

Burpham FOCUS

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LOCAL PEOPLE BACK CAMPAIGN FOR A&E

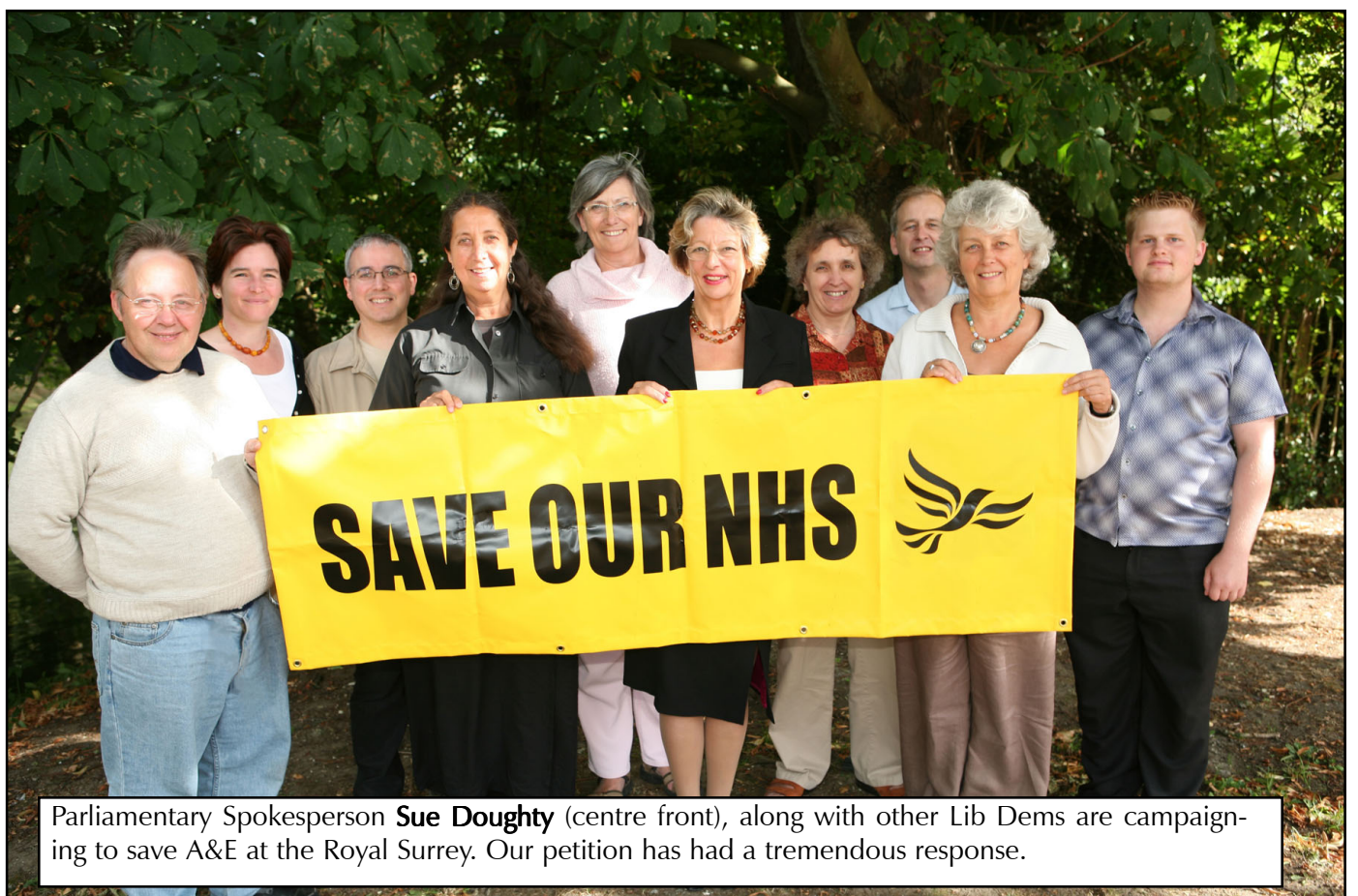
Thousands of local people have signed a Lib Dem petition as the battle intensifies to save A&E at the Royal Surrey.

The department could be under threat due to the massive debts that the Government has lumbered the NHS with.

Lib Dem Parliamentary Spokesperson **Sue Doughty** said, "Local people are rallying round our campaign to avoid these savage cuts. We have received thousands of signatures already."

County Cllr **Eddie Owen** added, "What is happening to our local NHS is a scandal with Cranleigh and Milford Hospitals already set to be lost. I am glad that people have responded so well to Sue's petition."

