

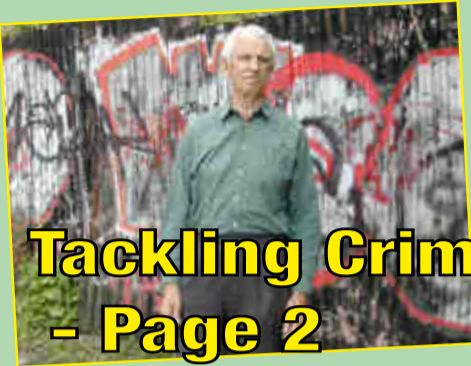
Hinckley & Bosworth PEOPLE



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STOP THE SALE



Conservative Council bosses face residents' backlash over parks sales

POLITICAL PUNDITS are predicting the closest ever results in the Borough Council Elections on May 3rd.

The Conservatives, who have been running the Council since 2003 are expected to lose seats as voters turn their backs on their record of failure.

The most controversial idea to come from Tory Council bosses is the sale of open spaces. The sale of Brodick Park in Hinckley has already

been agreed. Will Tory bosses be turning their attention to land around Argents Mead and parks across our area such as Barwell and Burbage?

The cash raised could go towards building a £20 million new Council Offices in Hinckley, unless the Conservatives lose on Thursday.

The main winners in the elections are likely to be the Liberal Democrats. They are the main opposition to the

Conservatives on the Council.

Labour is bracing itself for a humiliating defeat. With Tony Blair's Government embroiled with sleaze, and Bosworth Labour Party on the slide, Labour voters are switching to the Liberal Democrats in their droves.

The only question now is: will enough extra people back the Liberal Democrats across Hinckley & Bosworth to stop the Tories in their tracks?

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People COMMENT

Make your voice heard



Polls will be open between 7am and 10pm on Thursday May 3rd for Hinckley & Bosworth residents to cast their votes for new councillors in each of the Borough's 16 wards.

The only alternative

The only alternative to the Conservatives in Hinckley & Bosworth are the Liberal Democrats. The Liberal Democrat candidates in each ward are:

- Ambien** - Ann Wright
- Barlestone, Nailstone & Obsbaston** - Bill Crooks
- Barwell** - Sandra Francks, David Gould & James Moore
- Burbage Sketchley & Stretton** - David Inman, Rob Mayne & Adrian Smith
- Burbage Lash Hill & St Catherine's** - Ann and Peter Hall
- Cadeby, Carlton & Market Bosworth with Shackerstone** - Simon Green
- Earl Shilton** - Margaret Almey, Kerrie Bannister & Gary Francks
- Groby** - Michael Taylor & John Wright
- Castle** - Stuart Bray & Tom McClure
- Clarendon** - David Bill, Colin Joyce & Keith Lynch
- De Montfort** - Jeff Bannister, Wendy Moore & Keith Nichols
- Trinity** - David Cope & Don Wright
- Markfield** - Noel Robinson & Ann Scrine
- Newbold Verdon & Desford** - Dianne & John Finney and Ken Long
- Ratby, Bagworth & Thornton** - Mary Richardson & Jeremy White
- Twycross & Witherley with Sheepy** - Ann Crabtree

Take back our area!

Sentencing in Britain has become a bad joke under Labour say local Lib Dems.

A so called 'life sentence' can mean violent criminals are back on the streets after little more than ten years. Automatic early releases mean that offenders are released only having served a small fraction of their jail term.

Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Spokesman James Moore said, "Labour have talked tough, but the reality is very different. People have lost confidence in the system."

The Lib Dems believe that sentencing should mean what it says. A life sentence should mean life. Prisoners should not be released when they are still a danger to the public.

The new Lib Dem sentencing plans are part of a wider plan to cut crime in Britain today.

Other priorities include more police on patrol and giving communities the power to close pubs and clubs that cause trouble.

Lib Dem leader Ming Campbell said, "Cutting crime is a top priority for Liberal Democrats. We are the only party with effective policies to take back our streets and town centres."

"In Councils up and down the country, Lib Dem Councils are leading the way in cutting crime - often putting neighbouring Labour and Conservative Councils to shame."

For more information visit: www.wecancutcrime.com



Peter Hall and the Lib Dems are calling for tough action to stamp out crime and anti-social behaviour.

5 steps to a safer Britain

More police on patrol - don't waste billions on ID cards

Take back our town centres - let communities close pubs and clubs that cause trouble

Make sentences mean what they say - life should mean life

Compulsory work and training in prison - to cut re-offending

Better compensation for victims - paid for by prison work



Take Pride in our Borough!

"Take a pride in our borough!" That's the message from Liberal Democrat councillors campaigning to clean up the streets. The Conservative-run borough council was named by the Audit Commission as having the dirtiest streets in the Midlands. The Liberal Democrat team has

a new strategy to clean up problem streets and tackle the problem of litter - especially around schools and colleges. Thanks to Liberal Democrat pressure there are now new street sweeping teams but the Liberal Democrats are pushing for further improvements if they win the elections on May 3rd.

