

**This election is about choosing the best Councillor for Mount Hermon**

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## **Councillor Ian Johnson: Fighting for our area**



**Woking Council election on Thursday 2nd May - photo ID needed to vote**

# IAN JOHNSON TAKES ACTION TO PROTECT WOKING PARK



In response to residents' concerns about public safety, Lib Dem Councillor Ian Johnson took action to get Woking Borough Council to install street lighting and, more recently, CCTV in Woking Park.

Councillor Ian Johnson said, "Protecting and enhancing Woking Park is important as green open spaces are at a premium. That is why I ensured that the temporary buildings in the overflow car park for the new Hoe Valley School were removed as originally promised, when the new school was built in Egley Road."

Ian Johnson supports the proposed extension of the Hoe Valley Flood Prevention Scheme in the Park and boardwalk in White Rose Lane.

Ian Johnson and fellow ward councillor Liam Lyons had raised concerns about vandalism at the waterfall and the state of upkeep of the ponds and are pleased to see action has now been taken.

Councillor Liam Lyons added, "We will continue to follow up residents' concerns where standards drop."

## **DEMAND BETTER THAN BREXIT**

For nearly three years the Lib Dems have been fighting consistently for an exit from Brexit. They want the people, not the politicians, to have the final say on Theresa May's unpopular Brexit deal, with the option to stay in the European Union.

On 14th March, MPs voted on whether to give the people the final say on Brexit. Despite being the official opposition, over 200 Labour MPs failed to back a People's Vote.

On 23rd March, many Woking residents were amongst the million people who marched to Parliament Square to demand a People's Vote on the Brexit deal.

Lib Dem County Councillor Will Forster said, "Brexit is a national embarrassment and will be a disaster for Britain, whether it is delivered by Theresa May's Tories or Jeremy Corbyn's Labour Party. It will be bad for jobs, the environment, the economy and the NHS. The Lib Dems demand better for Britain."

Will Forster added, "Woking's MP, Jonathan Lord, should be representing the majority of local people that want to remain in the EU. Woking is a pro-European area, yet our MP is out of step with us on the major issue of our time."

Please vote Lib Dem on 2nd May to send a clear message about Brexit. This could be your last chance to vote before Brexit happens.

# It's Ian Johnson or Conservatives here!



# GUILDFORD ROAD

The project to upgrade Victoria Arch and the A320 is much needed and has been the subject of a long running campaign by Councillor Ian Johnson and the Lib Dems.

Ian Johnson said, "Improvements to Woking Station and the A320 are important yet impact on businesses and residents above the shops. That is why I have called on Woking Borough Council to make sure that those affected are given assistance to relocate if the project is approved. Woking Council has a responsibility to residents and businesses and it must support those impacted by this potential development."



Ian Johnson has long called for a better Victoria Arch, but wants the Council to help those negatively impacted by the plans.

# COMMUNITY SERVICES



Ian and Rosemary Johnson support vulnerable people in Woking.

Vulnerable people need help and Ian Johnson is concerned that Surrey County Council's spending cuts could reduce services. He wants to make sure that any gaps are filled by Woking Borough Council.

Ian Johnson said, "I am keen for Woking Council to keep providing funding to key local voluntary and charitable organisations. Maintaining the grants Council provides to groups is ever more critical. My wife Rosemary and I are strong supporters of services for local vulnerable residents. We must never forget about those less fortunate."

## What we're fighting for in Mount Hermon

### ✓ Transport and parking

Ian Johnson and Lib Dems want to freeze car parking charges to attract shoppers and support local businesses. We will seek to find sites for "Park and Ride" or "Park and Stride". We will work with the County Council to try to get more local and cheaper bus services. We will make cycling safer by investing in cycle lanes.

### ✓ Homes that meet local needs

Ian Johnson and the Lib Dems will limit future new buildings in the town centre to 15 storeys. Woking Council is failing to meet its target of building 102 new affordable homes a year. As a result around 150 families are in B&Bs and temporary accommodation, some in Slough. The Lib Dems will house these families properly.

### ✓ Protecting the local environment

Ian Johnson and the Lib Dems will make it easier for you to recycle. Ian got the Council to introduce on-the-spot fines for litter dropping. We will encourage local businesses to go plastic free, look at better ways to re-use or dispose of bulky waste and plant more wild flowers on Council land.

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## Local champion Ian Johnson

- ✓ Ian Johnson has served residents as a Councillor for 25 years and has a track record for getting things done. Ian believes that dealing with concerns of residents, like planning or parking issues, is important.
- ✓ Ian Johnson was Mayor of Woking in 2005/6 and supported LinkAble, a local charity which provides activities for disabled people.
- ✓ Ian Johnson is part of a strong Lib Dem team in Mount Hermon. Along with Liam Lyons and Will Forster, Ian keeps in touch with and helps local people all year round.

OR

## Tory Brexit mess and service cuts

- ✗ The Conservatives have made a complete mess of Brexit. They have damaged our economy and caused uncertainty for Europeans living in the UK.
- ✗ Conservative-run Surrey County Council is closing 5 out of 7 Children's Centres in Woking. Yet Council Tax is going up above inflation.
- ✗ The Conservatives are in Government, and run Surrey County Council, Surrey Police and Woking Borough Council. We need a change from Tory dominance.

LIB  
DEM  
1300

CON  
1283

Mount Hermon election in 2018.

Labour are out of the race in Mount Hermon. Last time, they finished a poor third. Whereas the Lib Dems only beat the Tories by 17 votes.

LAB  
374

It's so close here!