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Merstham 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.

under the Tory run County & Borough Councils. This is despite their promises to keep taxes down.

Your Council Tax has soared



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

Community Safety



Your Liberal Democrat Merstham Councillors were pleased to welcome the new CCTV cameras at either end of Portland Drive. This initiative is one of many community safety initiatives being taken by the Neighbourhood Consultative Committee and the Merstham Advisory Group.

Councillor Sue Merritt a member of both these groups, has been working with residents, the Council, the police and others to improve safety in the Merstham area.



Merstham'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.

Sue Merritt, Merstham Councillor & resident said, "It seems the only maintenance that is carried out consists of patch up jobs. When are the Council going to realise this is a false economy, they should make sure the repairs that are done are going to last more than a couple of months"

If you know of any really bad roads or pavements here in Merstham then please let Sue know.

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

Do you want us to help with any problem?

Please contact your Lib Dem Councillors

Sue Merritt 644706

Deanna Durward 642942

Jim Dann 213464

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

Email

Return to: 99 Malmstone Avenue, Merstham, RH1 3JH

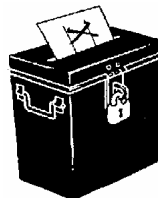
Lib Dem PPC for Reigate



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."



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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