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## Action in Lynwood and Sandalwood

Cllr Tony Phillips has lobbied SCC requesting that a street sign be erected advising no pedestrian route to the university.

Tony was informed by the police at a local neighbourhood meeting that revelers returning from a night out were breaking down fences in Lynwood & Sandalwood by climbing over them mistakenly thinking it was a route through to the university. Tony said, "I hope Surrey County Council will agree to the sign which will hopefully do much to rectify the problem."



Concerned Lib Dem Cllr Tony Phillips has lobbied Surrey County Council to improve the signage by Lynwood and Sandalwood.

## Not Chippy Enough?

The Tories' green credentials were shown to be false at a recent Council meeting.

Appalled at Tory plans to scrap the "Nippy Chipper" (the shredding machine which residents can ask to be used to convert their garden waste into mulch), Cllr Lynda Strudwick proposed its reinstatement.

Lynda said, "This is the only area of recycling which returns the material to the householder in a form which is beneficial for the garden."

Lynda also asked for special collections of large green waste to be available to residents if the

Nippy Chipper was to be axed.

"In Onslow Village we have highly protected conservation areas and quite rightly, we are not allowed to uproot trees and hedges, therefore they must be pruned. At least the Council should provide help in maintaining them in the form of special collections for large garden waste - the Nippy Chipper."

As the Tories have nearly doubled the price of the service and have not advertised it very much, usage decreased and so they used this as an excuse to end it.

All this is in spite of refusing a Lib Dem proposal for a lower rate of council tax.

**What would the Tories rather spend money on? See inside.**

## Did You Know?

Your Liberal Democrat councillors are pleased that after many years of campaigning Acoustic barriers are being installed along the A3. This will give residents in Ash Grove much needed noise protection.

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**Meet your Lib Dem councillor:** If you have an issue that you would like help with, we hold a surgery at Millmead on the first Thursday of every month from 6.30pm. Ring 306000 to book an appointment with a Borough or County Councillor.

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## Lib Dems back Uni

## SSHH Scheme

### Silent Students Happy Homes Campaign

Onslow Liberal Democrats have praised the University of Surrey Students' Union for their Silent Students Happy Homes (SSHH) campaign. The campaign promotes respect for neighbours and residents when students are walking home late from a night out.

Lib Dem Campaigner for Onslow, Chris Ward, said: "This campaign is an example of the work the University of Surrey Students' Union carries out in order to integrate our student community into Guildford.

"Respect for residents when walking home from a night out doesn't just extend to students, and is one that many others can follow as well."



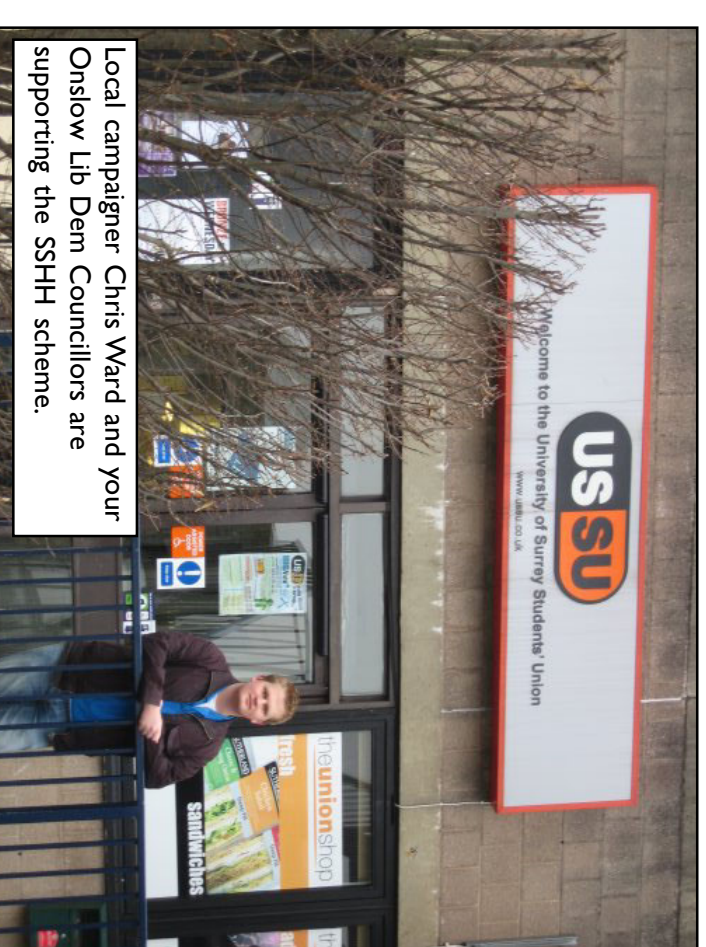
Cllr Tony Phillips is worried about the loss of green space in Guildford Park Avenue.

## Lib Dems = Lower Taxes

Council tax rises, 2006

Tory SCC +5%	Tory GBC +2.48%	Lib Dem GBC Proposal +1.85%
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See inside for a special report on how the Tories tax you high and waste your money



Local campaigner Chris Ward and your Onslow Lib Dem Councillors are supporting the SSHH scheme.

