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It will take time to sort out such major problems, but a lot has already been done and all councillors (apart from the Tories) are united in their determination to repair the damage and get Hart Council back to providing good services and value for our money!

Lib Dem-led Council seeks the best ideas - see inside...

Working for Hart
12 Liberal Democrats
+5 CCH (Church Crookham)
+2 Independents

Sulking & Sniping
16 Conservatives
+ No-one else

Bus to Fleet - Use it or lose it!

Have you used the new no. 79 bus to Fleet yet?

Countywide Buses launched the 79 bus in April for a trial period. They have extended the trial in the hope that numbers will grow so they can keep the service going permanently.

The bus runs hourly every day except Sundays, with additional commuter services Mon-Fri. As well as meeting the trains at Fleet Station, it also goes on to the hospital and town centre.

After losing Londonlink, the 79 is the only public transport link we have with the main line railway to London.

Let’s make sure we use it and keep it!

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All Year Round Service and Action!
Where is Hart Mews?

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Lib Dem-led Coalition seeks the best ideas

No-one has a monopoly of good ideas. But Hart Council needs all the good ideas it can get to sort out the problems caused during the Conservative years. So the Lib Dem-led Council has set up a “Policy Panel” to find them. This will research better ways of doing things and carry out consultation on what people want and think. The Policy Panel has already started its work. It meets in public and all parties on the Council have been invited to join.

Sadly, at the time of writing, the Conservatives have refused to help. They have not appointed anyone to the Panel – so there are 5 empty seats! It is unforgivable for people who have been elected to refuse to help make life better in Hart.

The Conservative Group should be ashamed of themselves! How can we ever trust them again?

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Lib Dems launch green tax switch

Lib Dems want to give the average family a £1,000 income tax cut to save the planet. By switching to green taxes, we can all help switch off climate chaos.

Liberal Democrats will radically change the way we pay tax. Taxing good things - like income - less, and bad things - like pollution - instead.

Then, the more you switch to greener living, the more of your Lib Dem income tax cut you will keep. It’s your choice!

While other politicians just talk about the environment, Lib Dem leader, Menzies Campbell, has won praise for his green tax switch plan to actually do something to tackle growing climate chaos.

“We want fair tax, not more tax,” says Sir Menzies Campbell MP, “but we do want to use tax to reward people who improve the way they live and do their bit to save our environment.”

LIB DEM GREEN ACTION PLAN:

• £1,000 income tax cut for the average family
• Switch Britain to green taxes on pollution
• The more you switch to greener living, the more of your tax cut you keep.

What the Experts are saying...

[Lib Dem tax plans will leave low – and middle – income earners more than £1,000 a year better off – The Guardian.

The Lib Dems are spot on. The range of measures proposed on green taxation are welcome – World Wild Fund for Nature

The Liberal Democrats have outflanked David Cameron with a promise to cut the income tax bills of millions of families by up to £1,000 a year – The Times

Ming Campbell has set the gold standard for green speeches. He was not only rich on vision, but rich on policy details too - Greenpeace

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Allotments for Yateley?

Yateley Town Council are searching for a suitable local site or sites for allotments, after requests from residents.

Chair of the Environment Committee, Cllr Graham Cockarill, said: “We don’t have any allotments anywhere in Yateley, yet many people have small gardens and allotments are a great way of keeping healthy and protecting our environment. We’ll do all we can to find some land.”

Children’s Playground Success!

You have to get up early in the morning to find the new children’s playground at Yateley Green empty!

Usually it is full of happy children enjoying the new play equipment installed by Lib Dem-run Yateley Town Council, working in partnership with local parents who campaigned for grant funding to help pay for it all.

A survey was done to find out which playground parents preferred and this was the overwhelming favourite! We hope the children like it too!

Tories cave in on care cuts

Conservative-run Hampshire County Council recently proposed removing the right to care services from thousands of vulnerable people.

When people are assessed they are turned away if their needs are “low” or “moderate”. They only get help if they have “substantial” or “critical” needs.

To balance their budget crisis the Tories proposed that those with “substantial” needs also be refused. Only those with “critical” needs would get help.

How could any reasonable person agree? The Tories claim not to be the nasty party any more, but look at their actions!

9,300 of those now receiving care have “substantial” needs. Just 4,800 are “critical”. So most in future would have been refused.

As well as harming quality of life, the financial implications were also stupid. Have the Tories never heard of “a stitch in time”? Making sure people don’t fall, that they look after hygiene and eat properly, can all help prevent a condition from worsening.

Thankfully people all over Hampshire told the Tories not to do it and they were forced to back down. So, well done to everyone who