

Southampton Itchen Focus

for Peartree, Sholing, Bitterne, Harefield, Woolston, Bargate & Bitterne Park



From Southampton Itchen Parliamentary Candidate David Goodall and the Lib Dem focus team

2009 in Review

2009 saw campaigning with leaflets, door knocking and street stalls on issues and for the European Elections. Liberal Democrats have particularly campaigned on:-

- Against the decision to add fluoride to the drinking water against the peoples wishes
- To improve the roads and pavements in Southampton
- For justice for the Gurkhas
- For a clean up of parliament



For me the most disturbing issues were the revelations about MP expenses both with regard to the things MP were trying to claim for and what they actually were allowed to claim for. It underlined very firmly to me why the whole process does not just need a few tweaks but a major overhaul.



Now in 2010

In 2010 there will be both a General Election and a local election, probably on the same day - May 6th

At the last general election the Liberal Democrat vote increased by almost 3000 votes, votes that were mainly gained straight from Labour.

This time we are aiming to gain even more. We need about 5900 vote gain from Labour to win.

Good Liberal Democrat Policy

On the issues that matter to the public we have good solid policies not the photo opportunities of the David Cameron's Conservative Party or the empty promises of New Labour.

- 1. NHS - local health boards** - to sweep away the centralised over bureaucratic mess successive Tory & Labour governments have created. Concentrating the NHS on care not bureaucracy.
- 2. Jobs - investment in Green jobs** -as we rebuild our transport, energy and housing infrastructure in the new green economy.
- 3. Crime & Justice - more police and penal reform** - to increase the chance of being caught and reduce the high re-offending rate
- 4. Education & Schools - abolish tuition fees & pupil premium** - to train young people into a job and not into debt - to help schools improve the life chances of the least well off in society.



5. Taxes & Benefits - Fair taxes and simpler benefits - increasing tax threshold to £10,000 will remove thousands of people from income tax, replacing council tax with a local income tax will also remove thousands from local taxation. And a simplified benefits system will actually help those who need it.

6. Environment - climate change is the greatest problem any future government will face - so this is last but not least on this list. Our commitment to switch the taxes from income to pollution, for a dramatic increase in renewable energy and for a zero carbon Britain by 2050, demonstrates without a doubt that we are the only major party that has real policies to tackle the green agenda.

Liberal Democrats for a Fairer and Greener Britain

Nick Clegg's Message

The Leader of the Liberal Democrats said: "As the countdown to the next General Election finally begins, I have a simple question for the other party leaders: what do you believe, really believe?"

"People don't want leading politicians clinging on to power for its own sake, or just telling people what they want to hear. There's got to be more to it than that.

"If we as Leaders want people to turn out to vote at all at the next General Election, we have got to show people our convictions, not just dividing lines, our beliefs, not just soundbites."



Campaigning on parking

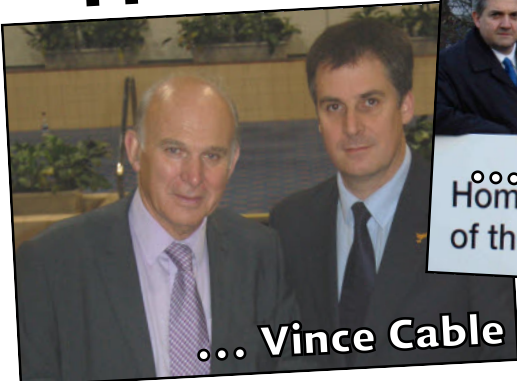
Your Help is needed

With the general and local elections in 2010 all hands will be needed to:-

- Deliver leaflets
- Bundle leaflets
- Stuff envelopes
- Label election addresses
- Canvass
- Raise Funds

So if you are able to help in anyway, please contact me. Any help, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.

Supporting ...



... Vince Cable



... the Ford workers
Home of the Transit



... the Gurkhas



... an improved Freemantel Common

... and finally lets sort out the banks

I support Vince Cable and say:-

"The retail banking and the investment banking sectors should be split apart; we can not afford to support the investment banks with their casino type operations"

"But we should support the retail side and increase greatly the regulation on that sector, so they provide sound financial banking to both companies and individuals"

Keeping in touch

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General Election Results

Lib Dem	2001	Lib Dem	2005
+3.3%		+6.2%	
	Lab Con		Lab Con
	-0.3% -1.0%		-6.2% -1.0%

Only Liberal Democrats gain here