

FOCUS



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Merstham & Redhill East

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Housing Crisis!

House prices in Surrey are 58% higher than the South East regional average and 10 times the average annual salary.



There is a desperate need for more affordable houses to be built. Instead of continual luxury developments we need homes that families can either rent, or buy for low cost home ownership, to maintain a balanced workforce.

We want our young people and key workers to be able to live in this area.

Your local Lib Dems are calling for the Council to significantly increase the proportion of lower cost housing on all new developments.

GREEN TIP - RECYCLING...

Recycling household waste helps the environment by saving natural resources and reducing disposal.

What can consumers do?

Be positive. Start with a few changes in what you buy.

- Avoid over packaging. Is it necessary to buy individually wrapped items?
- Look for products made from recycled materials.
- Use proper plates, cups and cutlery rather than plastic or disposable ones.
- Choosing longer life, energy efficient and rechargeable products can save you money too.

Always minimise waste whenever possible.

Election News

Liberal Democrats gained considerable support in the May elections both nationally and locally. Jane Kulka, as Parliamentary candidate for Reigate, increased her vote by over 1500, putting the Lib Dems firmly back into 2nd place. Locally, we made significant inroads in all Divisions in the Surrey County Council elections, gaining a number of Surrey seats and only narrowly failing to retake Reigate Central from the Conservatives. Subsequently the Lib Dems held the Parliamentary seat in the Cheadle by-election with an increased majority, indicating that this surge in support was not confined to the General Election. "It is further proof that British politics is now three party politics - with the Lib Dems as a growing force for the future."

(Charles Kennedy July 2005)

www.ScrapTuitionFees.com

Education creates our future wealth earners.

Liberal Democrats are the only party that wants to make sure that all our students can gain the education they need, without ending up with enormous debts. It is absolutely imperative that we invest properly for the future.

In Scotland, Lib Dems in government have already

- ✓ Scrapped Tuition Fees from September 2000.
- ✓ Restored Maintenance Grants from September 2001.
- ✓ Spent £51 million extra a year on student funding.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS - WORKING FOR YOU

- ✓ Jim, Steve and Deanna are actively pursuing various road improvements, including adding a safer pedestrian crossing at the New Battlebridge Road / Relief Road Junction, assisting the residents in the continuing traffic calming schemes.
- ✓ We are also working on a renewed attempt to get the Council to provide some parking in Merstham recreation ground, to ease the congestion outside the entrance.
- ✓ We monitor shop usage to help maintain a good mix of shops in Merstham.
- ✓ We are always lobbying the Council to get numerous street lights repaired and our terrible roads resurfaced.
- ✓ We continue to monitor the development of the 1000 extra houses that we are being forced to have on the Holmethorpe and Park 25 sites.

Local traffic signs are a safety hazard

Dangerous street signs.

Your local Lib Dem FOCUS team have been urging the Tory controlled Surrey Highway Authority to clean the street traffic signs in this area. The signs are generally recognised as the filthiest in the Borough.

The signs do not reflect headlights and cannot be seen after dark.



At the May elections, Conservative candidates and Councillors made promises of action over the appalling state of our roads.



Mansfield Drive and Malmstone Avenue, Merstham are examples where there has been no improvement. Ironically we have Conservative controlled Borough and County Councils with political control over all budgets. Our road infrastructure is deteriorating alarmingly!

Liberal Democrats call for action, not empty promises!

Your Local Focus Team are here to Help YOU!

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