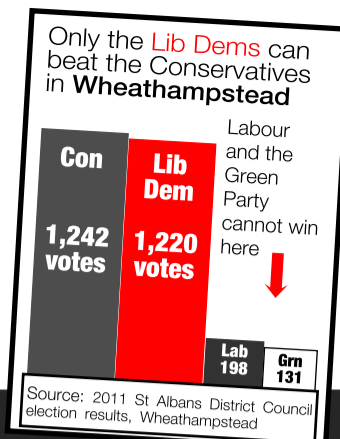


Wheathampstead FOCUS



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April 2012 Edition

Jon Bareham: our #1 choice in May

Dear Residents,

I'm very proud to be your Lib Dem candidate for the District Council elections on May 3rd.

I was **born, brought up and schooled within the District**. I moved to Gustard Wood in 1981, and my wife and I have lived in and around Wheathampstead ever since. Our five children were educated in Wheathampstead and St Albans and they all now live locally.

I have run house building companies for over forty years, and am proud that my latest venture is a leading company in the construction of **high quality, environmentally-sustainable buildings**.

I am passionate about our village and want to ensure that **Wheathampstead retains its**

distinctive character, remaining surrounded by undeveloped Green Belt land.

I am working with the local Liberal Democrat team on issues as varied as **fighting the expansion of Luton Airport** and making sure that our children are given a fair deal when being allocated **places at local schools**, as well as campaigning for **free school transport** to ensure they can attend their secondary schools safely.

I am also a keen member of our local Horticultural Society and of the Wheathampstead Wine Club!

I want to do all I can to **represent all the residents of the village**, ensuring that no section of the community feels that its needs are not heard and addressed.

When issues arise that need someone to voice their feelings and concerns, I want to be there for them, just like my Lib Dem colleague **Chris Oxley** has been over the years.

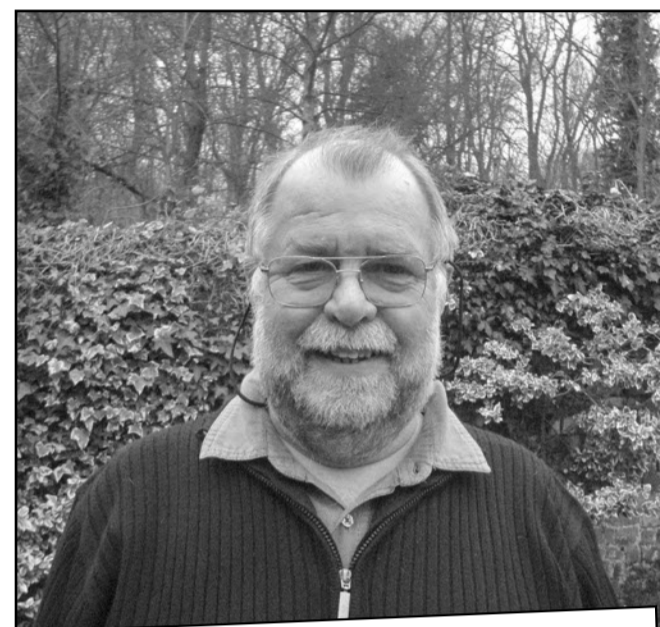
I hope you will support me and **elect me as your next local councillor on May 3rd**.

Yours,

Jon

Jon Bareham

Lib Dem District Council Candidate



Dear Friends,

Until last year, I had been your Lib Dem District Councillor for 19 years, working hard to represent all of you and meeting many of you on the doorstep.

Together with my Lib Dem colleagues, I was closely involved in a number of successes for our village, including building the Hilldyke Centre, bringing the village centre back to life and fighting for school places.

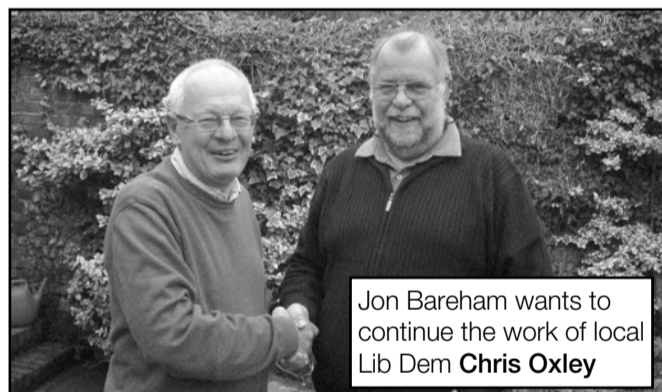
I backed innovative green policies, like the first electricity windmill in the District and solar panels on council houses. As Portfolio Holder for finance, I kept council tax rises as low as possible; indeed, District Council taxes were frozen for the last 3 years we were in control.

Sadly I often met with apathy or worse from the Conservative-controlled County Council, and from the Tory group at the District Council, when I sought to implement new projects.

I believe it is essential that the village has at least one Lib Dem District councillor, challenging the Tory monopoly at District and County.

Jon Bareham is a great Lib Dem candidate who knows the village well. He deserves your support. I hope you will elect him on 3rd May.

