

FRESH VOICES FOR MEDWAY WARD

**LOCAL ELECTIONS
2ND MAY**



May's local elections are just a few weeks away.

This leaflet outlines our views on local issues, but what really matters are your priorities for our town, our community.

Medway Ward is represented by three councillors on Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and you have two votes. Please use them both to vote for Liberal Democrat voices.

Make sure your voice is heard on 2nd May.



Jane Lloyd



I have lived in Medway Ward for over 30 years. My children went to local schools. I believe in maintaining the quality of life for local people that I have enjoyed - by preserving our green spaces, public libraries and good schools. The Council should listen to and represent local people more. If elected, I will work to improve the facilities for local people in Tonbridge and to build a greater sense of community.



Euan Munro



Euan grew up in South Tonbridge. He spent 26 years as a manager in The Land Registry, based primarily at their Tunbridge Wells Office and currently works for AXA PPP. Euan served on Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council for 19 years. He chaired the Environment, Health Committee and the Development, Transport and Engineering Committee.

Make your voice heard

Euan and Jane would like to ask for your support in the forthcoming local election to become your voice on Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. It's time for fresh thinking and a new approach.

To do that we would very much like to hear your views on local issues in Medway and across Tonbridge more generally.

It's your town and we want what matters to you to be heard.

Visit the Tonbridge LibDems Facebook page and take a moment to tell us what matters to you.

Contact us.

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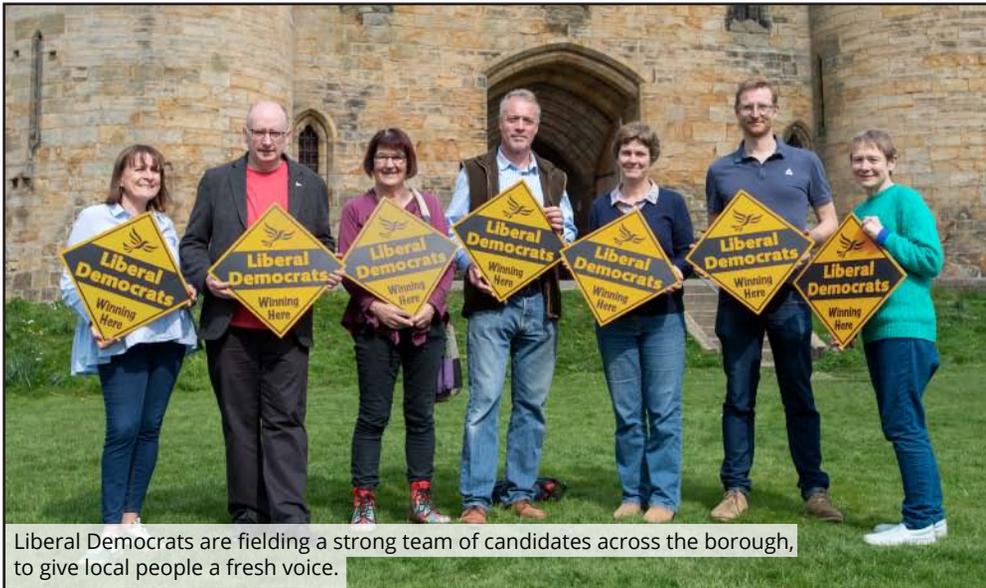


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YOUR TOWN, YOUR VOICE



Liberal Democrats are fielding a strong team of candidates across the borough, to give local people a fresh voice.

**If elected,
we pledge
to fight for:**

- ◆ **A town council for Tonbridge**
- ◆ **Transparency in council business**
- ◆ **A cleaner, safer, greener town**

Liberal Democrats believe local people are best placed to make decisions affecting their day to day lives.

Tonbridge needs a strong local voice in its own affairs and to do this we need what all the other areas of the Borough have - a parish (town) council. Currently we do not have one.

Through our council tax we pay a specific amount to TMBC for them to do the work that a town council would otherwise do. But the decisions about how to spend that money are taken by Councillors across the Borough rather than by people from Tonbridge.

A town council would give us a voice to represent our interests as well as a way to take action on issues that really matter to us such as: allotments, bus shelters, play areas and neighbourhood planning.

Parish and town councils bring local scrutiny of decisions. When TMBC developed the new Local Plan all parish councils were involved as well as borough councillors meaning everywhere outside of Tonbridge had a greater say than us.

By giving local people a real say in local issues that really matter to them we can make Tonbridge a better place to live.

Know what's going on

Wonder what goes on in council meetings but the times don't suit or nervous about attending?

We think key Borough Council meetings should be webcast.

A webcast of council business would mean you could watch the action live at home or while on the move on a mobile phone. The recordings would be available to view afterwards so if you miss it live, you can still catch up at a time to suit you.



EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE

Air pollution is a major concern across the borough. The Government's appraisal of TMBC performance, including trends over the last five years, stated that there had been "no significant improvements in air quality across Tonbridge and Malling."

We can't afford to ignore the health problems caused by roadside air pollution – for children, for asthma sufferers and older people with breathing difficulties.

As Lib Dems we'll:

- ◆ **Encourage drivers to use hybrid or electric cars or switch to a bicycle.**
- ◆ **Fight for better testing of air pollution (more and regular local updates).**
- ◆ **Push to prioritise electric/hybrid charging points in future planning.**

Despite £6.5m being spent on work, our town centre continues to grind to a halt in the morning and evening with long tailbacks in all directions. Air pollution in the area remains high.

We'll work with Kent County Council to improve safety, traffic flow and reduce air pollution along our High Street and other main roads.