

Lib Dems want spy chip in your bin

Lib Dems are **demanding** an **electronic spy chip** in your bin after 2008 that will allow them to check how much rubbish you have thrown out. That means that, in the next few years, they will be able to **TAX** you even more for the weight of material in your bin.

Councillor **Paul Johnston** said, "If they don't want to use the spy chips to tax us more, why are they spending extra money putting them in the bins? It is an insult to the residents' and my intelligence – I'm not having it."



State of roads

We are currently lobbying for surface repairs to Mountcombe Close and Oakhill Road and have raised with officers concerns about speeding in Langley Avenue. We have also looked at Arlington Road; the new footpaths now highlight the poor condition of the road itself!

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Phone Mast Defeated

The many residents who expressed alarm at the proposed erection by Hutchinson 3G of a phonemast in Kingsdowne Road near Iris Close will be pleased to learn that permission was refused by RBK Planning Department without the matter needing to come to committee.

ONCE A FORTNIGHT rubbish collection

Lib Dems think that, under the new 'rubbish' scheme, collecting the normal waste every **two** weeks will be enough. Which planet are they on? Your local Conservative **Councillor, Janet Bowen-Hitchings** said, "It's great the council is introducing weekly recycling collections. However the Lib Dems now want to cut the weekly collection of normal waste to just once a fortnight. Why weren't we told about this cut before the May election?"

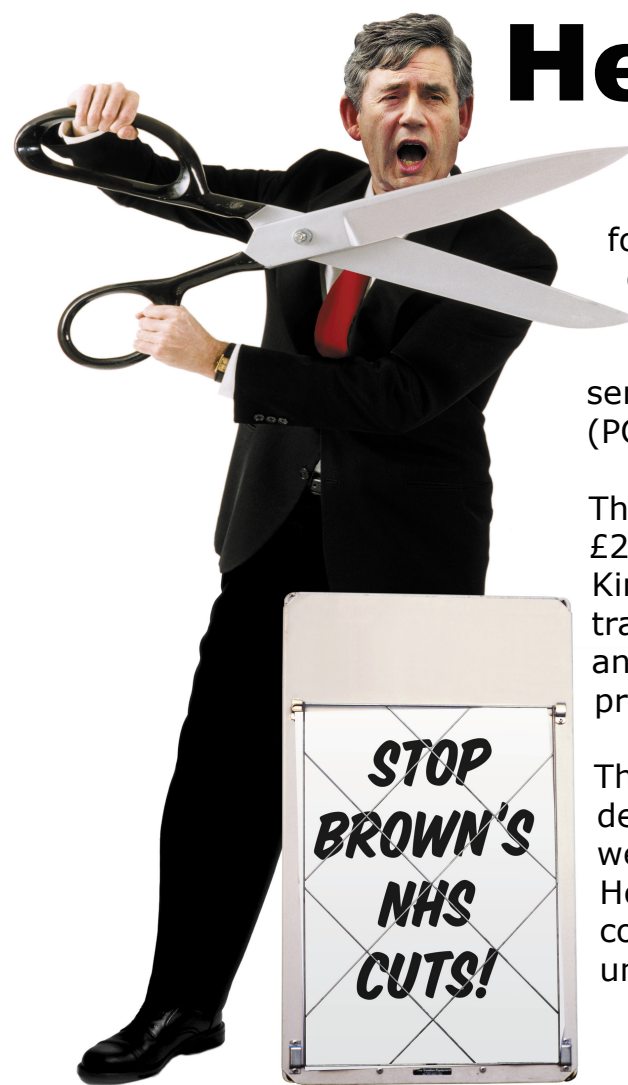
Monitoring the Berrylands Trial

After many years of Lib Dem failure to manage the waste properly in this area, the Conservatives have pushed the Lib Dems towards recycling. Conservatives want a green revolution, where every household is encouraged to recycle their waste.

Surbiton Hill Conservative Councillor Paul Johnston said "We are keeping a close eye on the new scheme in being tested in Berrylands ward. We have publicly aired our concerns about the proposed new bins needed to recycle: Cardboard, glass, plastic, food, garden refuse and another for all other normal non recyclable waste. Our additional

concerns include where will residents store these new bins and what an eyesore they could become."

We want people to recycle more and have urged the Lib Dems to introduce one bag for all recycling system such has been in place in **Conservative Wandsworth** for the last few years. By this means they have witnessed a 100% uplift in their recycling! This same system is being adopted in School Lane and The Cambridge Road estates. It is easier for all, and a proven success. The Lib Dems **say** they will **consider** it for 2008. **Why not now?**



Health Watch!

Conservative Councillor Janet Bowen-Hitchings is our spokesperson for Health. While the council are not directly responsible for the Health services we do have a community leadership role as well partner many long term care services with Kingston Primary Care Trust (PCT).

