



Communities Pull Together

As we are being asked to self-isolate and practice social distancing, local communities, charities and councils all across our area have pulled together to ensure that everyone, especially the elderly and vulnerable, has food and essential supplies they need.

Winchester City Council Leader, Lucille Thompson, said, "Winchester City Council is working with all our partners in national government, local health and public sector services to respond to the challenges we face, as well as supporting local charitable, faith and voluntary groups.

"I have always known Winchester is a caring community, and great place to live, work and raise a family. During these difficult times I have been heartened to see this in action once again, with local people coming together to care and support those in need."

In response to the outpouring of generosity from residents of Eastleigh and Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh Borough Council Leader, Keith House said, "the coronavirus crisis has brought out the best in our community, with many people coming forward with offers to help residents who may be vulnerable or self-isolating."



STAY AT HOME



PROTECT THE NHS



SAVE LIVES



News in our area

An evening with Ed Davey

One hundred members and supporters from across the Constituency and District came together for this year's Annual Dinner at the Royal Winchester Golf Club on 24th January.

We were privileged to have Sir Ed Davey MP, acting Party Leader, as guest of honour. Ed gave us his honest assessment of our



poor national performance

the General Election. Going forward, he suggested that Lib Dems adopt the issue of 'care' as our 'big idea' and gave a number of examples that we could focus on.

It was a very good evening, raising much needed funds for the next Local Election campaign. Listening to guests talking as they left, it seemed as though Ed's ideas had produced plenty of food for thought.

We look forward to holding similar events once the Coronavirus crisis is over.



Paula and Lewis say thank you - you are amazing!

Reflecting on our brilliant campaigns in Winchester & Chandler's Ford and the Meon Valley, Paula said, "the General Election Campaign was fast and furious and I know as volunteers you were asked to do more than ever before, in less time and in abysmal weather too. I can't thank you enough. Thank you to all those who helped in any way. You're all simply amazing.

"It was a privilege to be your Parliamentary Candidate. Given the close result, it's clear that liberal values are alive and well here and I look forward to working together to preserve and develop those values in Winchester District and Winchester & Chandler's Ford. We'll win next time!"



And Lewis commented, "while it was a disappointing result nationally, I'm proud to have stood up for what I believe in and told the truth about Brexit. We may have left the EU institutions, but the real test of our Brexit journey comes this year when the reality of leaving the world's biggest market place starts to hit home.

"Being a Parliamentary Candidate is an honour which most people never have. I hope the 12,000 people who voted Lib Dem in the Meon Valley felt like they got a candidate who was committed and hard working.

"Lib Dems will continue to deliver for you and your families locally and do an amazing job at Winchester City Council increasing recycling rates and tackling air pollution."

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Constituency Leap Year Walk raises thousands for Wessex Cancer Trust

Making use of the extra day in February that we get in a leap year, Lib Dems decided to get together and do something worthwhile with their extra time by walking 17 miles across the Constituency from Alresford to Chandler's Ford, to raise money for local charity, Wessex Cancer Trust. Ignoring Storm Jorge, over 50 intrepid Lib Dems (plus dogs) braved wind, rain and sleet to raise over £6,500 for this well-deserved cause.

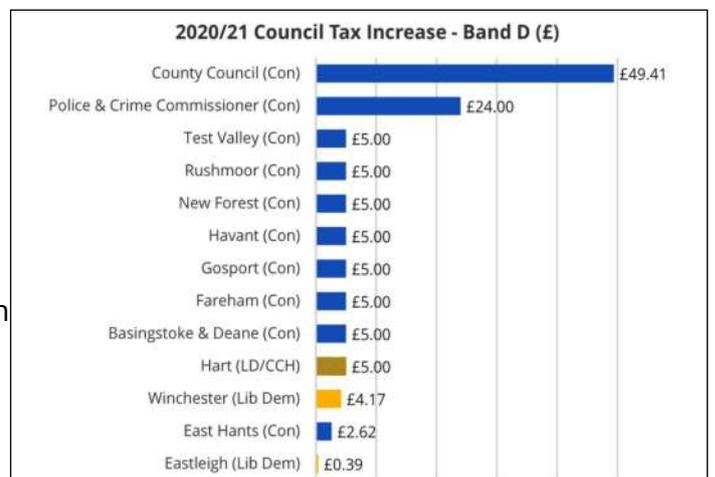
Paula Ferguson commented "we wanted to give something back to the community and raising over £6,500 for such an amazing charity is really brilliant and we had a great day out despite Jorge."



Lib Dems Keep Council Tax Low

In February, Lib Dem-controlled Winchester City Council announced the 3rd lowest Council Tax increase in Hampshire for 2020/21. This despite producing a balanced budget taking care to protect the Council's reserves.

The Council also recently announced improvements in parking enforcement, enhanced recycling, an expansion of park and ride and climate change measures, including improving energy and water efficiency in Council owned homes.



WHERE TO FIND **ADVICE**



Winchester City Council has put into motion plans to support local people and communities through this difficult time.

They have announced four key priorities for this period:

- Maintain critical local frontline services - especially those facing extra demand or additional operational challenges.
- Focus on supporting the individuals and groups most at risk from COVID-19.
- Offer support, guidance and leadership to local businesses, charities and other organisations.
- Work to enable, coordinate and support grassroots activity by communities and individuals.

You can find out more about local responses at the Council links to the right.

If you might be especially vulnerable to Coronavirus, please sign up here:

gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable

Organising, part of, or aware of a mutual aid/support group in your local area?

Please let our Councillors know:

Email: organiser@winld.org.uk

Call: 07739 644514

Health Advice

NHS England

nhs.uk/coronavirus

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.

Public Health England

gov.uk/coronavirus

Local Councils

Winchester City Council

winchester.gov.uk/covid19

01962 840 222

Eastleigh Borough Council

eastleigh.gov.uk/coronavirus

023 8068 8000

Hampshire County Council

hants.gov.uk/covid-19

Other Advice

Mind (Mental Health)

mind.org.uk/coronavirus

AgeUK

ageuk.org.uk/coronavirus

Lib Dems

libdems.org.uk/covid19

Links to all this information will be kept up to date at:

winld.org.uk/covid19