Sue Doughty has also written to Health Secretary Patricia Hewitt about the local NHS. You can sign our petition online, at: <http://campaigns.libdems.org.uk/guildfordnhs>



Parliamentary Spokesperson **Sue Doughty** (centre front), along with other Lib Dems are campaigning to save A&E at the Royal Surrey. Our petition has had a tremendous response.

New cameras to help fight crime

Guildford Borough will soon benefit from new CCTV cameras.

The Liberal Democrats proposed a number of new sites for CCTV in light of residents' fears about violent crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Conservatives twice rejected the plans before they eventually passed them at a full council meeting.

Cllr **Ted Mayne** said, "CCTV has a very important role in increasing public safety. We are committed to tackling crime instead of Conservative plans to waste £1.5million on the Millmead reception.

"We must now extend the cameras to other places to help protect the public."



Sue Doughty discussing crime with a local police officer. The Lib Dems successfully campaigned for more CCTV cameras in Guildford to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.

Tories ignore protests

Once again ignoring public opposition, the Conservatives have agreed to panic proposals to get around the ban on new housing being built within 5 km of Special Protection Areas (SPAs) such as Whitmoor Common to the north of Guildford.

The Tories claim the new SPA Avoidance Strategy will protect rare ground-nesting birds, by spending over £1 million of planning-gain money on 'improvements' to council-owned countryside, including Riverside Park, to attract people away from the SPAs.

Liberal Democrat councillors argued that the Strategy will not work, and the £1 million would be better spent on benefits to the community such as green space easily accessible to new housing.

Cllr **Ted Mayne** said "This strategy is ridiculous. People living on the other side of town will not get in their car to walk their dogs in Riverside Park. The Conservatives should take note of public opinion and think again."

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County Cllr Eddie Owen, Cllr Ted Mayne and Parliamentary Spokesperson Sue Doughty are delighted that plans to move a play area on to Upfolds Green have been blocked.

Upfolds Green Saved

Upfolds Green has been preserved as a green space after plans to move a play area there were blocked.



Lib Dem Cllr Ted Mayne along with local residents campaigned against the plans, which would have seen much of the green concreted over.

Ted told *Focus*, "I played regularly as a child on this idyllic piece of open space and am delighted that the green has been preserved.

"We need to retain the character which has made Burpham such a pleasant place and I shall strive to ensure the the green belt policies are upheld and the village retains its open spaces."

As a long time Burpham resident, Ted is determined to fight to preserve Burpham's character. Ted explained to *Focus*,

"I have been close to Burpham since I moved to the area in 1952. The small Surrey village has seen massive changes and has grown considerably.

"So many of the residents care compassionately that Burpham does not lose its character and remains as much as possible as it was. This does mean that all planning applications for housing need to be monitored very closely.

"I was concerned about the proposed plans for Upfolds Green. I am also concerned about the future of the Harvester, previously the Green Man.

"This venue has been my watering hole since my teenage years. I am saddened that this landmark may soon be demolished and no longer used as a public house where families can enjoy meals and in the summer eat el fresco.

"For as long as I am representing the people of Burpham on the Borough Council, I will fight to retain the character that makes Burpham special."

Lib Dem recycling scheme coming at last!

Guildford will finally benefit from Borough-wide kerbside collection of plastic bottles, after the Conservatives backed down.

For years, the Lib Dems pushed for the scheme to help reduce landfill and the threat of incineration across Surrey. After rejecting the scheme in February, the Conservatives have finally bowed to Lib Dem pressure.

The next task is to keep food waste out of the black sacks going to landfill. Lib Dem councillors want that collected for composting, and proposed a trial scheme for 2007. So far the Conservatives have refused to commit themselves.

Cllr Ted Mayne said, "I am glad the plastics collection scheme is finally coming to the whole borough - it's just a shame it took the Conservatives so long to see sense. Now we will keep pushing for collection of organic kitchen waste as well."



Cllr Ted Mayne wants to see the local environment protected in Burpham.



Civic Hall latest

Guildford will finally be getting a new Civic Hall after years of Tory dithering were brought to an end.

The new-build project in London Road will cost £20 million+. Plans for a move to the University campus were rejected after a survey carried out by the Lib Dems found less than 2% support.

Cllr Ted Mayne told *Focus*, "It has taken far too long but I am glad we are getting our Civic back. The cost is a big concern though"

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Did you know?

Guildford's Conservative MP has missed over a third of her meetings on Parliament's Health Select Committee.

With health services in Guildford under threat from Government cuts, she has the **worst** attendance record of all the committee members who have been in place since May 2005.

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