

Let's get the pride back into our Town

Why Lib Dem?

People living in Mobbsbury, Manor and Chells are served by a strong team of Lib Dem councillors. They respond quickly to local problems, help maintain the local environment and ensure funds go to local amenities like zebra crossings, tidy verges and seats & benches.

They've even spruced up green areas with daffodils and crocuses! Lib Dem councillors 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. Bins scattered, waste lying around and an overall lack of care. Stevenage also has the worst recycling rate in the county. Data from the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership reveals that only 38.3% of Stevenage's waste is recycled, compared with an average across the county of 50.9%. **The best local authority was Lib Dem run Three Rivers (Rickmansworth area).**

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

Redevelopment of the town centre?

Let's get on with it and stop the squabbling

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 political squabbling between the council, MP and government, the town centre declines further. Our Tory MP has disrupted and delayed plans by getting a minister to call in the draft plan. We will work with whoever is the MP from whatever party.

We must stop the political football!



Your money spent locally

Local councillors get small budgets they can spend locally in their wards. Here in Chells we used some of it to clean up the muddy mess in **Newton Road**.



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 Labour!

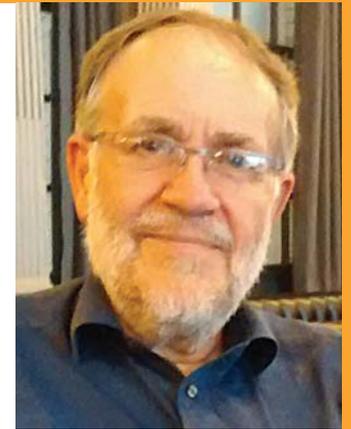
In Stevenage too many small and not so small parcels of green space are being sold off to developers by the Labour controlled council. The town needs green space in its neighbourhoods. Our children need somewhere to play.

Car parking: free ½ hour Yes, not three!

Our Tory MP wants 3 hours free parking in the town centre. What planet is he from? No similar town to Stevenage in Britain offers that. His plan is irresponsible and unaffordable. The Borough Council relies on car park charges to fund its services. There is however, a case for a free first half hour, perhaps Monday to Friday, to help those who need to access banks, the post office, cash machines and to collect goods. Meanwhile, the Borough Council fails to put capital sums aside for residents' parking schemes, a constant demand throughout Stevenage.

- You can find out more about Lib Dem policies for Stevenage and the UK by going to:
<https://stevengeliberaldemocrats.org.uk>

elect...
**Stephen
BOOTH**
for **CHELLS**



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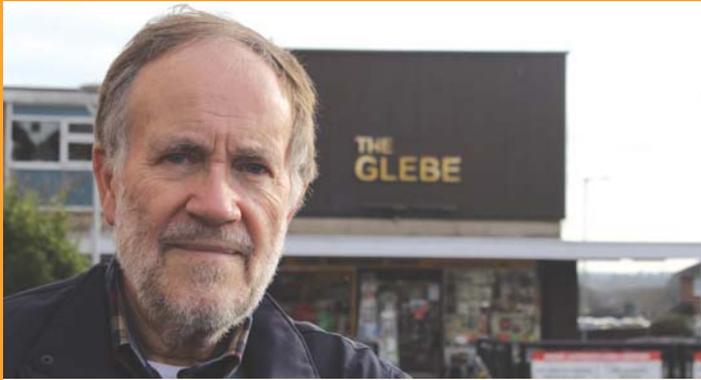
OUR PLAN FOR STEVENAGE:

- 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 Tory 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 Lib Dem councillors to carry forward the work of our existing team.

See over for more details

Your choice: vote Lib Dem for an effective hard working councillor



A personal message from Stephen Booth

I am delighted to be standing in Chells again. For too long you have been let down by Labour in Chells. Since you elected my colleague **Tom Wren** last year with a massive 234 majority, Tom has proven to be an effective Councillor working all year round for your interests.

I am an experienced former councillor. I know how local and central government works (and in too many cases, does not work!). I thoroughly enjoyed taking up local issues and helping find solutions for challenging problems like housing, planning, parking and the environment.

Stevenage today is a much less pleasant environment than when I came to the town in the early 1970s. Today, the Labour controlled Council has a poor record of environmental maintenance. Litter scatters 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 Tory. Local elections are about getting an effective voice to represent you on the Council.


Stephen Booth

Where to vote? You will be sent a poll card by the Council telling you where your polling station is. The poll will be open from 8 am to 10 pm on Thursday 2nd May. If you have a postal vote don't forget to post it BEFORE 2nd May

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 Lib Dem 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 development for 600+ homes in the green belt proposed by Tory controlled East Herts District Council and backed by Labour in a Memorandum of Understanding, is completely inappropriate.

A similar one proposed on land towards Graveley and 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



A packed meeting where Lib Dem Chells county councillor Robin Parker responds to residents' concerns over Gresley Park.

Local Lib Dem councillors hold regular meetings so you can have your say and get feedback on what your Councils are up to.



BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS THURSDAY 2nd MAY 2019

PLEASE DISPLAY IN A WINDOW

Stephen

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