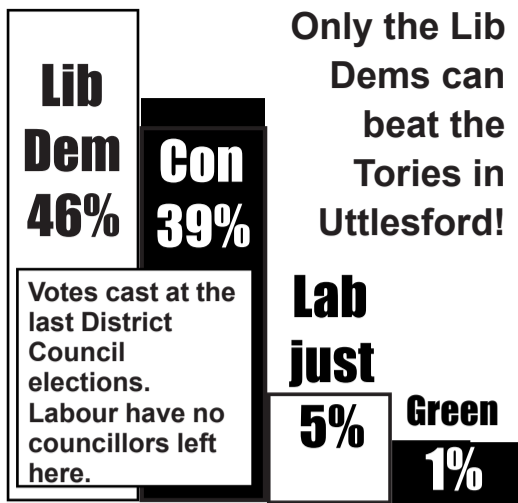


# FOCUS

## on Thaxted, Dutton Hill and Little Bardfield



Only the Lib Dems can beat the Tories in Uttlesford!



## February 2007

# Second Runway Battle - A Fight We Must Win



Following BAA's recent announcement of their preferred option for a second runway local Liberal Democrats have vowed to step up their campaign against the proposal.

Thaxted Councillor Antoinette Wattebot commented: "BAA may try to claim that their preferred option is better for the environment, and better for Thaxted. But we know that the building of their runway would rip up acres of our countryside. We know that many historic buildings would have to be destroyed, causing immense damage to the area's heritage. We know that our community would be blighted by more noise, pollution, and traffic congestion."

"The growth of aviation facilitated by a second runway would also add significantly to global warming, helping to destroy the global environment for future generations. A second runway at Stansted would be an environmental disaster, both locally and globally."

"The fight against Stansted Airport's plan for a second runway is one that we can win," says Cllr Martin Foley. "And for the sake of our children's futures it is one that we must win!"

● Lib Dem Cllrs Antoinette Wattebot and Martin Foley examine Stansted Airport's second runway proposals outside the Three Horseshoes in Mole Hill Green, which will be demolished if the runway goes ahead.

## 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?



## Vicarage Mead & Thaxted Day Centre Update.

The Thaxted senior citizens development at Vicarage Mead in Thaxted should complete its major refurbishment by April this year. Residents are looking forward to the completion of these improvements, including a new patio and garden area to enjoy this summer.

The new Thaxted Day Centre which will replace the existing building, using energy efficient design techniques and environmentally friendly materials, has now had plans accepted. Work will start on this wonderful new project in late Spring this year. Lib Dem-led Uttlesford District Council has invested over £2m pounds in improvements to older people's accommodation and services locally this year.



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## Working for You All Year Round

# 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."

Cllr Antoinette Wattebot 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 Cllrs Martin Foley and Antoinette Wattebot help themselves to free compost created from recycled kitchen waste. Recycling of kitchen waste has helped take the overall recycling rate to over 50%.

## Aircraft Noise - Don't Suffer In Silence

If you have a complaint about aircraft noise, then tell BAA by ringing the 24 hour Freephone number:



**0800 243 788**

E-mail: [stanstednoiseline@baa.com](mailto:stanstednoiseline@baa.com)

Or write to:  
Flight Evaluation Unit,  
Stansted Airport Limited,  
Enterprise House,  
Stansted Airport,  
Essex. CM24 1QW

## Car Park Charges Frozen

There are to be no car park charges in Thaxted, despite suggestions from some people that there should be. In Saffron Walden and Dunmow Lib Dem controlled Uttlesford District Council has agreed not to put up car parking charges for the second year running.

Cllr Foley says: "With the relentless rise in supermarkets and out-of town shopping centres, our local shops in towns like Thaxted need support. Our local shops are a vital part of our community. No car park charges in Thaxted and no increase in our nearest bigger towns is good news for us all."

Cllr Wattebot says "One area that does need addressing is the rise in fly parking by people using Stansted Airport for cheap flights abroad. Cars are now being seen in Margaret St Car Park parking at all hours, with people getting a cab to the airport. If this continues people will have difficulty parking there to see the doctor because of cheeky airport parking."

## 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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