Young people standing up for local people



Kerrie Bannister, Earl Shilton



David Gould, Barwell

The Liberal Democrats have selected a new set of young candidates for the council elections on May 3rd. Former parliamentary candidate James Moore is standing in Barwell, with young businessman David Gould. Student Kerrie Bannister will be standing in Earl Shilton, while keen cricketer Simon Green will be contesting Market Bosworth and surrounding

villages. The election sees the return of Stuart Bray, formerly the borough's youngest ever councillor, who will stand in Hinckley Castle Ward. Adrian Smith, who is studying for a PhD in geography, is fighting the Burbage, Stretton and Sketchley seat. John Wright, 21, is contesting the Groby Ward where he hopes to capitalise on the massive swing

the Lib Dems got in a recent by-election. "It's great to have such a young and enthusiastic team standing for the Liberal Democrats," said local party leader David Bill. "We need a council that speaks up for younger people - especially at a time when they are being hit with massive student fees and ever-rising housing costs."



Simon Green, Cadeby, Carlton & Market Bosworth



Adrian Smith, Burbage Sketchley & Stretton

TEN YEARS OF FAILURE!



Ten years in power and Labour has let Britain down. On May 3rd you can send Tony Blair a message he cannot ignore!

It's been TEN years since New Labour came to power and they have disappointed many people.

James Moore says, "I have knocked on hundreds of doors over the past few weeks and the message is clear. People are sick of Tony Blair and New Labour.

People are appalled at Bush and Blair's illegal war in Iraq

and the rising violent crime at home.

There is real anger across Britain at Labour's savage NHS cuts - the worst since the Conservatives were last in power.

On May 3rd people can send a powerful message to Tony Blair and his successor (whoever that turns out to be) that enough is enough."

Don't K.O the P.O!

Local post offices are again under threat of closure. Residents in Barlestone, Burbage, Bosworth, and Desford are concerned at a new threat to their post offices. Nationwide 2,500 post offices could be closed in Labour's campaign of cuts. Labour have already closed 3,500 post offices - in addition to the 4,000 previously closed by the Conservatives.

"We are appalled at the latest threats to post offices in our area," said Liberal Democrat council group leader David Bill. "We need to stand up for our local services." Barwell post office was recently saved from closure following a vigorous campaign by the local Liberal Democrats.



Dianne Finney and the Liberal Democrats want to end the worrying trend of Post Office closures.

"It's time for a Fresh Start" - Liberal Democrats



Cllr David Bill (Clarendon Ward) Lib Dem Group Leader

Leader of the Liberal Democrats on the Council, David Bill, says "These elections are an opportunity for a fresh start for everyone in the area. Everybody must have the opportunity to be involved with the decision making process. No more major decisions behind closed doors."

Council should do more to increase recycling



Liberal Democrats said, "The Council are urging Council chiefs to do more to improve recycling in the area but it must do more across the Borough.

Liberal Democrat spokesperson for Lash Hill & St Catherine's children and in Burbage, Ann Hall, grandchildren."

The Liberal Democrat 5 point plan

- 1 Restore the reputation of our Borough which has been tarnished by the Tories. We will ask the people first before making major decisions.
- 2 Fight to preserve our open spaces which are under threat from developers.
- 3 Work with the police and other agencies to stamp out anti-social behaviour.
- 4 Campaign to save and expand our hospitals and all other health services. For too long local people have had to travel miles for decent healthcare.
- 5 Face up to the challenge of global warming which is the biggest threat we face today. A green thread will run through all our policies.

Car Parking Charges go up!



Car park charges in Hinckley are set to rise yet again from May. Tory Council bosses have agreed to raise the minimum charge to 70p. Lib Dem Castle Ward Spokesman, Stuart Bray said, "Putting car park charges up will encourage people to park in nearby streets, causing misery to the people who live there. And what effect will this have on our already suffering town centre."

Save our Hospital

Local residents have launched a dramatic campaign to stop the Hinckley and Bosworth Community Hospital cuts. North Ward has closed. Now the second phase of the hospital development could be scrapped completely. Other hospitals in the areas are also affected. The George Eliot Hospital and Leicester Royal Infirmary have also suffered from Labour's vicious cuts.

"This is a vital facility for Hinckley and Bosworth that should be a great asset for the area," said Liberal Democrat spokesman Don Wright. "Labour promised to look after the NHS - yet they are now imposing massive cuts. Liberal Democrats will do all we can to protect our local health service."

There is NO Accident & Emergency Department at this Hospital



LOCAL ELECTION BATTLE HOTS UP



It's neck and neck between the Lib Dems and the Tories

On May 3rd voters across Hinckley and Bosworth go to the polls to elect a new Council for our area. Everyone knows Labour cannot win. They are the third party and are out of the race. seats as people reject the Conservative rule that has failed our area so badly.

Liberal Democrat Opposition Councillors are expected to pick up

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<p>Voting New Labour could let the Tories sneak home again.</p> <p>If you want a change, vote Lib Dem on Thursday 3rd May.</p>	<h1>Ind</h1>
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I would like to vote by post in future

I can display a poster at election time

I can deliver leaflets in my area

I can make a donation to the Lib Dems £50 £20 £6 Other £ _____

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