## Planning Disappointment

05/P/01848 proposed erection of a house adjacent 27 Guildford Park Avenue

Cllr Tony Phillips was disappointed that a planning application in Guildford Park Avenue was passed despite concerns of local residents.

Tony, your representative on the Planning Committee, was concerned at the proposal to build a dwelling on another precious green open area on the estate.

He made an impassioned plea at the planning committee to refuse the application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site and loss of a green open space. Unfortunately the application was approved on the casting vote of the Conservative Chairman. Cllr Tony Phillips said, "I am disappointed with the decision of the planning committee not to preserve this green space in the Guildford Park Avenue estate."

## Join the Winning Team!

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  - I can make a donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_
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# Focus Special: How the Tories waste YOUR taxes

## 1) £1.5million prestige plan 2) Council builds war chest

The bill for the Tories' new reception area at the council offices has now climbed to £1,500,000 - as opposed to the £1,000,000 that Focus reported at the end of last year.

Apparently the aim is "to improve disabled access and to upgrade facilities." However, the reception area is fully compliant with disability requirements and the plans cut the number of parking spaces, **reducing accessibility!**

Cllr Tony Phillips said, "This is quite clearly a prestige project and it is an absolutely appalling waste of money."

### How should this be spent?

Only a few changes are needed to help the disabled - such as better lighting and moveable seating - and to improve public safety by relocating deliveries to the rear of the building. These would not cost £1,500,000.

### What do you think?

What would you spend the money on? Safety schemes such as better street lighting and CCTV? Environmental improvements such as better parks and cleaner streets? Facilities like community halls and sports courts?

### Let us know your views

Do you agree that the Tory scheme represents appalling value for money? Would you like to see the money better spent? Please get in touch using the contact details on the back.



Lib Dem councillors Tony Phillips, Pauline Searle, Lynda Strudwick, Caroline Reeves, Ted Mayne and David Goodwin are fighting extravagant Tory plans

## 3) Waste at County Hall



wasted by mismanagement.

During the last year £15 million has been spent on expensive agency costs resulting from poor retention and recruitment policies at County Hall.

Money has also been wasted on expensive external consultants, called in to try to save money!

Another £4 million has been spent on a failed initiative to move the County Offices from Kingston to Woking.

Millions of pounds of your money is being wasted by Conservative-run Surrey County Council.

Anger is growing as local council taxpayers learn that Surrey's portion of council tax is to soar by more than double the rate of inflation - while some services face being cut and money is

With borough council elections in 2007, Guildford Conservatives have once again chosen to use council tax to build up their "war chest".

As well as a "parking reserve" of £100,000 started last year, we taxpayers are now adding to an "Invest to Save" fund of £300,000.

Lib Dems voted against this and instead proposed increasing council tax by just 1.85% - below the rate of inflation - while improving many services, such as:

✓ Extending plastic collection throughout Guildford - nothing in Tory budget.

✓ Reducing litter with a rapid response team - street cleanliness is less than half Tories' own target.

✓ More resource for on-street parking - cut time for lengthy reviews and look into car-share schemes.

✓ Enhancing CCTV/recording equipment - backed by police.

✓ Retain Nippy Chipper service - being axed by the Conservatives (see back page).

The Liberal Democrats also sought: a commitment towards running the Civic when reopened; collections of food waste; and to restore funding for smaller local projects that have been neglected recently.

The Tories rejected ALL of these proposals and the borough's share of council tax will go up by 2.48% - more than Lib Dem-run neighbour Waverley Borough Council.

## Community Speedwatch

Your Liberal Democrat Councillors are hoping that Community Speedwatch will soon start in Onslow to tackle speeding.

A minimum of six volunteers are needed to work with the police monitoring speeds in Onslow, initially in The Chase.

Volunteers record speeds of motorists in a log and offenders travelling too fast will be sent a yellow letter of advice which will also ask for their co-operation in driving within the speed limits in the future. A

maximum of two warning letters will be sent to offenders and if they are caught speeding again they will be targeted for action by police.

Cllr Tony Phillips has received requests from residents for action in other roads. Tony has passed these requests on to the police, who are hoping to install a fixed speed camera on the A31 Farnham Road - although they need to wait for Central Government approval.

Can YOU volunteer for Community Speedwatch? For more info, ring Tony on 828282 or PC Dave Thomas on 07967 988994

## Civic Hall - the saga grinds on

Two years after the Tories decided to close the Civic to avoid spending £81,500 to keep it open, they still have no confirmed plans for a replacement.

The net cost to build a 'state of the art' new Civic, as promised by the Tories, has rocketed from £2m in 2001 to £20m.

They are reluctantly considering refurbishing the existing building - but are still wedded to unnecessary extravagance.

Consultants' plans for development of flats and parking alongside the Civic would not be compatible with refurbishment.

Now the Tories are talking to the University about combining the town's Civic Hall with a Performing Arts Centre on the University campus.

The cost of consultants so far is nearly £1 million - and it is rising fast.

Cllr Lynda Strudwick said, "This situation is getting beyond a



Will the Civic move to the University campus?

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