

Choose an effective, hard-working councillor, vote Liberal Democrat

A personal message from Jill Brinkworth

I am delighted to be standing again to represent Martins Wood ward. Many of you put your trust in me last year and with just a little extra support I could join the group of effective Liberal Democrat councillors who are already working on behalf of residents in Chells and Manor Wards.



I have already been taking up local issues and I'm prepared to work tirelessly to find solutions for challenging problems like safer streets and public spaces, housing, planning, parking and the environment.

The Labour-controlled Council has a poor record of environmental maintenance. Litter is left uncleared in common areas like greens and woodlands. Green spaces are sold off for inappropriate housing developments. Car parking space is often inadequate, leading to conflict between neighbours.

I hope I can persuade you that, whatever your views, local elections are not about national issues, despite the temptation to vote for the two old parties, Labour and Conservative.

Local elections are about getting an effective voice to represent you on the Council.

Jill Brinkworth

Lib Dem councillors demand action

- Why is there a backlog in parking restriction and yellow line requests?
- Why were there unacceptable failures with grass cutting in spring/summer last year?
- Why does Stevenage Borough Council have high levels of sickness absence, at over 8 days per employee per year?

Stop inappropriate development

Local Liberal Democrat councillors have opposed the Gresley Park development right from when it was first proposed three years ago. Labour failed to inform you about it at the time.

The extra 600+ homes in the green belt proposed by Conservative-controlled East Herts District Council and backed by Labour in a Memorandum of Understanding is completely inappropriate.

A similar scheme proposed on land off North Road is equally unwelcome. Developments on the edge of Stevenage put a massive strain on our roads, local services and infrastructure. We need a new strategy that looks again at building beyond the A1M to the west of the town.

Lib Dem councillors let you have your say



Local Liberal Democrat councillors hold regular meetings so you can have your say and get feedback on the action or inaction of your Borough and County Councils.

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Lib Dem councillors: listening, working, consulting all year round

Why Liberal Democrat?

People living in Manor and Chells are served by a strong team of Liberal Democrat councillors. They respond quickly to local problems and ensure funds go to local amenities like zebra crossings, tidy verges and seats and benches. They lobby hard to get road surfaces and broken street lights fixed.

Let's clean up Stevenage!

Our town has a poor record of maintaining the environment. Stevenage also has the worst recycling rate in the county. Data from the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership reveals that only 38% of Stevenage's waste is recycled compared with an average for the county of 51%. In contrast, Liberal Democrat-run Three Rivers has a recycling rate of 62%.

Following trials in neighbouring Manor Ward, initiated by Liberal Democrat councillors, 84% of residents tell us they would prefer just one large recycling bin.

Redevelopment of the town centre?

For more than three decades the council and a succession of MPs have been talking about redeveloping the town centre. As each successive scheme falters on poor planning, unrealistic costings or squabbling between the council, MP and government, the town centre declines further. We will work with whoever is the MP from whatever party.



Your money spent locally

Local councillors get small budgets they can spend locally in their wards. Here in Martins Wood, Councillor Robin Parker used some of his to refresh the white lining in the rear car park at Emperors Gate.



Why not let local ward councillors decide:

- which roads need funds for residents' parking
- how often grass is cut
- how often street refuse bins are emptied?

Hands off our green spaces!

In Stevenage too many small and not so small parcels of green space are being sold off to developers by the Labour-controlled council. The town needs green space in its neighbourhoods. Our children need somewhere to play.

Car parking: Free ½ hour, not three!

Our Conservative MP wants 3 hours' free parking in the town centre. No similar town to Stevenage in Britain offers that. The Borough Council relies on car park charges to fund its services. However, a free first half hour would help those who need to access banks and to collect goods. Meanwhile, the Borough Council fails to put capital sums aside for residents' parking schemes.

You can find out more about Lib Dem policies for Stevenage and the UK by going to:

<https://stevenageliberaldemocrats.org.uk/>



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for MARTINS WOOD

The Liberal Democrat plan for Stevenage:

- Launch a town-wide rubbish clean-up campaign led by neighbourhood wardens.
 - Review excessive car parking charges with short free periods
 - Put funds back into local residents' parking schemes
 - Increase locality budgets so local people decide what gets priority
 - Stop selling off our green spaces
 - Back the regeneration of the town centre and end the political slanging match between the Labour Council and Conservative MP
 - NO to Gresley Park! Stop East Herts building on the edge of Stevenage and burdening our crumbling roads, services and infrastructure.
- Stevenage Borough Council needs a strong and vocal opposition. We need more Liberal Democrat councillors to carry forward the work of our existing team.

See over for more details