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The All Year Round Newsletter

Lib Dems fight for local health services



Saffron Walden Lib Dems are fighting to keep our Health Services under local control. The Government are proposing to abolish the local Trust.

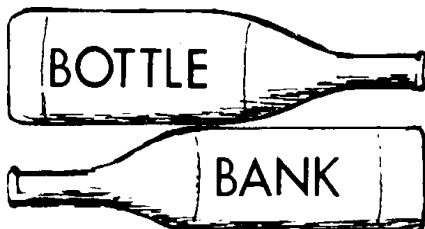
Cllr Mike Hibbs said "After years of fighting for better health services we had at last begun to build an effective local partnership. What's right for Harlow isn't necessarily right for Uttlesford. We will have to fight hard for our voice to be heard."

Recycling Up

Uttlesford District Council recycled 3.9% more waste this year. The jump is the largest improvement since recycling was introduced by the Liberal Democrats in 1997.

Uttlesford District Council, which has a majority of Lib Dem councillors, is also looking at how to collect food waste. This will avoid heavy fines for burying rotting waste in the ground.

The Liberal Democrats care for the environment and your pocket.



Lib Dem Uttlesford is Lowest for Council Tax

Most of your Council Tax goes to Essex County Council, with the rest going to District Councils, Parish Councils and the Police. Since the Conservatives took the lead on the County Council they have put their part of your Council Tax up by a shocking 93%.

By contrast, Liberal Democrat-led Uttlesford District Council has the lowest Council Tax of any District in Essex.

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Can you help us?

If you support the Liberal Democrats, why not help deliver Focus?

All it takes is one hour's light exercise every three months or so.

If you can help, please call Jo Dawson on 520886.

Saffron Walden Town Council News

The Common



Cllrs Richard Freeman, Keith Crook and Jo Dawson discuss improvements to the Common

Have you noticed how nice the Common and other grassed areas in the Town are looking?

Your Lib Dem councillors have worked hard to improve the town scene and the Town Council now employs its own maintenance team.

Cllrs Keith Crook and Barbara Hughes say they have had many complimentary remarks about the improvements.

In addition, the Common now has its own electricity supply which will improve its value as a venue for functions.

Town Hall Sound System

Thanks to much hard work by the Property and Services Committee, and by Councillor Tim Richardson in particular, a new sound system will be installed in time for the opening performance of the Music Hall Society.

Town Hall Lighting

Three new spot lights have been added to the town hall to illuminate the stage.

Operated from the green room, these lights are available to all users of the hall.

Saffron Walden Mayor, Cllr Richard Freeman, said: "I'm pleased the Liberal Democrats are continuing to support the Town Hall which is the centre of our community."

Lib Dems campaign for Cycle Path

Cllr Mike Hibbs has welcomed the news that Essex County Council is considering the options for a cycle path to Audley End Station.

Having campaigned for years for something to be done Mike said "I hope the County Council will at last do something about this very dangerous road. Many more people will choose to walk or cycle to the station if the journey can be made safer, and motorists will benefit too."



Grants Review

New procedures for applying for Town Council grants are being announced.

Cllr Jo Dawson, Chairman of the Property and Services Committee, and the Town Clerk, have devised a scheme to make it much easier for people to apply.

Raise an issue! Have your say!



Return to Liberal Democrats, FREEPOST CL2702, Stansted CM24 8BR.

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- Putting up a poster
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