

Don't Bottle it!

Nearly 7 years after scrapping Lib Dem plans for doorstep glass recycling, the Conservative council has given in to Lib Dem and public pressure and added it as a possible option to Winchester's next recycling contract. However, they're still not committed: at February's Council meeting all Conservative councillors voted against

reserving funds to pay for the plastic containers needed to make the system work. Local campaigner Kathleen Becker said "Under the Conservatives, the City Council's recycling rate has become unacceptably poor. We will keep campaigning until doorstep glass recycling is in place."



The Lib Dem's have led the way on recycling.

Thank You to Nicki Elks

We are very sad that Nicki Elks who has served the community so well since she was elected has decided to stand down for family reasons. Nicki has been an exemplary councillor.

She has earned the respect and affections of everyone within Winchester City Council as well as from all the members of the public she has encountered through her work as a Councillor. We are all very sad to see her retire.



Late bus success



Lib Dem Councillors have succeeded in keeping funding for late weekend buses despite Conservative opposition.

Kathleen said "Passenger numbers have grown and a small amount of funding has really improved later services to most of the town. In the next year the Town Forum will be looking at how we might provide for better buses to Winnall."

Focus on road safety

Keeping the speed down is vital to making our streets safer. Councillor Dominic Hiscock is continuing to campaign for lower speed limits and proper enforcement rather than expensive and intrusive traffic calming measures. If you could help monitor speed locally please get in touch.



Dominic promotes and takes part in Speedwatch in our area but more action is needed.

FOCUS on Kathleen Becker

Election special 2018

Time for a change

Our roads are in a terrible state, our heritage is at risk, we see decline everywhere. It's time to stop the rot.

Our roads are crumbling, and repairing all our pavements will take 100 years!

Conservation areas in Winchester and throughout the district are at risk according to Historic England.

Conservative run Winchester City's planning department is weak on developers and fails to make them pay for the affordable housing and infrastructure we need.

The City Council has to change.

Local campaigner Kathleen Becker will work hard all-year-round to change this.

Having already been part of a successful campaign to persuade the Conservative council to look into kerbside glass recycling, Kathleen is

Fears over 'death of Winchester'

Hampshire Chronicle, 22/03/17

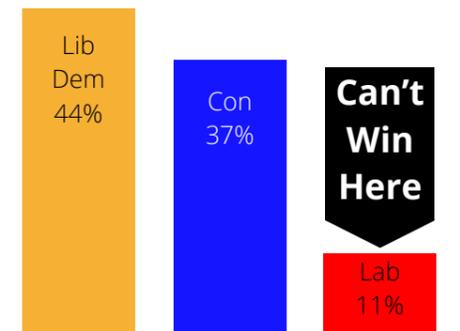
now demanding action to encourage re-usable cups and water-bottles in Winchester, further cutting waste,

She will fight for Winchester, campaigning to get our conservation areas looked after.

Kathleen will listen to you - the team hold regular surgeries to talk to local residents and will listen to people views on the issues affecting our City, busses, park and ride and the long-awaited Silver Hill development.

On issues like housing, parking and potholes Kathleen will stand up for local people. Unlike the complacent Conservatives Kathleen knows it's time for a change at the Council.

On May 3rd, use your vote wisely and vote for a better future for our City.



Percentage of Votes in Eastgate Division which most of St Bartholomew ward in the May 2017 County elections

On May 3rd it has to be

Kathleen Becker



A personal message from Kathleen Becker



Dear Friend,

I'm writing to you about the local elections on Thursday May 3rd.

Whatever the result I want to say thank you for the wonderful reception I have had from people in our area.

We should expect that our next local councillor will work hard for local people. I hope I have proved to you that I will be a hard working local champion for our area - standing up for local people in the Guildhall.

When I meet people at community events or on their doorsteps the same issues come up time and again - conservative neglect and the need for a positive plan for our area.

More and more people are telling me they're backing me to stop the Conservatives. They feel taken for granted and want someone who will put local people first.

I will listen to local people, campaign hard on green issues and fight to stop the rot in Winchester.

Elections here are always close between the local Liberal Democrats and Conservatives and this one will be no different. Last year Dominic Hiscock won the County Council by just a couple of hundred votes from the Conservative. This time it could be your vote that makes the difference.

Thank you for taking the time to read this you can contact me at if you need any help or have new ideas for our area. On kbecker4stbarts@gmail.com or 07480 292754

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen Becker

Liberal Democrat Council candidate for St Bartholomew Ward

PS. Elections in our area are always close between the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives. Please use your vote wisely.

A Liberal Democrat Council will be different

Improved recycling

Winchester has steadily fallen behind other areas in what and how much we recycle. Our recycling rate has dropped by a quarter under the Conservatives.



The Liberal Democrats will reverse that - introducing doorstep glass collection, working to expand the range of plastics we can recycle. We will oppose charges at Hampshire's waste recycling centres and put environmental issues at the heart of council policies.

Safer streets

Our roads and streets suffer from congestion, poor air quality, high traffic speeds and poor pavements which make us feel unsafe.

The Liberal Democrats will improve cycling and walking routes, not just in Winchester itself but in and between our market towns and villages. We will fight for better public transport so we have other options than going by car. We will continue to work to introduce lower speed limits where local people want them.



Planning for People

Our district needs stronger planning policies and tougher planning enforcement.

More genuinely affordable council and social housing, purpose built student housing not HMOs, more family homes not mansions. Protecting employment areas from conversion to housing. Greater protection of our conservation areas. We will fight developers who try to wriggle out of providing their share of much needed infrastructure and affordable housing.



Turning things around

The Buttercross in the heart of Winchester has weeds growing out of it. Roads and pavements are crumbling. 17 of our district's conservation areas are on Historic England's 'At Risk' register.

The Liberal Democrats will invest in reversing the neglect and shabbiness we see in so much of our district.



Better open spaces

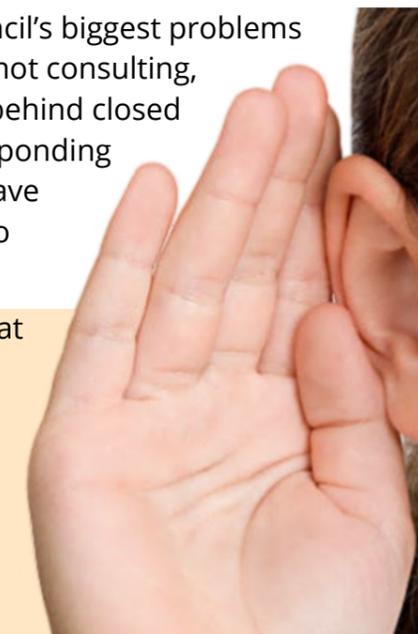
Winchester and the district have a wealth of areas where we can all freely enjoy being outside but there are places that need more.

Liberal Democrats will invest in and protect our existing parks and open spaces as well as making sure all areas have the green space they need.

Listening to you

Many of the Council's biggest problems have come from not consulting, taking decisions behind closed doors, or not responding to what people have said when they do consult.

A Liberal Democrat City Council will really listen and respond to local people and improve the transparency of decision making.



Winchester City Councillors by party after 2016 local elections

Con 25

Lib Dem 20

Other 0

It's time for a change

Liberal Democrats