

INSIDE - more about the things YOU say need to be done in Burbage!

Late last year Burbage Liberal Democrats delivered a survey to over 6,000 local homes. Over 500 people completed the survey, making it the largest survey of opinion ever carried out across Burbage.

Your views have produced the first ever comprehensive report on public services in Burbage. "A blue print for getting the best for Burbage" says local Liberal Democrat spokesman Rob Mayne.

This summary leaflet is a special report back to you from the Liberal Democrats of the key things you say need to be done in Burbage.

67% are not happy with how New Labour are running the NHS - Liberal Democrats in Hinckley and Burbage are leading the fight against further health cuts at the George Eliot and Hinckley hospitals.

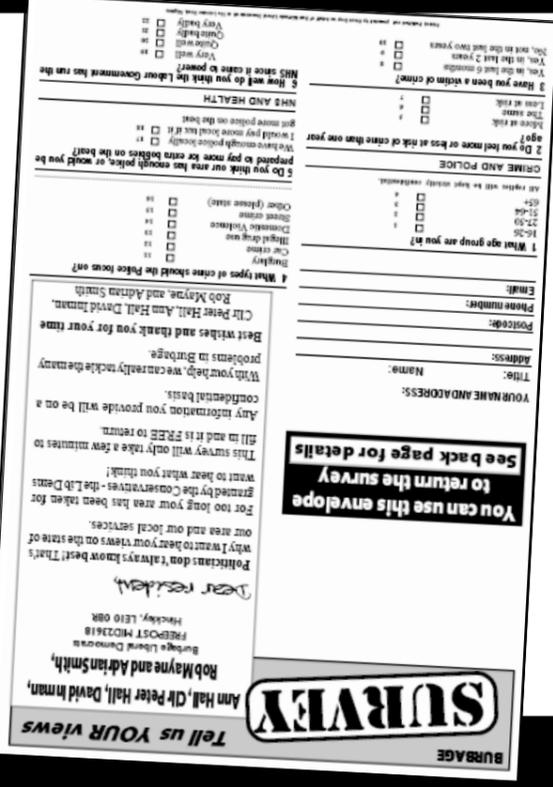
Only 32% think there are enough police in Burbage - Liberal Democrats think that instead of spending money on ineffective ID cards and police mergers the Government should put more bobbies on the beat.

60% support proposals to abolish student tuition fees in England - these fees have already been abolished by Liberal Democrats in the Scottish Parliament. Half of you are concerned about class sizes locally.

Education

Crime

Health



Results of the Burbage Residents' Survey...

Car Parking chaos

This was another item identified in the survey replies as being of concern to many of you. At the moment the enforcement of parking restrictions is the responsibility of the Police, but as they are to hand over to the Borough Council in the near future, resources available for this have been reduced, and fewer parking tickets are being issued.

Car Parking – future enforcement

The Parking Orders recently advertised are part of the process of handing over enforcement to the Borough Council. In the main these confirmed existing orders. Lib Dems want to see this process completed as soon as possible so that illegal parking which causes danger and upset can be tackled and the free flow of traffic improved.

Parking outside schools in Burbage is a persistent problem despite school and police initiatives. We shall continue to press for the resolution of these problems which put children at risk and cause congestion.



● Adrian Smith and the Liberal Democrats are pressing for action to tackle parking problems outside Burbage schools.

INSIDE - more of the things YOU say need to be done locally

INSIDE - Sign the Lib Dem petition for free elderly care



● Ming Campbell's Liberal Democrats are calling for free personal care for the elderly.

Most local people want a more caring approach to caring for Hinckley's elderly residents from both the New Labour Government and the Conservative Councils.

82% say they think students and the elderly should get cheaper bus fares. We are dismayed that it took the Tories who run both the County and Borough Councils so long to sort out the concessionary fares muddle.

Burbage's elderly deserve a better deal

Two thirds of those who replied to the survey indicated that this was a major concern to them. Many of you stressed the lack of clubs etc. for young people in the area. We are pressing the County, Borough and Parish Councils to make proper provision for the youth of the area, so that there is no excuse to collect in large numbers in areas such as Boyslade Road and Brookside shops.

