

on Sutton West FOCUS



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News from Cllrs Wendy Mathys, Simon Wales & Myfanwy Wallace and Paul Burstow MP

Lib
Dem
47%

Con
43%

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

Can't
win
here!

Lab
7%

Local Liberal Democrats are brightening our area

Spring is in the air and your local Lib Dem team is working to fill a number of empty tree beds across our area.

"If there is an empty tree bed near you please get in touch so we can add them to our list", said local Cllr Wendy Mathys.

Volunteers will be needed to keep an eye on the new trees, including watering. It will be easier to have a tree

planted if it can be shown that a good support system is in place.

"To prevent graffiti we would like to improve areas that would benefit from shrubs," added Cllr Myfanwy Wallace.

▪ *"Cecil Road residents are pleased their pruning programme has been brought forward so that the road is no longer like a dark tunnel" says Cllr Wendy Mathys.*



Update on Bawtree House

The Council have agreed in principle to sell the **Bawtree House** site in **Worcester Road** to a company who will build a residential care home.

This will continue the

present use of the site.

Planning permission will still have to be obtained and residents nearby will be notified by Sutton Council and their comments invited.

ACTION on road safety

Your local Lib Dem team has been contacted by several local residents who have requested various measures to improve road safety in our area.

"We have responded to requests from the police and local

residents to erect some 'no ball games' signs in **Alberta Avenue**.

"Now, we are working to get funding for other schemes which will make our area safer for all local residents", said Cllr Simon Wales.



Road safety schemes we are currently working on include:

- ✓ Double yellow lines on the inside of the curve where **Norman Rd** meets **Gander Green Lane**.
- ✓ Yellow lines in **Salisbury Avenue** to improve pedestrian safety.
- ✓ Measures to slow down traffic entering **Village Row**.

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

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 strong record of working with the police and other groups to make our area safer

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Councillor Surgery:

Second Saturday of each month (except August) at St Alban's Church, Elmbrook Rd from 11am until 12noon.

Primary school expansion update



Paul and your local Lib Dem Team are urging parents to respond to the Council's 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.