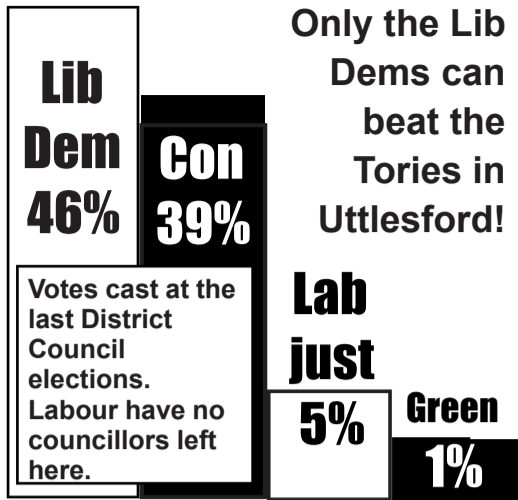


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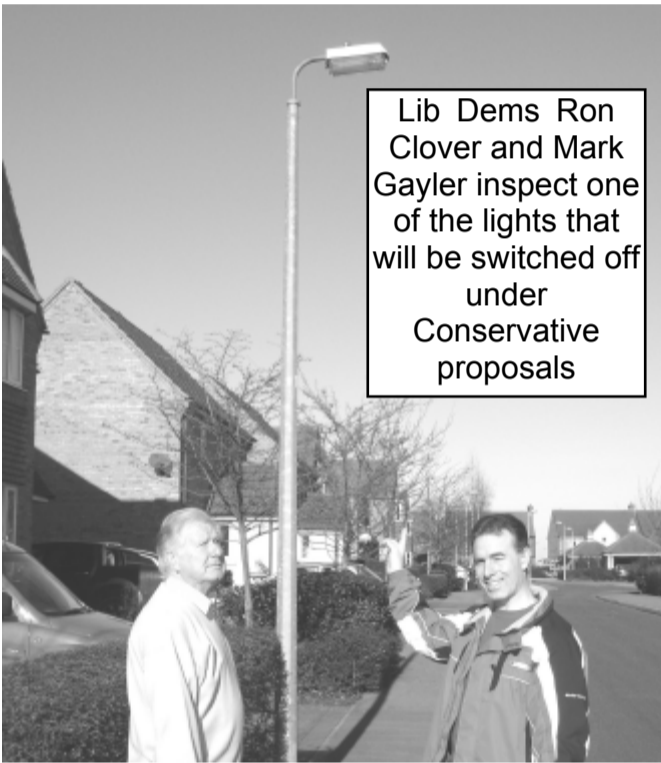


Only the Lib Dems can beat the Tories in Uttlesford!



February 2007

Tories Press Ahead With Street Light Switch Off



Lib Dems Ron Clover and Mark Gayler 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. In Woodlands Park the lights at the Pine Avenue end of the estate will be switched off, but those still controlled by Wickford will remain on, until they transfer to the County Council.

Councillor Mark Gayler commented "We all want to do our bit for the Environment, and there may be some lights we can safely switch off. For example, do we need so many lights around the roundabouts leading into Woodlands Park?"

"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 Dunmow 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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Woodlands Park Update

Open Space For Ball Games

Two opportunities to provide a play area for our youngsters are currently being explored. Following an initiative by Cllr Mark Gayler, Uttlesford Council are talking to Estuary Housing about providing an area between the Estuary flats and Waldgrooms. The opportunity to provide a temporary area next to Woodlands Walk is also being discussed with Wickford. It is hoped that something can be in place for the Summer.

School Parking Problems

Uttlesford District Council have stepped up their enforcement of parking restrictions in Woodlands Park Drive outside the school following recent problems. Parking attendants will be doing random checks to deter those parking illegally.

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

Revised Traffic Calming Proposals To Be Published In March AND ABOUT TIME TOO!

Nine months after the initial consultation on traffic calming measures for Woodlands Park Drive Essex County Council has finally announced that it will publish revised proposals in March.

Local Campaigner Ron Clover commented "It is appalling that this has taken so long. Over 300 local residents signed a petition calling for urgent action, the money was made available, and still nothing has happened a year later."

After the proposals are published there will be a five week consultation period, and then any objections will have to be considered before the scheme can be implemented.

Cllr Mark Gayler said: "It is vital when the proposals are published that local residents people write in. We need everyone's support to make sure we get action before there is a serious accident."



Lib Dems Ron Clover and Mark Gayler discuss the traffic calming proposals with local resident Lisa Burgess

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."

Cllr 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."

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.

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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