

Andover FOCUS

Local barrister chosen as parliamentary candidate



Alex Payton and some of the Andover Lib Dem team

North West Hampshire Liberal Democrats have chosen local campaigner Alex Payton as their prospective parliamentary candidate .

40 year old Alex is a barrister who specialises in civil law. He is a councillor in Newbury and has previously been a councillor for, and mayor of, Thatcham.

Accepting the nomination Alex said he was proud to represent the Liberal Democrats and their successes in coalition. Achievements such as the £12,600 tax threshold, the triple lock on pensions and the pupil premium have made a

real difference to local people and would not have been introduced without the Lib Dems in government.

Alex will work with local councillors dealing with the problems of the large scale housing developments in the constituency, improving road and transport links and ensuring local people have an effective local voice in parliament.

Victory for Andover bus campaigner

After a four year campaign of petitioning and lobbying by town councillor Barbara Carpenter Stagecoach agreed to introduce a Sunday bus service in Andover

The new Star 1 service which started in July runs from 9:30 to 5:30 has been welcomed by local residents. For the first three weeks the service was free.

A delighted Barbara said "Not everyone has a car. Many residents were missing out on getting to the shops, farmers market and other activities taking place in the town centre on Sundays."

If you have any comments about local bus services let us know using the reply form overleaf.



Alex Payton welcomes tax cuts for millions of workers

Millions of workers will benefit from the biggest tax cut in a generation thanks to changes delivered by Liberal Democrats in government. From April the personal tax allowance will rise to £10,600. 27 million people will get a tax cut, over 3 million will pay no income tax at all. Anyone on an average salary will get the equivalent of a ten-week income tax break.



Alex Payton

The raise in threshold gives workers an £825 tax cut this year. Increasing tax allowances was on the front page of our 2010 manifesto. The Conservatives said wasn't affordable - but thanks to the Liberal Democrats in government, millions of workers will take home more of their hard earned cash.

Welcoming the news North West Hampshire's Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate Alex Payton said "Millions benefit from raising the tax threshold. But, those on lower incomes benefit the most, with over 3.5 million people taken out of paying income tax altogether. By April 2015 there will be 27 million people who will gain from paying less income tax."

Solving the problem of advertising A-boards

Liberal Democrats are calling on county councillors to start talking to solve the problem of A-boards in Andover town centre.

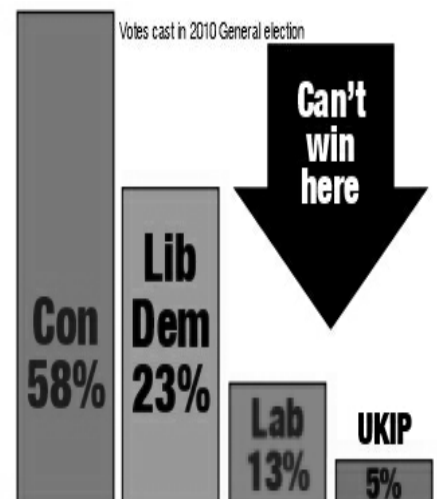
Alex Payton says "adequate and appropriate advertising is essential for businesses. These boards have been used effectively in Andover and elsewhere for many years and should be permitted. But there must be controls. They must not block the highway or cause a hazard for disabled or visually impaired people."

Councillors Katherine Bird and Nigel Long added "We are working with TVBC, local businesses and the town centre manager to implement a reasonable solution as soon as is possible. At Katherine's suggestion funding is available for a major project to enhance the town centre for businesses. We hope the county councillors will stop point scoring and support us on this."



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