

on Cheam FOCUS



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News from local Lib Dems **Paul Burstow MP** and **Cllr Mary Burstow**

Lib
Dem
47%

Con
43%

Can't
win
here!

Elections here are
a two horse race
between the Tories
and the Lib Dems

Lab
7%

Trees are the answer for Cheam Recreation Ground

Local Lib Dem Councillor
Mary Burstow's suggestion
to plant some trees in
Cheam Recreation Ground
has been given the thumbs
up.

"I noticed that parts of Cheam
Recreation Ground get very
boggy in the winter. So rather
than costly drainage systems,
I asked the borough Tree
Officer if trees could be the
solution," explained Mary.

The answer was an
enthusiastic yes! It is hoped
that trees will be planted in
November 2011 with the cost
being met by the Mayor of



Residents can also choose to
donate trees to be planted in
memory of a loved one.

London's "Jubilee Woods
Project".

The grass is greener on St Dunstan's Hill

Many years accumulated
of rubbish has been
removed from St
Dunstan's Hill, thanks to
Cllr Mary Burstow.

While the land is the
responsibility of Transport for
London, in the end it was
Sutton's rubbish clearing
team who cleared the grassy
embankment.

Mary thanked the team and
said "The embankment is
now like a meadow for
residents to enjoy".

Working hard for Cheam

In the year since
becoming a councillor
for Cheam, Mary
Burstow has certainly
been kept busy.

In June, Mary left her
previous employer and
started working as a full-
time councillor.

"Becoming a councillor is
a tremendous honour and
I am loving every minute
of it," Mary said.

She explains that "much
of the job is about keeping
your eyes peeled and
when you spot something
that needs doing, just
letting the council know".

As well as meeting with
numerous local clubs and
organisations, Mary has
taken up over 120 queries
with the London Borough
of Sutton on behalf of
Cheam residents.



Recently Mary has:

- ✓ Reported 6 cases of graffiti
- ✓ Dealt with 22 queries about parks and trees
- ✓ Reported 33 pot holes and taken up 6 requests for street cleaning
- ✓ Helped 6 families with education queries

Your local Lib Team work ALL YEAR ROUND not just at election time

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Councillor Surgeries:

First Saturday of each month
(except August) at Worcester Park
Library 11am - 12noon.

Crime **DOWN** for another year

Local MP and Neighbourhood Watch President, Paul Burstow has welcomed the news that for the fifth year running crime in Sutton is down.

"It's great news that there were 515 fewer victims of crime compared to last year and that Sutton continues to be one of the safest places to live in London.

"The local police in partnership with the Lib Dem-run Council have done a great job to reduce incidents of crime across the borough in recent years" said Paul.



Paul has a long record of working with the police and other groups to make our area safer

Primary school expansion update



Paul and your local Lib Dem Team are encouraging local parents to do the consultation.

Your Lib Dem Council is consulting on expansion proposals at primary schools across Sutton which could result in up to 150 extra reception places for children due to start school in 2012.

Cllr Kirsty Jerome said: "With their excellent reputation the pressure on our primary schools is ever increasing following the rising birth rate and these new classrooms are

absolutely essential.

"We have been careful to prepare for the influx of reception pupils in future years but demand is also increasing as the popularity and reputation of our schools grows.

"We also continue to lobby the Government for more capital funding to ensure there is enough investment for future expansion as children rise up through the year groups."

ACTION to get young people into work

The Lib Dems in Government are creating an extra 50,000 new apprenticeships and 80,000 work experience places to help young people get into work.

These announcements come on top of a £1.4 billion apprenticeship programme and a £7.6 billion investment in education and training for 16-19 year olds.

Local MP Paul Burstow said, "After thirteen years in power Labour left office with youth unemployment at record levels, letting down a whole generation.

"Now in Government the Liberal Democrats are working hard to deliver a package of measures which will give young people the skills and experience they need to get into work."



Lib Dem action on jobs:

- ✓ 50,000 new apprenticeships and 80,000 new work-experience places.
- ✓ 24 new technical colleges to be set up by 2014.