

# Focus

Warboys and Bury

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## Our Villages need a stronger voice on the District Council

### All ready to work for you

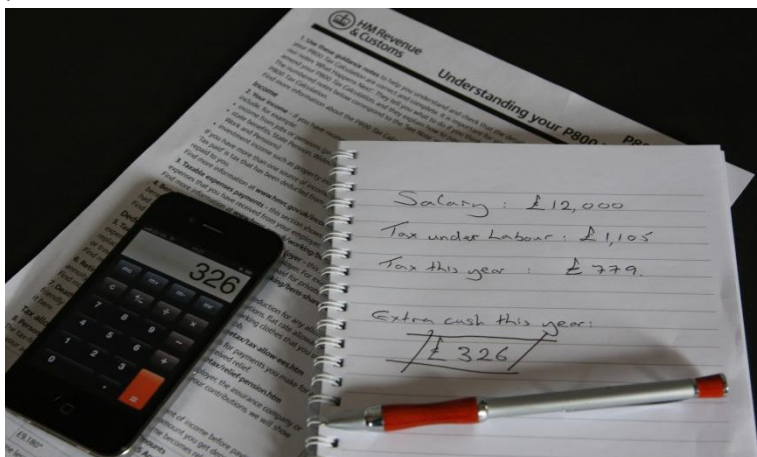
I am honoured to have been asked to stand as a Liberal Democrat for Warboys and Bury in the forthcoming District Council elections. I am determined to help to improve the quality of life in these villages and to make the area an even better place to live and work. I have already done it for Somersham now help me to do it for you. (see back page)

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 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, serious congestion in St Ives and is not well integrated with other transport.

The Liberal Democrats want to improve the service to ensure it provides the best possible access for those who live in Warboys and Bury and those who work in Cambridge. As I am a member of The Institute of Advanced Motorists transport is my passion so want to get the best for us. With your vote I can.

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

## 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 in 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

When I was 16 years old I was lucky enough to have a choice of apprenticeships and at 21 was a qualified electronics technician. Now 45 years later I can afford to devote all my time to helping others.

Already, between 1995 and 2004 I was the District Councillor for Somersham where I was able to improve the safety of the residents in the sheltered housing by just having a front door installed. Good ideas do not have to cost a fortune. There are some in Warboys that need the same. I was able to persuade the District council to install skate ramps for otherwise disruptive youths. I influenced the installation of the safety camera at the Hemsbys junction where accidents were reduced from 16 to zero in a year. I could do the same for you if you elect me. Also find out how we could save £3Billion. Call me.



## 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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