

on Sutton South **FOCUS**



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**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%**

Improving green spaces across Sutton South

Heather and Richard are supporting a programme to improve Devonshire Avenue Nature Area.

The work will maintain the nature reserve while benches will be better positioned and a small piece of play equipment will be placed near the entrance to the reserve.

"The nature area is also home to the rare Small Blue butterfly, which is found in only a few locations across London.

"We are encouraging a programme to help protect



Contact your Sutton South Focus Team Richard, Heather and Peter if you need help with any local issues.

one of the UK's rare butterflies," said Richard.

▪ *In other news Heather and Richard have pressed the Council to improve traffic signage around Overton Grange school which will improve road safety in the area.*

Planning update Albion Road

Your Lib Dem team are disappointed that the Government's Planning Inspectors have overturned a Council planning decision not to allow a house to be demolished and a block of flats to be built in Albion Road.

"Our area is desperately short of family homes," said Richard.

"We feel it is a real shame that this decision means we will lose yet another house and garden which could be a great home for a local family".

Working hard for local residents

Your local Lib Dem councillors work hard all year round.

Heather and Richard have already got the "No Drinking" zone extended into the Sutton South Ward and are now keeping an eye on plans for parking controls in Belmont.

They are concerned

that the plans in the adjacent ward may lead to the displacement of parked cars into our area.

"If that starts to happen we will seek the views of local residents to try to find a way of reducing the problem for residents," said Richard Clifton.



Heather and Richard have had some complaints about green telecoms boxes being sited in inappropriate positions. Please do contact them if you think one near you is in the wrong place.

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

Contact your Lib Dem Team

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If you have a problem please do contact Richard and Heather to arrange a meeting with them.

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 urging parents to respond to the consultation.

Your Lib Dem Council is consulting on expansion proposals at primary schools across the borough, 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 grow.

“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.