



Local Lib Dem vote soars

Stubbington



A big thank you from Lib Dem candidates Jimmy Roberts (Stubbington) and Gerry Drabble (Hill Head).

Both improved on last year's votes in the May 5 local elections, and Jimmy was pipped by just 115 votes,

Jimmy's vote was up 6% compared with the 2021 election, and he would almost certainly have won but for an Independent.

Gerry slashed the Tories majority in Hill head and his vote share was 8% higher than our 2021 candidate David Hamilton - David himself was elected in his home area of Fareham East after unseating a Tory.

Gerry aims to repeat that feat next time - in his home area of Hill Head

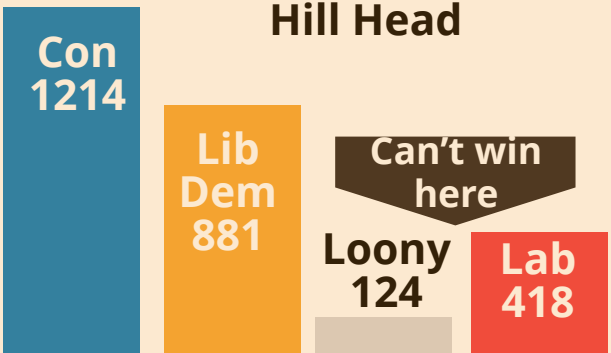
Lib Dems remain the only effective opposition to the Tories on Fareham Council.

And with the whole council up for re-election after boundary changes in 2024, the progress made this year gives hope of significant gains next time.

Congratulations to our Lib Dem neighbours, who **took control of Gosport** and tightened their grip in Portsmouth, Eastleigh and Winchester.

Lib Dems were the big winners across the country this year with almost 200 seats gained.

Hill Head



Showing the way ahead for our village

The Lib Dem Focus team aim to win Hill Head and Stubbington in the next round of Fareham Council elections in 2024.

In the meantime the team pledge to:

- Oppose mass building of houses on our countryside.
- Back the Lib Dem policy of a "poo" tax on companies who keep on discharging sewage into our coast and rivers
- Alert Hampshire County Council to

faults in footpaths and roads in and around our village

- Liaise with police to combat an anti-social minority of drivers, who use our roads as a speedway at all times of day and night
- Seek greener ways to power streetlights, so they can be on through the dark hours.
- Call for more bins for dog waste and litter at "hotspots"
- Campaign for a safe, natural method of weed control



Gerry Drabble welcomes the new finger-posts marking the Hill Head shore's inclusion in the new England Coastal Path. More on crofton.focusteam.org.uk

■ Wow !!

Liberal Democrats overturned a 24,000 Tory majority to win the by-election in Tiverton & Honiton, returning Richard Foord with a majority of over 6,000.

“Safe” Tory seats like Fareham and Gosport would go Lib Dem on a swing like that!



New threat at Newgate Lane

Plans to build up to 375 homes on land east of Newgate Lane East will now be examined by a Government planning inspector. Miller Homes and Bargate Homes submitted an appeal after they were rejected by Fareham’s planning committee.

The plan would include access from busy Newgate Lane East. The site was rejected in the Council’s Local Plan this year. But it was included in an earlier version, and the Inspector examining the Local Plan

has questioned Fareham’s ability to meet its housing targets, saying predictions of the ability to deliver new homes at Welborne are too optimistic.

An application for 99 homes on an adjoining site has already been allowed on appeal.



Let’s repel boarders

Cheeky estate agents often use street signs and public open space to advertise homes hidden in cul-de-sacs.

When the homes are already sold, it just becomes blatant self-promotion by the companies.



What is missing from this picture?

Almost hidden beside the Hill Head Road sign is a post which should support a Crofton Lane sign. Gerry has reported it to the Council and says Fareham’s street names are too easily broken.

Put bins where they’re needed



The popular bench at the Park Lane entrance to the Rec is often disfigured by masses of food wrappings and drinks cans. Yet the nearest bin sits almost unused near the far end of Park Lane almost 100 yards away.

We’ve asked the Council to give the bench its own bin - or if that’s not possible, to re-site the existing one beside it.

Do you have a local business in Hill Head or Stubbington? Why not advertise in Focus newsletters, which go to every house across the area. An ad this size would take your message to 6,000 households for just £10 - larger ads pro rata. Email croftonld@gmail.com for details.

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