Focus

On Somersham

News and views from Tony Jebson and the Liberal Democrat team



Our Villages need a stronger voice on the District Council

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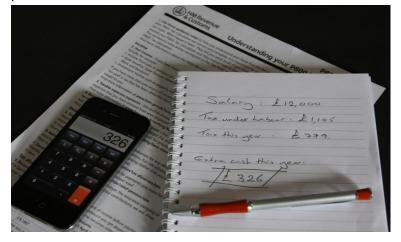
I am honoured to be a member of the Parish Council and also to have been asked to stand again on behalf of the Liberal Democrats in the forthcoming District Council election. I am determined to help improve the quality of life in Somersham and the surrounding villages and make the area an even better place to live and work.

I believe the Liberal Democrats are able to deliver this best because of their commitment to:

- cutting taxes for low-earners
- increasing funding for our schools to help children from poorer backgrounds
- helping people learn real skills so they can live real lives

Cutting taxes for the lowest paid

The income tax rates for someone on minimum wage crept up many times under Labour. Liberal Democrats in coalition government have already slashed tax by £326 for Britain's lowest paid.



Investing in communities



We Liberal Democrats know from our experience in local government that jobs are only created when the conditions are right.

That is why we are committed to ensuring the right conditions are in place: that means lower corporation tax, better transport and better housing.

To help achieve this the coalition government will invest:

- An immediate £20m investment to improve the A14 between Huntingdon and Cambridge.
- £6.75m to improve broadband in Cambridgeshire

Improving the guided bus

Though the guided bus provides welcome access to Cambridge, it suffers from poor timetabling, causes serious congestion in St Ives and is not well integrated with other means of transport.

The Liberal Democrats want to improve the service to ensure it provides the best possible access for those who work in Cambridge.

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Cutting taxes for ordinary families

Thanks to the Liberal Democrats, 25 million ordinary people have already received a tax cut. This is part of the Liberal Democrat commitment that no one should be paying \underline{any} tax on the first £10,000 they earn.

"By 2015, most people will not pay tax on the first £10,000 they earn," Cambridge MP Julian Huppert said.

"This was a manifesto commitment that we have insisted on since entering coalition government."

From April, nearly 108,000 people in the East of England will have been lifted out of paying tax altogether and almost 2.4m basic rate tax payers will receive a £130 tax cut.

Liberal Democrats will not stop there: in April 2013, the Income Tax threshold will be raised to £9,205 bringing the total tax cut for basic rate tax payers to £546.

In the East of England, that means that a total of 183,000 people will have been lifted out paying Income Tax and another 2.2m will get another tax cut.

Over £2,000,000 a year extra for our schools in 2012 – 2013

The Liberal Democrats in government are injecting much needed cash into schools with children from poorer backgrounds.

Schools can decide how to spend the money. This means the money can be spent in ways that help those children who are falling behind.

Local MP Julian Huppert commented, "this was a Lib Dem manifesto promise that has seen its way to government policy."

Labour opposed this extra money for schools on a number of occasions.

Full details of how much each school is getting is available on the Department of Education website.

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Real skills for real lives

Young people's skills in the work place have been neglected until recently. In a balanced economy, we must ensure that people can get the skills necessary in the way that best suits them and meets the demands of employers.

That is why Liberal Democrats have been overseeing a record expansion in apprentices in the East of England: last year alone, nearly 40,000 people across the region were learning and earning on an apprenticeship – up 68% on Labour's record.

We're not stopping there, with a commitment to an additional 250,000 apprentices nationally by 2015.



Finally a word about myself

I have lived in Somersham since 2006 and am an engineer working on the next generation of computer processors, and have considerable professional experience in solving difficult problems and in planning and implementing complex projects. Outside of work, I love history – from Roman to Medieval – and am a life-long Sale Sharks supporter.