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On **Alton Town**

Alton and Holybourne

Election Special

Tony Ludlow - your Liberal Democrat

County Council Candidate for the election on 4th June



Dear Resident,

Local elections can have a huge impact on our everyday lives, especially in areas such as education, social services, transport and roads. I believe we need a strong local democracy and councillors who are active on our behalf.



Liberal Democrats led the way in changing the way councils work in listening and responding to the views of local residents. I am asking you to vote for me on 4th June so that I can carry on this tradition.

Please use your vote on 4th June; we can make a difference

With best wishes,

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Tony Ludlow

- Is a genuine Liberal with a passion for ensuring social justice
- He believes a good council gets its instruction and ideas from the bottom up: "We'll do it YOUR way"
- Tony has been County Councillor for Alton for the last eight years and District Councillor for fifteen
- He has been deputy leader of the District Council
- He has spent over thirty years in research, including work on the likely effect of climate change on forest growth
- Tony and his wife, Liz, have lived in Alton for over twenty years. It is where their children grew up.

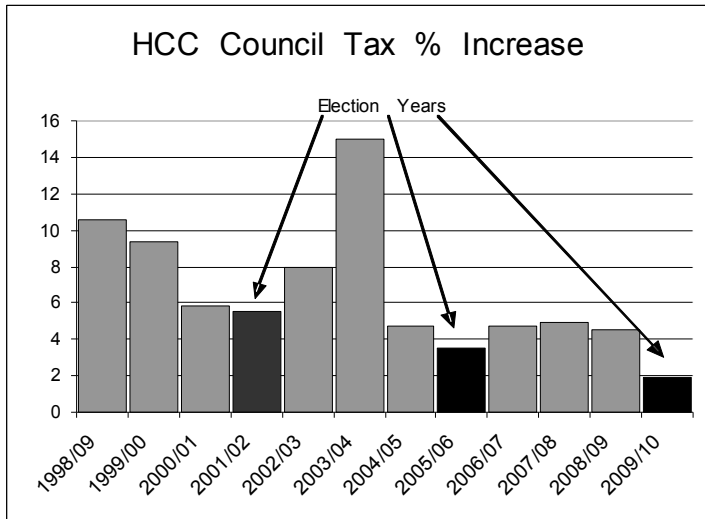


We are the early birds!

- Vince Cable, Lib Dems deputy leader, warned of the impending financial crisis a long time before others caught up.
- Have consistently had a policy to make sure that those on middle to low income don't pay an unfair share of tax.
- Supported investment in greener technologies.
- First councils to create community forums.

Hampshire's Council Tax

What happens to HCC Council Tax when there is an election? They keep it down then put it up again after the election! Surprise!!



However, this year they should have done better. Since April 2006 the Tories have doubled HCC's reserves to £180m. This is extra tax collected from us with no immediate plans for its use! One of the earmarked reserves was set up in case there are large fluctuations in government grant. Lib Dems would use that money now on services - much needed highway repairs, more youth facilities, freezing school meal charges, improving libraries, bus services etc. **Lib Dems also say that, with reserves greater than 10% of annual expenditure, Hampshire Council Council should freeze its Council Tax, and not be taking more of our money. Unlike EHDC, HCC can afford it!**

Vote LUDLOW on 4th June X



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Hampshire Highways are a disgrace

The Conservatives deny our highways are in such a bad state. A year ago they turned down a Lib Dem proposal for a **£4 million** boost to road and footpath maintenance.

Yet just 6 months later they admitted there is a problem and so invented a gimmick called "Pot Hole Busters". This too was under-funded and the problem is inevitably getting worse.

This year, the Tories AGAIN turned down a Lib Dem proposal for a **£5 million** boost to the Highways budget, even though the freezing winter weather had opened up more cracks. Now the council are having to do emergency patch-up work once again.

Tony Ludlow says:

"Highway maintenance MUST be properly funded".

Using YOUR cash to tell YOU how good THEY are??

Hampshire's Conservatives spend £4,000,000 each year on press, publicity and glossy leaflets, trying to convince you how good they are before the elections.

The Lib Dems wanted this budget-for-spin cut in half - to spend instead on helping businesses through the recession, better buses, more youth services and stopping an increase in school meal charges.

The Tories rejected this proposal!!

Did you know?

Hampshire's Conservative Council is content to take record amounts of Council Tax from older residents, yet it has the second lowest spending on Adult Social Services of all 34 County Councils in England and is 30th out of 34 Councils for total support for Older People. Makes you think!

* Source: Audit Commission. Spend/head 2004/5-2008/9