Chris Oxley
Alderman Chris Oxley



Jon Bareham wants to continue the work of local Lib Dem **Chris Oxley**

In government, on your side

- Lib Dems in government have ensured that **21m ordinary taxpayers will be £564 better off**, thanks to rises in the income tax threshold between 2010 and 2014.
- From April, the **basic state pension will rise by £5.30 per week, thanks to Lib Dem policy**. The freeze in pensioners' tax allowance (the so-called "Granny Tax") is a policy the Conservatives copied from the 2010 Labour budget; *some* pensioners will lose out by up to £1.62 per week.
- For **every £1 in Conservatives' tax cuts for the richest**, the Lib Dems have insisted on **£5 in anti-avoidance measures and other taxes** on the rich.
- Nationwide, there has been a **63% increase in apprenticeships** since 2009. Lib Dems have ensured £1bn is being invested in the "Youth Contract" to help 500,000 more young people earn or learn.

... and fighting for local people at County Hall & District-wide

Lib Dems are the **main opposition** on Herts County Council; the Conservatives have a large majority, while Labour have just 3 seats out of 77.



- Lib Dems have **consulted with residents** and voiced concerns on the **County Council's plans to switch off some of our street lights at night**. Unlike us, Labour did not question the proposals at the time the decision was made.
- Lib Dems continue to press for **faster, more effective road and pavement repairs**. Each county councillor now has a say on how £90,000 (just 15% of the local Highways budget) is spent. It's not enough say and not enough money to do all the work needed in our area.
- Other issues we're working on include ensuring the County consults properly before it closes any **care home**, securing better **school place provision** and handling **waste management** more sustainably.

To ensure that our towns and villages continue to thrive through times of austerity, St Albans Lib Dems will work on 8 key areas:

- Continue protecting the **Green Belt**, preventing inappropriate development;
- Work with **local businesses** to provide youth apprenticeships;
- Increase support for the **voluntary sector** to help the most vulnerable;
- Restore and protect **grass verges**, wherever they are damaged;
- Provide a **dedicated digital cinema** within the city;
- Complete a **'Green Ring'** footpath and cycleway around St Albans;
- Keep **Council Tax** down, with any rise below the **rate of inflation**;
- Persist in encouraging **recycling** so that it reaches **65% by 2016**.

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Have your say

If there are any issues that you want to raise with us, or any local problems you want us to deal with, please use this space to have your say:

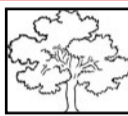
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Can you help?

- Yes, I can help to **deliver** in my road.
- Yes, I will **display a poster** at election time.
- Yes, I would like to **join the Liberal Democrats**.
- Yes, I want to **donate** to the local Lib Dems (please make any cheques payable to "St Albans Lib Dems")

Return to: Jon Bareham, Wheathampstead Lib Dems, 9 Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL1 3RR

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SYSTEM "STILL FAILING", SAY LIB DEMS



Yet again a number of local families are suffering because the Conservative County Council has closed our secondary school.

We are expecting further problems with Junior school places in coming years. Meanwhile, the County Council is proposing to increase the number of secondary school preferences for parents from three to four.

"The system is still failing - but now County will be able to claim that more parents are getting their children into their preferred school," said **Chris Oxley**. "If Jon is elected in May, we can continue to push for a better system."

LUTON'S LUDICROUS PLANS TO DOUBLE PASSENGER FLIGHTS



Plans to double passenger flights at Luton Airport are progressing apace. Lib Dems across the north of our District have united to fight the proposals, which will mean more congestion, more passengers on our already-full trains, and probably more housing plans on our green belt, with the subsequent problems for our local schools.

"I'm proud that the Lib Dems are campaigning to stop the number of passengers at Luton doubling," said **Jon Bareham**. "We want to help the economy, of course, but why should Luton's coffers be filled at the expense of our environment and the peace and quiet of our communities? If elected on 3rd May, I will continue to work with my Lib Dem colleagues to ensure the best possible deal for Wheathampstead."



LABOUR'S LIGHTS LOSS

The county council's Conservative majority group has rejected a carefully-costed Lib Dem opposition plan **to turn back on some of the streetlights** that are now being switched off between midnight and 6 am.

This could have been funded by getting better deals on road repairs, reducing the county council's massive press and publicity budget, reducing senior management posts, getting rid of the county councils surplus buildings and cutting county councillors' free lunches.

Labour, who have claimed to oppose the street light turn off, despite supporting the Tories' original plan, also refused to support the Lib Dems' plans to keep more streetlights on.

Chris Oxley said: "It's typical of Labour to claim to be opposed to something, but when it comes to it, failing to make the tough financial decisions to put their principles into effect - just as they recently did with Council rents. Time and again, only the Lib Dems deliver."

JUST SOME OF THE WAYS THE CONSERVATIVES HAVE FAILED WHEATHAMPSTEAD:

School transport:

County Tories changed the rules for school transport, meaning families suddenly have to pay up to £1,000 per year or send children to school along dangerous roads.



The state of our roads: Tory-run Herts Highways has been found to be the worst-performing compared to services in other Shire counties across the country. The Tory County Council's overhaul of the highways reporting system also created more problems than it solved.

Inappropriate housing plans:

Proposals for housing on greenbelt land in the South of the District, rejected by Lib Dems when in office, are resurrected.

Part Night Lighting:

County's Tories fail to properly consult on plans to switch off lights between midnight and 6 am, rolling out the scheme with no flexibility.

On Thursday 3rd May, vote for

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The No1 choice for Wheathampstead

Our polling station - the Memorial Hall at Marford Road - will be open from 7 am to 10 pm. If you would like a lift, please call Chris on 01582 834 238