

South Cambs Newsletter

Here is a slightly different version of our regular emailed newsletter - the usual local news but also an election update from us, the three Lib Dem candidates for Histon & Impington and Orchard Park in the current South Cambs district council elections.

Thank you for the warm reception that we have received as we have criss-crossed the streets of Histon, Impington and Orchard Park in the last few weeks of a hard-fought election campaign. It has been a real boost to us.

We have spoken to SO many people in this area who say that they want change in South Cambridgeshire.

People have told us how shocked they were when the Conservatives cut public transport and children's centres but at the same time gave themselves a *thirty* per cent pay rise!

We will get things done

If we win on Thursday, we will waste no time getting to work on the problems affecting us all: tackling potholes, congestion, and all the speculative building going up. This is damaging our community and is happening because the Conservatives are FOUR years late in agreeing a Local Plan.

We need to end local planning chaos. You can read more [here](#)

We will keep in touch

Electing Lib Dem councillors also means having in-touch community champions who will stay in touch all year round and stand up for you at South Cambridgeshire District Council. Even many Labour supporters are supporting us this time as the Liberal Democrats are the only credible alternatives to the Conservatives in South Cambs.

Polling stations will be open on Thursday from 7am to 10pm. You do not need your polling card to vote. If you're not sure where your polling station is, you can find out [here](#).

9,000 potholes in three months

We've been overwhelmed with reports of pot holes: tyre blow-outs, falling off bikes, near-misses by swerving drivers etc. Last year, Cambridgeshire Highways received 7,500 pot hole reports. In the first three months of 2018 it was 9,000 reports.

But when they do shoddy repair work, it counts as being fixed. See these [pictures](#) of so-called "repairs". A particularly dangerous pothole on Park Lane was filled promptly just after Easter but has opened up again.

Please go on-line and [report every pot hole](#) in your street to the county council

Centralised emergency services and a lack of democracy

In another blow to local democracy, our Police & Crime Commissioner is set to take over our Fire Service as well. It seems the government thinks that public services are to be centralised as elective dictatorships, with a single person getting the power to do whatever they like whilst the public have no representatives with the power to get them to rethink their plans.



David Jenkins' report

Your Liberal Democrat County Councillor, David Jenkins, has published his [monthly report](#).

A14 tree felling

Both Histon & Impington and Orchard Park are still reeling from the unannounced felling of so many trees as a part of the A14 upgrade project. They have been spurred into action and there's an A14 action group which David Jenkins drew together. It's non-political and is focussing on a number of work streams including addressing trees, noise and air pollution. Local Lib Dems are active in providing evidence to support building a case for Highways England to do what's right for the two communities. There's a Highways England exhibition at the Histon & Impington Rec on Thursday, 10 May 18, 3-7pm - we hope to see you there. You can see more about this story [here](#)

Thank you again for all your support. If you can take four minutes to vote on Thursday, we will give you four years of service and local action.

All best wishes,

Pippa, Martin & Steve

South Cambridgeshire - Liberal Democrats