

FOCUS



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RECYCLE PLASTIC



The UK currently collects and recycles only 3% of the estimated 460,000 tonnes of plastic bottles that enter UK waste each year. Locally, we recycle none. The residents of this borough have to take their plastic bottles out of the area to get them recycled. The nearest bottle banks are at Crawley, Croydon and Sutton. For most residents, this is at least a 20 mile round trip. The lack of a collection service in Tory controlled Reigate and Banstead is a major barrier to the recycling of plastic bottles. The Liberal Democrat campaign will continue until something is done.

We believe that plastic bottles should be collected from homes, along with paper and cans. If you agree please sign our petition below.

We, the residents of this Borough, call upon Reigate & Banstead Borough Council to introduce a kerbside, from home, plastic bottle collection scheme, to run alongside the collection of paper/cardboard and cans.

Name	Address	Signature



RETURN THIS PETITION TO OUR FREEPOST ADDRESS OVERLEAF

ELECTION SUCCESS

Thank you to all those who voted for our Liberal Democrat candidates in the Borough elections. Congratulations to Steve Kulka in Meadvale and St Johns, who regained the seat, turning a 3 vote loss in 2000 into a 249 majority and to Jim Dann in Merstham who, in a close and hard fought contest, regained the seat with a majority of 51 following an 81 vote loss in 2000.

Graham Norman, Liberal Democrat Group Leader,

A Liberal Democrat Party, with a record of practical local achievement, policies that favour decentralisation, a philosophy of choice and local accountability, as well as leadership, will prove a greater threat to the Tories than any previous third force.

Michael Gove Times Newspaper 30th July 2002

commented: "These are excellent results and I welcome Steve and Jim to the hardworking team of Liberal Democrat Borough Councilors. They are both totally committed to representing the interests of local residents and the Council will be a richer place for their contribution."

Equally dramatic was the vote in Reigate Central. John Vincent came close to winning, reducing a majority of 251 in 2000 to just 61 votes this year.

Elsewhere in the Borough all our candidates achieved creditable results.

YOUR LIBERAL DEMOCRAT COUNCILLORS ACTIONS & SUCCESSSES

- ❑ Supported residents campaigns against contentious planning applications in: Clarence Road, Blanford Road, Effingham Road, Fairlawn Drive, Royal Earlswood Park and Waterlow Road.
- ❑ Worked on various highway issues to make our roads safer for both motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.
- ❑ Ensured playground equipment in Weldon Way was repaired .
- ❑ Informed the Council about various street lights that were not working.
- ❑ Hedges cut back in Merstham Rec, Dean Road & the footpath between Merstham Station and Brook Road.
- ❑ Campaigned for extra litter bins in Nutfield Road, and on Earlswood Common.
- ❑ Requested officers to make ensure re-cycling areas are kept clear.
- ❑ Presented a petition to improve youth leisure facilities with a skate park for Reigate, Redhill & Merstham.
- ❑ Requested footway and highway improvements in Princes Road



WASTE of WASTE

Isn't it strange that we have to pay the Council for sacks so that they can pollute Surrey? Green bags full of green waste go straight into landfill. This Council is making greenhouse gasses and polluting liquids and charging us for the privilege. To protect our vulnerable countryside Liberal Democrats propose that the Council should be composting green waste.

Don't let them waste your waste. Please write a letter and tell them to change their polluting ways.

Park & Ride Your Response

In the last issue of FOCUS we asked what you thought of a park and ride scheme for Redhill & Reigate. You appear to be overwhelmingly supportive of a scheme that would improve residents parking in our streets and town car parks. Your Liberal Democrat Councillors will be pursuing this issue with vigour.

CONTACT DETAILS

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**Would you like to comment on this edition
of FOCUS?**

Want us to help you with any problem?

- Would you display a poster at election time?
- Would you deliver a few Lib Dem leaflets
- Would you like to join the local Lib Dem's?

Please ring 215111 or 246305

Reigate Liberal Democrats

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We work hard all year round to improve our
local area.

You could help too!