



FOCUS

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Baughurst & Tadley North *Election Special 1*

Chris Curtis

for Baughurst & Tadley North

The local Liberal Democrats have selected an experienced campaigner and former councillor, Chris Curtis, as their candidate for the vacancy on Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council caused by the recent, unexpected, resignation of the Conservative councillor.

Chris Curtis writes ...

"It is a privilege and pleasure to be asked again to stand for the Liberal Democrats in this coming election. I hope to join the hard-working Liberal Democrat Focus Team members already working for you in this area.

I believe that I have the experience required to represent you in a pro-active and positive way on the Borough Council. I believe that Baughurst and Tadley North needs a councillor who will put this area first when considering all the issues that come before the council and one who actively promotes this area within the Borough – for too long we have been the poor relations. The last major development provided by the Borough Council was the Barlow's Park facility, which was when the Liberal Democrats shared power on the Borough Council.

The present Conservative controlled Council appears to hoard money, earning low interest, instead of using it to benefit Borough residents. I want to see better management of the resources available in the Borough, to benefit Baughurst and Tadley residents."



Chris's Priorities – for Baughurst and Tadley North

1. Ensure that Baughurst and Tadley gets a fair share of funding for local projects;
2. Provide appropriate housing for our young people and those who want to down-size;
3. Protect services and re-instate those cuts which have caused hardship.



Chris Curtis was a Hampshire County Councillor for this area from 1981-89, a Basingstoke and Deane Borough Councillor for Tadley South 1991-93, and a Tadley Town Councillor from 1983-95 (serving as Chairman for a number of years).

Having moved from this area, he worked for an International Publisher, becoming Production Director responsible for managing suppliers for the UK, US and other international offices. In 2010 Chris, and his wife Janet, moved back to the area and now live in Baughurst.

Although formally retired, Chris still handles a small amount of Publishing/Print Production Consultancy work for some small publishers. Together, Chris and Janet spend time 'growing-their-own' fruit and vegetables, with any surplus being sold at the monthly Wolverton Village Hall Market. Three years ago, Chris planted an orchard with a hundred fruit trees, mainly apples with a few pear and plum trees.

For more information on the North West Hampshire Liberal Democrats visit:

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ACTION from the Lib Dem team in our area

Pothole battle goes on Residents of Tadley say YES

The battle to fill in all the potholes which have appeared in our roads in the past few months continues. Your Lib Dem Councillors report them as they see them, or as they are reported to them. Recently, many of those which appeared along the road between Baughurst and the A339 have been filled – making it safer for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists. However, temporary repairs are likely to need further attention in the future.



Fly tipping cleared up

Frequent reports of fly tipping are made to the team – the area below was cleared within days of the rubbish being spotted; however the problem often reoccurs.



Councillor Jo Slimin, Tadley Town Council's representative on the working group for a Youth Centre, welcomes the result of the recent ballot. Tadley electors were asked to vote on whether they supported the Council in taking out a £250,000 loan to help pay for a Youth Centre to be built on land behind the Community Centre. Over 42% of residents voted; 60% voting in favour. On 14 April, the Council agreed to Jo's proposal that they now apply for a loan so that, together with other funding, the project can move forward as soon as possible.



Jo Slimin explaining the project to Chris Curtis at the Tadley Community Centre site.

Action on flooding – Stoney Heath

For many years there has been a problem of flooding at the junction of Brook Road, Stoney Heath and Ramsdell Road. As a local resident, Chris Curtis had taken Councillor Warwick Lovegrove to assess the problem. Following a subsequent meeting, with Councillors Lovegrove and Mike Bound, the residents and the County Area Surveyor, action has been taken to alleviate the problem. During the heavy rainfalls at the beginning of the year, this was one area which did not suffer severe flooding.



Action: Kingsclere Quarry – stopped

Action from local residents, supported by Lib Dem Focus Team Councillors, Warwick Lovegrove and Mike Bound, stopped the threat of development at the Quarry on the A339, to recycle building waste. Borough Councillor, Mike Bound, had raised objections to the plan at an earlier stage of the planning process, through the Borough Council. Following his election last May, Warwick Lovegrove took up the cause and he lodged further objections. Happily, the County Council committee voted to reject the application.

Late night bus service

Two and a half years after being taken out of service Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council has agreed to provide funding for a trial late night bus service for nine months. We await final information on when the service will start. When it does, please use it or it will be withdrawn again.

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

What can we do for YOU? Tell us what you think

If you have any comments on this Focus, or if you have a problem which you think we could help with, please get in touch with one of the team below or email us on

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We'd also like to hear from you if you think you could help us – perhaps deliver some Focus leaflets

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