



Delivered to residents in Avery Hill, Crown Woods, Eltham Town Centre & New Eltham

Stop stalling - just scrap the unfair tax!

Mark Pattenden and the local Liberal Democrats are calling on the Government to stop stalling and be decisive in scrapping the Council Tax and replacing it with a local Income Tax based on the ability to pay.

Cllr Mark Pattenden said "By putting off Council Tax revaluation, the Government is not taking any action to address the unfair way the Council Tax is hurting the poorest in our society."

Council Tax levels in Greenwich have increased 34% over the last five years and indications from the Labour Government show that they expect another big rise next year too.



Local Lib Dem campaigners calling for the unfair council tax to be scrapped earlier this year.

Cllr Pattenden says, "Many pensioners and low paid workers are struggling to make ends meet. When the Council Tax rises again next year on top of Gas, Electricity and Water Rates that have already risen well above inflation, many pensioners and low wage earners will be hardest hit again."



Cllr Mark Pattenden (left) welcomes Michael Lewis to the Eltham South Lib Dem FOCUS team.

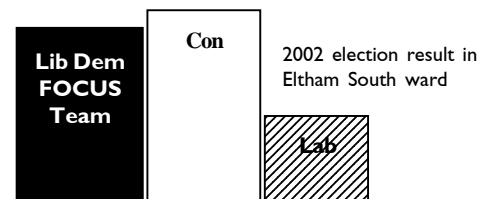
Michael joins the team

Cllr Mark Pattenden is pleased to welcome local resident Dr Michael Lewis to the Lib Dem Focus Team. Michael is an archaeologist based at the British Museum and has lived in New Eltham with his wife and two children for eight years.

Mark Pattenden said "I have known Michael for many years and I know he will work hard for local people."

Michael Lewis added "I am looking forward to working with Cllr Mark Pattenden to improve our local environment and get things done for local residents. The Liberal Democrats provide a strong voice for our local area on the council."

The Result last time.....



Remember only the Lib Dems can beat the Tories in this area. Labour came third in 2002

Axe the tax

- join the campaign to scrap the unfair Council Tax

To: The Prime Minister, Tony Blair

We call on the Government to scrap the unfair and outdated Council Tax and replace it with a fair alternative based on the ability to pay.

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Return to: Greenwich Borough Liberal Democrats, FREEPOST LON15707, London SE9 5BR

Your local Lib Dem Councillor Mark Pattenden holds regular surgeries as follows:

Anstridge Community Centre, Anstridge Road
First Saturday of each month; 11am - 12 noon

New Eltham Library

Last Saturday of each month; 11am - 12 noon (not December)

If you'd like to bring something to the Lib Dem FOCUS team's attention, we can be contacted as follows:

101 Churchbury Road, Eltham SE9 5HX

Tel. 8265 7200

or email Mark at mark.pattenden@greenwich.gov.uk

Your Local Lib Dems Working All Year Round

Concern over Avery Hill park safety

Cllr **Mark Pattenden** has called on the council to commit to rebuilding the café in Avery Hill Park, which was destroyed recently in an arson attack.



Local councillor **Mark Pattenden** outside the gutted café in Avery Hill Park

"It is vital for Avery Hill Park that the café is rebuilt as quickly as possible," said Cllr Mark Pattenden. "But it is just as important for both the council and the police to look carefully at security in the area. When the café is rebuilt I hope that proper security can be put in place to protect it.

"The number of park wardens has been cut back significantly over the last few years. In addition the neighbourhood police team is not able to patrol the park properly. We should be looking to improve security and safety right across the park."

Online survey launched

Mark Pattenden, Michael Lewis and the Lib Dem FOCUS team have launched an online survey to enable local residents to have their say on issues around Eltham South.

You can complete the survey by going to:
www.greenwich.libdems.org.uk/surveys/

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Wythfield Road

Following complaints from local residents about anti-social behaviour and under-age drinking, Cllr **Mark Pattenden** has spoken to the local police inspector.

"The gangs of young people in the local area can be quite intimidating. I have asked the local police to keep an eye on the situation," said Cllr Pattenden.

"Of course the plans to allow the local petrol station to sell alcohol all hours of the day will only make matters worse."



The Tarn, Court Road

Cllr **Mark Pattenden** (above) has contacted the Council to get the fence on Court Road repaired. It has been over a month since it was demolished and the temporary fence is unsafe and an eye-sore.

DELIVERERS NEEDED

FOCUS is entirely delivered by local volunteers who give up an hour of their time to deliver to local residents.

Deliverers are currently needed for the following areas: Crown Woods Way, Greenacres, Ivor, Grove, Linsted Court, Southend Close, Contact your local Lib Dem councillor if you can help.



Around the Ward

Over the last few months your local ward councillor **Mark Pattenden** has been busy taking up the concerns of local residents:

24 hour licence application – Esso petrol station

Cllr **Mark Pattenden**, pictured left, with some of the many responses from local residents to the 24 hour alcohol licensing application for the Esso petrol station on Eltham High Street.

Mark says "Thank you to everyone who wrote to object. It's hard to see how a petrol station selling alcohol 24 hours a day will improve the local community!"



Blanmerle Road

Local resident **Michael Lewis** has joined Cllr **Mark Pattenden** in calling for action on speeding traffic in Blanmerle Road.

Michael said "Living locally, I can appreciate the concerns of local residents about cars speeding along the road."

Cllr **Mark Pattenden** and **Michael Lewis** will be conducting a survey of local residents to canvass views on what should be done.



Sparrows Farm

Cllr **Mark Pattenden** spoke out on behalf of local residents at the recent planning meeting about Charlton Athletic's proposals to expand their training ground.

Cllr **Pattenden** said "Many people contacted me about the impact of the additional traffic in Sparrows Lane. They were also concerned about the new entrance on Footscray Road and how dangerous the turning could be at Southend Crescent."

"The response from the Labour council was fairly poor. It only asked Charlton to 'explore the need for traffic management'. But local residents already know that there is!"



It matters what you think..

Please use this space to let us know of any further views or problems.

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Help the local Lib Dem team

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- I can display a poster at election time.
- I would like to join the Liberal Democrats.
- I would like to make a donation (please make cheques payable to Greenwich Borough Liberal Democrats).