The PCT has hit the head lines about their £22 million debts and that news has forced Kingston Hospital to postpone its own transformation in to a foundation Hospital and thus preserve its status as the key provider of critical care in SW London.

The PCT worsening position saw the departure of their Chief Executive and we still await positive news of Surbiton Hospital. We also now have growing concerns that Tolworth Hospital is also under threat.

Nick Kilby asks "Where are the millions the Labour party has 'invested' in the Health service? Then Consultants fees on how to save money? Or wasted on senior management that fail to deliver real improvements to us the residents of Surbiton Hill and Kingston as a whole."

Janet says "I'm leading our Conservative groups focus on making sure that the PCT seeks more funding and does not just slash services. We still remain hopeful for the future for Surbiton Hospital but it could well be 2010 before we see it in a new form."



Social Service

Conservative Councillors are paying particular attention to the Council's current consultation over proposed amendments to the eligibility for adult social care services. Their intended dissolving of two tiers of services would, according to the Council, be to improve their effectiveness and develop preventative services.

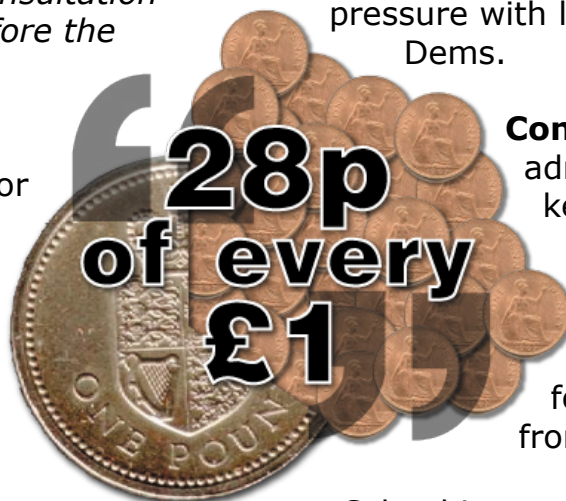
Kingston is the only London Borough that currently offers all four tiers of risk and need. The proposals under consultation are to cut Council funding to those adults who require low to moderate care and replace that service with a self-help preventative service.

The **Conservative Group** are actively seeking to ensure that everyone who benefits currently from the Council's care services has their say. The Borough has, for many years, offered a full and comprehensive service and we now fear it is under threat in the forthcoming budget. Conservative Councillors are taking a keen interest in this consultation, and the Council is seeking views of all interested parties.

Lib Dem administration is looking at how they can cut £20 million from the budgets over the next five years. Social Services accounts for 40% of the total budget and will come under increasing pressure. Without everyone speaking up now, vital services may be cut without the Lib Dems appreciating the effects of their actions.

Cllr Nick Kilby, Shadow Spokesperson for Adult Services said: *"To keep the council tax down the Lib Dems have hard choices to make, our fear is that the venerable members of our community will be asked to suffer instead of Lib Dem pet projects being cut or stopped! This consultation process is the calm before the storm!"*

Reducing scope of eligibility and making for over £2 million pounds of cuts. This comes only 2 years after we fought means testing on domiciliary care.



Tory Pressure saves Dog Warden

Conservative Councillors support the concerns expressed at the **Lib Dems planned cuts** of the Housing Ranger service and the Dog Warden service.

Cllrs Nick Kilby and **Cllr Paul Johnston**, are united in the view that the Council is now looking very exposed following the dramatic increase in Housing subsidy paid to the Labour Government. This will next year equate to **28p FOR EVERY £1** of rent paid by our tenants and we may now start to see the Housing Service buckling under this financial pressure with little or no leadership from the Lib Dems.

Conservative Cllrs welcomed the administration's recent climb down on keeping the Dog Warden.

But we also emphasize that the Rangers play a vital role in the community. The Council would be foolish to lose this important role from the Borough.

School Lane may get urgent repairs to staircases and windows and but decent homes work has been stopped and new kitchens and bathrooms are on hold. Nearly £6 million will be grabbed by central Government from tenants' rents. That now means that since stock transfer £11 million has been taken where as if the vote had been successful every tenant would be benefiting from a significant investment.

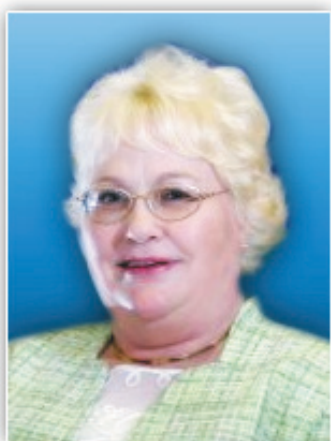
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