

# FOCUS

on Stansted Mountfitchet

**Lib Dem**  
46%

**Con**  
39%

Votes cast at the last District Council elections. Labour have no councillors left here.

Only the Lib Dems can beat the Tories in Uttlesford!

**Lab just**  
5%

**Green**  
1%



**Winter 2006**

## Stansted Airport Application Refused



Liberal Democrat-led Uttlesford District Council has refused Stansted Airport's application to expand beyond 25 million passengers per year, increasing the number of flights per year allowed from the existing runway.

"This is the right decision for the local community, and the right decision for the global environment," said **Liberal Democrat Councillor Geoffrey Sell** "BAA's proposed increase in flights and passengers would have an unacceptable impact on noise levels, air quality and the overall quality of life. The Airport has also failed to produce adequate proposals to improve the rail service and failed to show how they would deal with increased road traffic."

It is likely that BAA will appeal against the refusal, but the Council will mount a robust defence of the decision it has taken.

**Liberal Democrat Councillor Anne Marchant** added: "All the work that has been done over the last six months, and the evidence that has been gathered, will put us in a strong position at a public inquiry."

## Bins Boost Recycling

The government's Audit Commission has praised Lib Dem-led Uttlesford District Council for introducing the new three-bin recycling system and for taking difficult decisions and 'bold steps'.

They said that the previous recycling system inherited from the last Tory administration was not good enough, with too much household rubbish being sent to landfill.

**Lib Dem Councillor Anne Marchant** said: "The new system is already producing results, with a major reduction in the amount of refuse we send to landfill and a huge improvement in our recycling performance. I am delighted that local residents are using the scheme to help improve the local environment. It's been a great success thanks to them."



*The new three wheelee bin system has boosted recycling in Uttlesford to nearly 40%.*

## Post Office Opens



**While the debate rages at Westminster about Labour's commitment (or otherwise) to rural post offices, Stansted's post office reopened in September thanks in particular to the efforts of Liberal Democrat councillors.**

The Post Office was about to pull the plug forever on the three-year closure when **Councillors Alan and Catherine Dean** reached agreement with the owner of the YZ Minimarket in Chapel Hill. Mr Alibhai said: "We are now doing good business."

● If it wasn't for a three year campaign by Liberal Democrat-led Uttlesford District Council and Stansted Parish Council, Stansted would never have got its post office back.

## Green Tax Switch

**Liberal Democrats want to give the average family a £1,000 income tax cut to help save the planet.**

The Lib Dems want to radically change the way Britain pays tax. Taxing good things - like income - less, and switching to taxing bad things - like pollution - instead.

The more you choose to switch to greener living, the less tax you pay.

While other politicians just talk about the environment, Lib Dem leader, **Sir Menzies Campbell**, has won praise for his green tax switch plan to actually do something to tackle growing climate chaos.

"The proposals include:

- Increase road tax on the most polluting cars to £2,000
- Increase tax on air travel
- Extend the Climate Change Levy across the whole economy
- Take low earners out of the tax system
- Cut taxes on middle income earners"

- BBC News Website

**Liberal Democrats - First For The Environment**

# Tories Turn Lights Off

## Policing Update



For many residents living in the centre of Stansted it was a summer that they will remember for the wrong reason. The Recreation Ground and the railway station acted as a magnet for anti-social behaviour by gangs of youths from outside Stansted. Clearly some of the youths were out of control and openly intimidated residents.

Stansted Liberal Democrat councillors were quick to respond to residents concerns. At the September meeting of Uttlesford District Council's South West Area Panel (chaired by Cllr Geoffrey Sell) Tom Boland and the Chairman of Essex Police Authority were present to listen to the issues. Cllrs Alan Dean and Geoffrey Sell have also met with Chief Inspector Graham Stubbs, Uttlesford Divisional Commander, in a successful attempt to improve communication.

Liberal Democrat-led Uttlesford District Council set up a multi-disciplinary meeting at the Youth Centre to consider anti-social behaviour. Cllr Geoffrey Sell attended the meeting along with representatives of Essex Police, British Transport Police, the Youth Service, the Mountfitchet School, Uttlesford District Council and Stansted Parish Council.

Liberal Democrat-led Stansted Parish Council is campaigning for a drinking control order on all public spaces in the village.

Conservative-run Essex County Council is proposing to turn off many street lights in this area from 12.00 midnight until 5.00 AM.

"Local Lib Dems do not want the lights switched off where there is a threat to personal safety," said Lib Dem Cllr. Anne Marchant. "Street lighting reduces people's fear of crime, and prevents night time injury."

The proposal is supposedly aimed at cutting CO2 emissions, but guidelines from the Institute of Lighting Engineers show that a reduction in street lighting will not be good for the environment in the medium to long term.

A lack of lighting is likely to encourage greater car use as people will not want to walk around in the dark, causing more damage to the environment than the lighting.

## Here to help

District Councillors

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Please get in touch if you think we can help you.

## Sustainable Homes

- The Sustainable Homes Network can give you information about solar panels for your home.



Liberal Democrat-led Uttlesford District Council is supporting the Sustainable Homes Network, which is a community initiative that provides practical information to help householders reduce the environmental impact of their homes and gardens.

Membership is free. You can join on line at [www.saffireweb.net/sustainablehomes](http://www.saffireweb.net/sustainablehomes) or by writing to Sustainable Homes Network, c/o Uttlesford District Council, London Road, Saffron Walden CB11 4ER.

### Money Off Your Council Tax

Uttlesford District Council has signed up to an innovative British Gas-funded scheme that offers Council Tax rebates worth up to £75 each to local residents who install energy-efficient measures in their homes. Call the Council on 01799 510510 for more details.

## It matters what you think...

We need to know your problems/comments on local issues. Please write them down in the space provided below.



We may write to you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish to be contacted for this purpose

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 Address.....  
 Phone.....  
 E-mail.....@.....

### Help us to help you

- I will display a poster for the Lib Dems at election time.
- I can deliver a few leaflets from time to time in my area.
- I'd like to join the Lib Dems. Please call on me.
- I enclose a donation for Focus to the "Liberal Democrats" for £ \_\_\_\_\_

A donation of £12 or more entitles you to membership of the Liberal Democrats. Please tick if you don't wish to be enrolled