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Save Our Post Offices



Gordon Brown's Labour government is pressing ahead with plans to close 2500 more post offices.

The Liberal Democrats are the only party with a fully funded set of policies to keep our Post Offices open. We would keep Post Office Ltd in the public sector but split it away from the Royal Mail. We would then raise £2 billion from the sale of a minority of shares in Royal Mail and invest this money in the Post Office network, to enable it to grow. We would also set branches free from the red tape which stops them from trying out new business opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Liberal Democrats at the elections in May.



CON
26
district
councillors

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15
district
councillors

*Labour have
no councillors
left in our
area.*

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Just 3
district
councillors

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who voted for the Liberal Democrats at the May elections. Andrew Yarwood and Peter Wilcock would like to thank you for voting for us.

Peter and Andrew were re-elected to serve you as your district councillors for the next 4 years but, unfortunately, we didn't keep control of Uttlesford District Council. The Liberal Democrats will continue to be the only real alternative to the Conservatives in this area - Labour and the Greens continue to have no councillors.

The Liberal Democrats will continue to keep in touch and work hard all year round - whether you voted for us or not.

The Lib Dems will continue to oppose Airport expansion. We will campaign for even higher levels of recycling and we will continue to oppose incinerators and fortnightly collections of kitchen waste.



Save Our NHS

Gordon Brown has signed the cheques to pay for Labour's costly war in Iraq, but he can't find the money to stop savage NHS cuts.

TEN YEARS after Labour came to power, Britain is facing the worst round of NHS cuts seen since the last Conservative Government.

Services are under threat across Britain including many hospitals, A&E and maternity services. Cuts are also being made to training budgets for key medical staff undermining the future of the NHS.

The Liberal Democrats want a halt to the current round of NHS cuts. They are campaigning to cut waste in the NHS so more money can be spent on frontline services.

The Tories have consistently **OPPOSED** extra spending on local health services.

Recent Conservative plans for the NHS have included charging for many operations.



County Hall Round-Up

Conservative-led Essex County Council is proposing to build a waste incinerator in our county. After years of insisting that they have a 'no incineration' policy, Essex Conservatives have now done a spectacular U-turn.

It is disgraceful that the Conservatives have tried to sneak this through without consultation. It shows what a fib the *Vote Blue, Go Green* message is.

The Liberal Democrats will continue to campaign against incineration as a means of waste disposal. We will continue to campaign for even more recycling and for a reduction in unnecessary packaging.

- The Lib Dems are opposing the Labour government's plans to exclude members of the public and campaign groups from the planning process for major developments. The plans are dressed up as a so-called Independent Planning Commission.

Andrew Yarwood has found volunteers who want to open the Jikes Youth Centre on Tuesday evenings, in the very near future, for 9- to 12-year-olds. This is a fantastic achievement for Newport since the Conservative County Council allowed the previous youth centre to become run down and then closed.

After years of refusing Liberal Democrat demands for more money to be spent on pavement repairs, the Conservative-led County Council has now decided to spend £6.5 million over the next two years.



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By joining, making a donation or helping with FOCUS delivery, you will help our cause no end.

Your continued support will be very much appreciated and with it, we will be able to provide an excellent service for you and your neighbours.

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- I want to make a donation;
- I want to help deliver **FOCUS** in my area.

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