



FOCUS

May 2014

Baughurst & Tadley North *Election Special 2*

Chris Curtis

Gaining 'a fair share' for Baughurst & Tadley North



This Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council election is about *local* people paying for and receiving *local* services. For many years people in Baughurst and Tadley have said that they are not getting a fair share of the resources at the disposal of the Borough Council – resources appear to be spent for the benefit of people living in Basingstoke. Access to the facilities in Basingstoke is generally more difficult,

particularly in the evening when there is inadequate public transport.

Chris Curtis promises that if you elect him as your representative he will be putting your wishes on the council's agenda for discussion and will support proposals that benefit this area.

He also undertakes to consult you and keep you informed about what is happening, regularly through *FOCUS*.

Chris Curtis campaigning for:

-  Help for Community Projects
-  Improving recycling rates
-  Looking after our environment
-  Housing for local people
-  Better public transport

Help for Community Projects

Chris Curtis wants to see the Borough Council provide more funding to assist local projects. Barlow's Park Sports Field (established when Liberal Democrats shared control on the Borough Council) has high energy costs which could be reduced if the Council invested in solar panels at this site.

The money would come from the renewable energy fund established last year – Conservatives put aside £1,000,000 into this fund – Liberal Democrats campaigned for £10,000,000. However, after a year, **NOTHING HAS BEEN SPENT!**

Chris Curtis wants the Borough Council to stop hoarding your money, which is gaining little interest, and invest it in community schemes such as Barlow's Park. Other Councils have worked on schemes with housing associations, old peoples homes, etc. to slash their energy bills.

Conservatives on the Borough Council lack the will.



Chairman of Barlow's Park Management Committee, Jo Slimin, updates Chris Curtis on the development and problems facing Barlow's Park



No Green Waste site Provide a *free* Green Waste collection instead?

Conservative County and Borough Councils continually ignore requests for a local site to serve Baughurst and Tadley. They expect local residents to travel to Padworth, Basingstoke or Newbury, or pay for collection.

Your Liberal Democrat Focus Team has campaigned for a local site and continues to do so. A radical alternative suggestion supported by **Chris Curtis** – Free Green Waste Collection – would more than double recycling (Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council has a very poor rating*) saving the need to provide a local site.

** Highest recycling rate in Hampshire is in Eastleigh, a Liberal Democrat led Borough Council.*

On Thursday
May 22nd

VOTE

Chris Curtis



Your Lib Dem Team works hard all year round to resolve your problems

Where is the Management Plan for Wigmore Heath?

Wigmore Heath is designated as a damp heathland. Local residents took care of the area until the Borough Council took it over and promised a management plan.

Mike Bound has been chasing the plan for several years – in 2011 and 2012 he was told that someone was working on the plan – in 2014 we are now told that they are *planning* to have a management plan, for this asset!

In the meantime this valuable heathland resource is deteriorating and will need a massive amount of work to restore it to what it should be.

Getting a proper long-term management plan is being frustrated by the continual Conservative budget cuts.

Chris Curtis supports the need for a clear management plan and will join with Mike Bound in the campaign to achieve one.



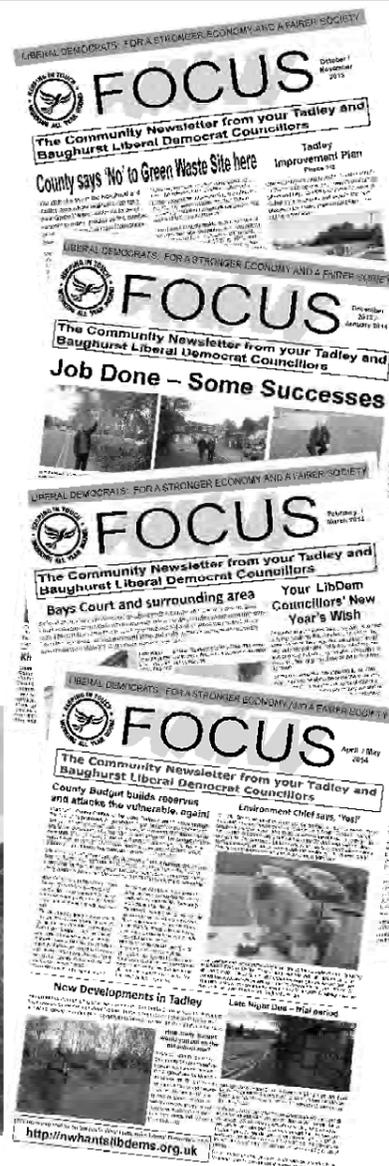
Chris Curtis and Councillor Mike Bound discussing Wigmore Heath

Houses for local people needed

Chris Curtis supports the need to build housing in Baughurst and Tadley both for the young people, and to help those who want to down-size as they get older and need smaller properties.

'We need sites which are suitable for small-scale development, like the old infant school site the County Council owns on Newchurch Road, Tadley. However, I will oppose any major developments that are proposed.'

Chris Curtis at the Newchurch Road site discussing the possible housing development with County Councillor Warwick Lovegrove



Focus keeps you 'in touch'

Your Liberal Democrat councillors use *FOCUS* to keep you in touch with what they are doing, regularly throughout the year.

They consult on matters which concern you and listen to everything raised by readers. You can contact your councillors with concerns either directly or through the *Focus* email address – tandblibdems@outlook.com.

Contact Chris Curtis:

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The constant battle for our roads

One issue which regularly features in *FOCUS* is that of potholes and safety on our roads. All the members of the Focus Team are frequently made aware of problems – by phone, by email, by word of mouth and often by their regular patrols around the area, on foot or bicycle.

Although hundreds of potholes have been reported to the County Council and many have been repaired, unfortunately often only with temporary repairs, there are still many more repairs to be done.

Road repairs are the responsibility of the County Council, so if you know of problems which need to be attended to then contact your Liberal Democrat County Councillor, Warwick Lovegrove, and he will see that they are dealt with.

Warwick checking the depth of a pothole on Baughurst Road prior to reporting it. This one has been repaired



A strong Liberal Democrat Team for Baughurst & Tadley North

2012 You re-elected

2013 You helped elect

Mike Bound to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council

Warwick Lovegrove to Hampshire County Council

Thursday, May 22nd 2014

Make it three-in-a-row – **Elect Chris Curtis** to serve on Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council