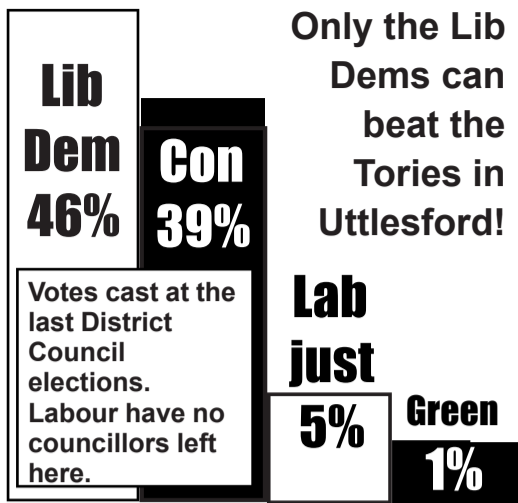


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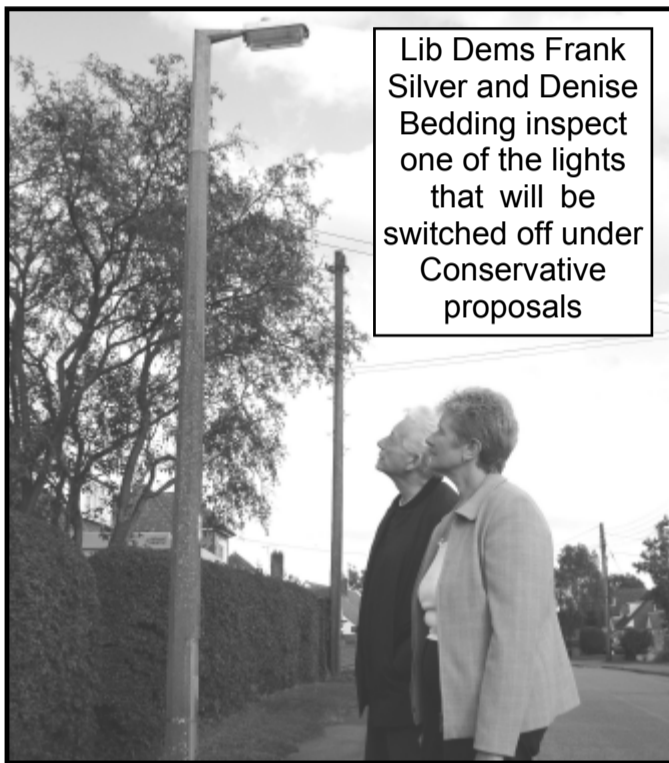


Only the Lib Dems can beat the Tories in Uttlesford!



Winter 2007

Tories Press Ahead With Street Light Switch Off



Lib Dems Frank Silver and Denise Bedding inspect one of the lights that will be switched off under Conservative proposals

Conservative-controlled Essex County Council is pushing ahead with its plan to switch off the street lights in Dunmow from midnight to 5.00am. They have agreed to delay the scheme until the summer in Saffron Walden, but have refused to offer the same to Dunmow.

Councillor Clive Smith commented "This is outrageous. The County Council Tories are again offering a deal to their friends in Saffron Walden, and saying tough luck to Dunmow."

"We all want to do our bit for the Environment, and there may be some lights we can safely switch off. But in many places, turning off the lights will increase the fear of crime, and be a threat to personal safety. It is all very well to say the lights will be left on in the High Street, but if people then want to walk home they will be walking into unlit roads. Many will simply decide to take their car instead, creating more carbon emissions than will be saved by turning the lights off."

Conservative Cllr Rodney Bass will make the final decision on which streets will have their lights switched off on the 19th February.

If you oppose the Conservatives' plans, please complete and return the petition below quickly - before its too late!

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Spot The Difference

In addition to having the lowest Council Tax in Essex, Liberal Democrat-controlled Uttlesford District Council has reserves of over £6,000,000.

In stark contrast, Conservative-controlled Essex County Council has recently announced plans to slash mobile library services. This follows draconian cuts to the County Council youth service. When it comes to meals-on-wheels for our senior citizens, Conservative-controlled Essex is the highest-charging County in England and Wales.

Who do you think is giving value for money?



Dunmow Street Lights

- To: Cllr Rodney Bass, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation.
- Dear Cllr Bass, please reconsider your proposal to turn off most street lights in Great Dunmow between midnight and 5 a.m. Please keep the lights on in my street (below).
- Please post to Councillor Rodney Bass, Essex County Council, PO Box 11, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1LX.
- Or you can e-mail: cllr.rodney.bass@essexcc.gov.uk

Name	Address	Signature

Lib Dem Uttlesford - Standing Up For Our Community

Recycling Rate Reaches 50% And Saves You Money

In November 2005, 24.7% of waste in Uttlesford was recycled. In November 2006 the figure was 50.1% - more than double what it was before the introduction of the new three wheelie bin system.

If the present rate of recycling continues, Uttlesford District will become one of the top ten Councils in the country for recycling.

According to the Audit Commission, the overall effect of introducing the new wheelie bin system is a £1,000,000-plus saving in the cost of sending waste to be buried in the ground, which represents "a significant reduction in future revenue costs."

Uttlesford's Lib Dem Council Leader Mark Gayler comments "The new system and the enthusiastic support of local residents has doubled the amount we recycle. This helps the environment and represents a big saving on your Council Tax. Liberal Democrats care for the Environment and your pocket."



Lib Dem Denise Bedding says there will be savings on your Council Tax resulting from the huge increase in levels of recycling after the introduction of wheelie bins in the area.

Leisure Centre Wins Award

The Great Dunmow Leisure Centre has won the Top Performer award for customer satisfaction from the National Benchmarking Service, beating other leisure centres across the country.



"I am delighted that our leisure centre has been recognised," said Cllr Frank Silver. "After some initial teething troubles the centre has become a huge asset to our community. Not only that, but it is now being used as a shining example to encourage higher standards in other leisure centres."

The Dunmow Leisure Centre was opened in 2003, following a Liberal Democrat initiative to replace the old sports centre, which was falling apart.

New Library On The Way At Last

Plans for a new library and town centre improvements have moved a step forward after the final piece of the jigsaw was agreed at the last Uttlesford Council meeting.

The Eastern Sector Development will include:

- ✓ The new library.
- ✓ New shops.
- ✓ A new entrance to the White Street Car Park and pedestrianisation of the current access by the Boars Head.
- ✓ More car parking spaces - a net increase of over 40 spaces as extra land is brought into use.
- ✓ The opportunity to create a new town square outside the new library where the recycling bins now are, with benches and trees and flowers.

Cllr Emily Gower commented: "We have been waiting a long time for work to start on the town centre improvements. This will be a real boost for the town."

We can cut crime!



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 reoffending
- Better compensation for victims - paid for by prison work

Effective action needed

After nearly 10 years in power, Labour haven't managed to tackle crime.

Violent crime has doubled and problems of anti-social behaviour continue to rise.

Meanwhile the Conservatives can't make up their mind what to do about crime.

Ming Campbell's Lib Dems have launched a 5 step plan to cut crime. Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour is a top priority for the Lib Dems.

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