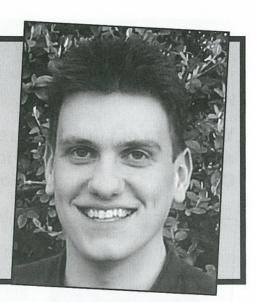
**Borough Election news for Thursday 10 June 2004** 

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# It's Dale Lane on Thursday! It's time for a



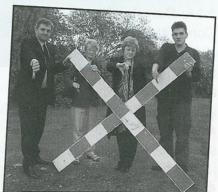
Cllr Pam Holden-Brown and Hiltingbury MP Sandra Gidley are both backing Dale on Thursday.

Two years of Conservative planning disasters, and failure to tackle traffic and improvements to open space, mean YOUR vote on Thursday in the Borough Council elections can help get REAL change for good for Hiltingbury.

Dale Lane will be a bright new voice for Hiltingbury on the Borough Council and Local Area Committee - working positively with local residents to protect Hiltingbury's special character and improve local services.

Dale needs YOUR vote on Thursday - don't leave it to someone else, they may be leaving it to you!

### It's time for a change in Hiltingbury



When Conservatives suggested that land at Oakmount Road might be developed, the Lib Dem team stepped in quickly!

### Conservative Tax Muddle

The Conservatives have published plans which would cost YOU another £2 million each year\* - that's the same as an extra £40 on your Council Tax! We can't afford a Conservative Council in Hiltingbury!

\* Source: Conservative election leaflet, Chandler's Ford West

Eastleigh's
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### Three things to remember -

- The Conservatives have let us down. The County Council has nearly doubled Council Tax and wants thousands more houses here.
- <u>Labour can't win here</u>. Labour has come last in elections here for years - <u>only</u> votes for the Lib Dems can stop the Conservatives!
- The Liberal Democrats keep in touch all-year-round. Lib Dems have kept their promises holding down tax and improving local services.

# Make YOUR vote count!

Labour always come last in Hiltingbury elections. It's a two-horse race here between the Lib Dems and the Tories!



ONLY your vote for Liberal Democrat Dale Lane gets action for Hiltingbury!



On Thursday, the Best Person for the

Dale LANE





## The Best Choice for our area on Thursday!

Your team of Lib Dems are campaigning on all of the BIG issues. Here are just SOME of the issues we have been working on - listening to local people, working with you to sort out local problems, and then getting ACTION for Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury! Back our winning team on Thursday!



# Improving our Open Spaces and Recreation

A Lib Dem-led Local Area Committee after 10th June will give higher priority to tidying up and improving our public areas. Our list for action includes:

- the Oakmount Road open space (right), already saved from building by the Lib Dems
- land around North Millers Dale
- re-opening the Pennine Way open space and play area
- new play equipment for Fryern
   Recreation Ground
- Hiltingbury Rec (below)



### **Waste / Recycling**

Our Lib Dem team have won national recognition for our record on recycling. Last year our garden waste

service was a great success - and we are next going to launch free glass collections from your own doorstep!



### **More Housing?**

We've said "NO" to the prospect of major new greenfield development to the west of Valley Park, or on major greenfield sites in our Borough's parishes.

Both Southampton City Council and Test Valley Borough Council support the Lib Dem Borough Council's "Local Plan" which says that housing development should be concentrated in Southampton City, rather than on greenfield sites between Eastleigh and Romsey.

Chandler's Ford's Conservatives have refused to support this policy. Why?



### Buses and Trains

Lib Dem Eastleigh gives more support to public transport - the best way of tackling congestion than **ANY** other Borough in Hampshire.

We're working with rail operators too to look for service improvements.



**Street Care** 

Your local Lib Dem team has a

sorting out local issues - from

getting street nameplates

We get the job done!

sorting our abandoned cars, to

grass cutting around our area.

repaired, to tackling problems with

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record of action second to none on

This year we have once again increased the value of bus tokens for the over 60s - and now we've "Nite Buses" for the young too!

# A record of ACHIEVEMENT

Just look at SOME of the things the Lib Dems have achieved when running Eastleigh Council...

- Town Centre redevelopment with the Swan Centre
- Opening up of the Itchen Valley Country Park
- Continuing improvements at Fleming Park - bowling green, golf course club house, new tennis courts with more to come
- Action for Hiltingbury Rec
- Business Centre Wessex House
- Affordable housing in the town centre including the Church of the Resurrection
- Opened up the Council to the public with speaking rights
- An end to centralisation with Local Area Committees taking local decisions including ALL planning issues

### Your Local Area Committee

The Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury Local Area Committee handles ALL the planning applications in our area and takes other local decisions. For the last two years there has been a Conservative majority - with 6 Conservatives and 2 Lib Dems. Liberal Democrats have led the way in consulting and involving local people in planning. A Lib Dem-led Local Area Committee after the elections on Thursday will put people first in planning decisions.



#### **Action on Traffic**

Lib Dem-led Eastleigh Borough has the best record in Hampshire of promoting 'Safer Routes to Schools'. But the responsibility for roads and traffic is with Conservative-run Hampshire. We want the Local Area Committee to do more on traffic issues - it's one of local residents' biggest concerns.

Sandra Gidley and Chris Huhne with Lib Dem Councillors at Hursley Road

On traffic issues, a Lib Dem-led Local Area Committee after Thursday's elections will:

- get action on the Bodycoats Rd study agreed TWO
   YEARS AGO but not acted on by the Conservative LAC
- press the County Council on its promise of a lorry ban on local Hiltingbury roads
- continue funding cycle paths and safe routes to school





Action - all-year-round - every year!