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Meadvale & St Johns Edition

Unfair Tax Must Go!

Local Campaigners are calling on Tony Blair and the Labour Government to axe the Council Tax.

Reigate Lib Dem Prospective Parliamentary Candidate Jane Kulka said "Council Tax is an unfair tax. We should axe the tax and replace it with a system based on the ability to pay". Council Tax is causing real hardship to those on fixed incomes, like many pensioners and those on benefits. Whilst Council Tax has gone up by around 10% a year, the pension increase has been less than half this amount.

Lib Dem leader Charles Kennedy has pledged that a Lib Dem Government would abolish the tax completely. Lib Dems will replace the Council Tax with a local income tax. It would be paid through the PAYE system and would therefore be cheaper to collect. Those who do not pay income tax would not pay anything.

It has been calculated that three quarters of people would be better off under a local income tax system.

Your Council Tax has soared under the Tory run County & Borough Councils. This is despite their promises to keep taxes down.



Local people have joined the Liberal Democrats national campaign to axe the Council Tax

**HELP
US
AXE
THE
TAX**

Axe Council Tax Petition

I/We the undersigned call on Tony Blair to axe Council Tax and replace it with a fair system based on the ability to pay.

Name/s Phone
Address.....Email

The Liberal Democrats would like to use the information above to contact you from time to time to keep you informed of campaigns we may think of interest to you. Please tick the box if you do not wish to be contacted in this way.

Return to: Reigate Liberal Democrats, 77 Earlsbrook Road, Redhill, Surrey. RH1 6DR

Reigate's roads are a disgrace



Your local Liberal Democrats are campaigning hard to get Tory controlled Surrey County Council Highways to repair some of the worst of our local roads. It is clear that this part of Surrey is ignored by the Council when it comes to essential repairs.

Liz Pinn, Meadvale & St Johns Councillor & resident, said "It is astonishing that the County Council has allowed our roads to get into such a state. They are a danger to pedestrians, cyclists and car drivers alike"

If you know of any really bad roads or pavements here in Meadvale & St Johns then please let one of us know.

Lib Dem PPC for Reigate



Reigate Liberal Democrats have chosen local campaigner Jane Kulka as their Prospective Parliamentary Candidate.

Jane is an experienced campaigner and a former local Councillor.

Commenting on her selection Jane Kulka said, "the results of recent local elections show that the Liberal Democrats are the real challengers to the Conservatives in Reigate. I am confident that support will continue to grow in this constituency. Local people have welcomed us leading the fight to improve this area. They recognise our commitment to the protection of the environment and our support of quality health and education provision."

NEW MAST THREAT

The residents in Meadvale are facing a new Mobile Mast threat. Orange have decided to apply for planning permission to erect four 10 metre high masts in a densely populated residential area.

Your Liberal Democrat Councillors are supporting the residents campaign to stop these masts being erected here.

Councillor Graham Norman, said "it is hard to understand why the mobile phone companies totally ignore the legitimate health concerns of local people."

**Problems ?
Grumbles ?
Want to help ?**

Do you want us to help with any problem?

Please contact your Lib Dem Councillors

Steve Kulka 215111

Liz Pinn 222184

Graham Norman 760465

Or visit our web site to send an email

www.reigatelibdems.org.uk

Can You Help us?

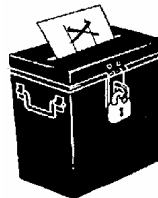
- Would you display a poster at election time?
- Would you deliver a few Lib Dem leaflets?
- Would you like to help with our campaigns?
- Would you like to join the local Lib Dems?

Your Name..... Phone

Address

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Election Date

is the 10th June

This year, not only will you have the chance to vote for a Lib Dem

Borough Councillor, but it's also the European Parliament Elections.

You will be able to select the people who will work hard on your behalf and bring much needed investment to this area.

Remember you can vote by post. You only need to ring the Town Hall to apply for a form.

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