

# WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING FOR IN ST JOHN'S VILLAGE



## ✓ Demand better transport and parking

Rob Leach and the 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 cycle parking safer with better lighting and more CCTV.

## ✓ Homes to meet local needs

Rob Leach and the Lib Dems will update planning guidance so 15 storeys is the maximum future height new buildings can be built in the town centre, with much lower building heights in our villages and communities. We will provide the homes that people need by providing 102 affordable homes each year.

## ✓ Protect our environment

Rob Leach and the Lib Dems will make it easy for you to recycle and bring the stiffest penalties on those who dump rubbish. We will encourage local businesses to go plastic free. We will look at better ways to re-use or dispose of bulky waste. We will plant more wild flowers on Council land to support bee and insect populations.

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# YOUR CHOICE FOR ST JOHN'S VILLAGE

LIB  
DEM  
1219

CON  
1163

How this area  
voted in 2018.

LAB  
302

Voters are getting behind Lib Dem Rob Leach as the only chance to stop the Conservatives in St John's Village and Woking Borough.

Locally, people know Labour cannot win in St John's. At the last election, the Lib Dems beat the Tories by only 56 votes. Labour finished in a distant third.

That is why more and more Labour voters are backing Lib Dem Rob Leach to defeat the Conservatives this time.

## It's a two horse race in our area

Just look at the facts..

- 1** The Lib Dems only defeated the Conservatives by just 56 single votes in St John's last time.
- 2** If the Tories lose 1 seat to the Lib Dems at the local elections, they will lose overall control of the Council.



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# ROB LEACH

## Working hard for St John's



## On May 2nd, vote for -

**Rob LEACH**

Liberal  
Democrats

**X**



# Rob Leach: A REAL Record of Action for St John's



## Rob Leach's record on the environment

When Rob Leach was a Councillor on Woking Borough Council, he campaigned for the introduction of the upgraded pathway next to the canal.

Rob Leach said, "It is disappointing to hear from residents that the pathway is not always kept in good condition. If elected, I will work to ensure it is maintained properly for pedestrians, cyclists, pram and wheelchair users. The Council should introduce an e-bike scheme and providing power points for e-bikes in the town centre and St John's.

Rob Leach added, "The Council should also look at the drainage problem on St John's Lye, which is currently unusable for much of the year. It is great that some shops now provide free water bottle refills, if elected, I would look for ways to reduce the use of disposable coffee cups too."

## Rob Leach - Working hard for St John's



**Rob Leach is a former Councillor for part of St John's and is keen to serve the area again.**

**Rob Leach served on Woking Borough Council from 2004 until 2011 in the ward which included the Kingsway and Goldsworth Road area. He worked to improve the canal footpath including the stretch from St John's village to the town centre. He was also appointed as a trustee of the Woking Association of Voluntary Service.**

Now semi-retired, Rob is a free-lance training consultant, having spent most of his career in the Home Office, including service as an

Immigration Officer and in the Prison Department. He was later appointed Training Officer for the Medical Research Council and was also a tutor in what became the National School of Government.

In his spare time, Rob is on the Management Committee of a Short Stay School, is a regular gym user and was for many years Assistant Director of Woking Youth Theatre. He loves languages and can get by in Italian, German and Dutch.

## Funding for buses

Uncontrollable costs and reductions in government funding means the money available for concessionary fares, the national 'free bus pass' scheme, was underfunded by an estimated £652 million.

Rob Leach said, "Councils are being increasingly forced to subsidise the national free bus pass scheme. Bus services are vital for our communities and are a lifeline, keeping our poorest and most vulnerable residents mobile. The Conservatives need to properly fund bus services."



**Rob Leach wants better bus services.**

## Paying more for less in Woking under the Tories

**Local people have received their Council Tax bills with well above inflation rises - a Band D Council Tax bill is now £1,954.53.**

Councillor Ken Howard and the Lib Dems have highlighted that Council Tax in Woking has gone up from £1,482 in 2009/10 to £1,954 today, an increase of 31.8%, despite the Conservatives cutting essential services.



**Rob Leach and Ken Howard oppose people paying a third more in Council Tax for fewer services.**

Rob Leach said, "It is appalling that Council Tax has gone up by over a third in a decade. I know many households in St John's are already struggling with the cost of living and this latest hike will hit those on fixed incomes the hardest and be unaffordable for many."

Rob Leach added, "The Conservatives running Surrey County Council are cutting public services left, right and centre - from cuts to social care and libraries to closing Children's Centres, including the one in St John's. Despite paying more Council Tax, we are getting fewer services."