayers

The government has set a recycling target of 40% by 2010 which Surrey Heath will be very unlikely to meet. If it does not, ratepayers may have to foot the bill as the Council could be fined or pay more in Landfill Tax.



Local campaigners Judy Douch and Patricia Pinder want to reduce waste and improve collection of recyclables.

### Contract expires

The Council's current waste collection contract expires in 2009 and local Lib Dems are pressing the Conservative Council to

introduce a much better service in consultation with local ratepayers who should be made aware of ALL the cost implications of each option.

## SAVE SURREY'S ROADS PETITION

I/we the undersigned abhor the way Surrey County Council is running its Highways Department and call on the Council to act on the Lib Dems' proposals.

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# Elections '07: Lib Dems win 2 seats in Bagshot

In the local elections on May 3rd this year, Bagshot Lib Dems **Bryan Ward** and **Meurig Williams** were elected to Surrey Heath Borough Council and the local Parish Council.

Two more Bagshot Lib Dems, **Joan Bailey** and **Paul Hutchinson**, were elected to the Parish Council for the first time and **Patricia Pinder** was re-elected to the Parish in Lightwater.

The Lib Dems would like to thank everyone who supported them.

There were some losses however - **Judy Douch** and **Patricia Pinder** lost their seats on the Borough.



Cllr Bryan Ward



Cllr Meurig Williams



Cllr Joan Bailey



Cllr Paul Hutchinson



Cllr Patricia Pinder

Our commiserations and thanks to all candidates. Local Lib Dems have vowed that it's 'business as usual' and will continue to work hard for local

residents - fighting for better services, better value for money and holding Surrey Heath's failing Conservative Council to account.

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## STOP PRESS: Improved Train Service



Cllr Meurig Williams

Following action by Councillor **Meurig Williams** and others, South West Trains is improving the service from Ascot to Reading on Sunday mornings from December 2007. This means there will only be a 27 minute wait for the Reading train at Ascot instead of the current 57 minutes.

## West End Lib Dem receives MBE

**Neville Hinks**, a Lib Dem candidate for West End Parish Council was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in June.

He was recognised for his services to the community and for the promotion of disability awareness.

Despite being wheelchair-bound Neville was a Councillor in Knaphill for 25 years and a former Mayor of Woking.

Neville was not successful in the elections on May 3rd this year unfortunately.

## A 'Bright' star is extinguished

Popular West End Lib Dem **George Bright** is leaving Surrey for the West Country. A Parish Councillor for 11 years, George has played a large and active part in all aspects of Village life.

We are sure that residents of all political persuasions will join with us in thanking him and wishing him, and his wife, good luck for the future.

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