In the meantime the authorities could do more to reduce the problems. David Inman who has taken actions in another Council area says "There is a range of measures that the Police or Borough Council could take to deal with behaviour that causes distress for residents, and can lead to damage being caused to property. Every incident should always be reported to the Police."

- A major concern

Anti-social behaviour

91% support Liberal Democrat proposals to provide free nursing and personal care for the elderly in England. Free elderly care has already been introduced by Lib Dems in the Scottish Parliament, but here in England, Tony Blair says no. Local Lib Dems Peter and Ann Hall are collecting as many petitions as possible to force Tony Blair to change his mind.

Thumbs down for Tory Council from taxpayers

Only 2% of people think that the Conservative Council is "very well run". The Conservatives have increased Hinckley's council tax by over 23% but Peter and Ann Hall believe local services are getting worse.

- 84% think the former Conservative Leader who was suspended from the Council by the Standards Board and convicted by the courts for planning breaches should resign from the Council.
- 91% do not support the Conservatives plans to pull down the Council Offices and rebuild it elsewhere at huge public expense.
- 82% think it would be a waste of money to pull down the leisure centre and rebuild it elsewhere, which is what the Conservatives are proposing.
- Almost half of the people who responded did not know that the Conservatives are planning to build a new supermarket in the Town Centre despite campaigning against a supermarket at the last elections. Many residents are shocked and angry at the Conservatives' lies.

Class size concerns

Five out of ten parents told the Liberal Democrat survey team that they are concerned about class sizes and want more teachers.



"Leicestershire remains the worst funded education authority in the country," says Burbage Lib Dem youth spokesman Adrian Smith.

60% also support Liberal Democrat proposals to abolish student tuition fees in England. Student fees have already been abolished by Lib Dems in the Scottish Parliament.

You can support the campaign to scrap student fees at this website :-

www.scraptuitionfees.com

Flooding Misery

A group including the Borough Council, Severn Trent, the Environment Agency and the County Highways was set up following the severe floods last year. This Group has yet to report to the residents affected, but we understand that blockages were found in the pipes under Brookside, Featherston Drive and Holt Road and that these have been cleared. It is essential that the drainage system is inspected regularly and that residents are kept informed. We shall continue to demand measures to alleviate floods including the possibilities of small lagoons, grids at culvert entrances and clearance of an area of the flood relief basin between Brookside and East Close.



● Scenes like this are common in many parts of Burbage, causing misery to local residents. Liberal Democrats are taking up flooding problems across the area.

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A safer, cleaner, Burbage



Only 32% of residents think we have enough police officers locally. Burbage Liberal Democrats want to make the police more visible and accessible. 49% say they would be prepared to pay more tax to put more bobbies on the beat.

Liberal Democrats also support Neighbourhood watch and we welcome the smartwater campaign.

More recycling wanted

Many residents are angry that the Conservatives scrapped the weekly bin collection service without consultation and before alternative recycling schemes were introduced.

38% of people want to see more recycling facilities installed across the town.



Three things you can do today to help us get a better deal for Burbage

1) Other local problems?

If you have any other comments to make, or have a local problem requiring attention, use this space to have you say....

Please continue on a sheet of paper if required.

2) Free Elderly Care PETITION

To: The Prime Minister, Tony Blair.

I/we call on Parliament to follow the lead given by the Lib Dems in Scotland and give free elderly care in England too.

Name(s)

Address

Tel

Email

3) Now help us to help Burbage

- I can help deliver a few leaflets from time to time.
- I enclose a donation to the "Liberal Democrats" for:
 - £50 £25 £10 Other: £ _____

A donation of £6 or more entitles you to membership of the Lib Dems. Please tick here if you are already a member or do not wish to join:

Don't forget to fill in your details on the right.

Don't forget your details...

Name: _____

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Which political party do you usually support?

Conservative Labour

Liberal Democrats Other / none

Return this form today to :-

**Burbage Focus Team
Liberal Democrats,
FREEPOST Mid23618,
Hinckley. LE10 OBR**

You don't even need to use a stamp, but including one helps us. Thank you.