



Who's standing up for you?

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Liz Simpson

There are NO Labour Councillors in Tonbridge and Malling at Borough or County Council level. Around here, it is a straight fight between Liz Simpson and the Conservative.



MALLING NORTH, DOWNS WARD LEYBOURNE

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STOP THE WASTE



This does not include money lost by what the Audit Commission described as "negligent" investments in Icelandic banks.

People all over the country are rightly concerned about the state of the economy, **but local campaigners are shocked at the waste of Council Tax payer's money at Conservative run County Hall.**

Over the last couple of years, KCC has wasted;

- ⇒ **£1.2 million** setting up Kent TV
- ⇒ **£7.6 million** on an aborted scheme for a gallery off Margate pier
- ⇒ **£6 million** a year on self publicity
- ⇒ **£17 million** is being spent on new Highways depots, while the roads crumble.

Liz Simpson says: "KCC have got their priorities wrong - they are wasting our money and can't get the basics right."

It's like we are writing a blank cheque for the Conservatives to spend on their pet projects. It is just money down the drain".

If elected, the Lib Dems promise to review all policies at KCC to cut out waste.

See the full Lib Dem Manifesto on the website:
www.kentlibdems.org.uk

KEEP KENT GREEN



If elected Liz Simpson will:

- Campaign for the retention of the strategic gap to avoid the merging of Maidstone and Medway towns
- Continue to work for doorstep recycling of all recyclable material, particularly plastics. If it can be done in Canterbury, Maidstone and Medway, why not everywhere in Kent?
- Continue to oppose the plan to transport all Kent's green waste to a single plant at West Malling.
- Oppose plans for giant road/rail freight transfer stations north of Maidstone (KIG) and Borough Green. Both would massively increase road transport on Kent's congested roads.
- Increase spending on highway trees to maintain them properly and replace them when they are removed.
- Change all KCC buildings to green renewable energy sources and cut costs with low energy appliances.

FIX THE ROADS



The condition of Kent's roads, drains and pavement network is a major concern, according to surveys.

The Conservatives have admitted that at the current rate of expenditure, it will take 226 years to renew each pavement, 300 years to renew each drain and some roads will NEVER be renewed as the backlog is growing faster than they can keep up.

Liz Simpson says "The state of Kent's roads is an absolute disgrace. Potholes are appearing everywhere and roads only seem to get patched and never properly resurfaced. If the roads were properly surfaced in the first place, we wouldn't need to repair them so often".

The Lib Dems will review Kent Highway services to ensure that real results are achieved.

We will ensure that developers make good any damage that they do to Kent roads. KCC haven't done this for years, a fact that was discovered by a Lib Dem councillor, and so the Council Tax payer has been footing the bill for all of the damage instead.

We will review the relationship between KCC and its contractors.

VOTE

Liz SIMPSON  **X**



It's a two horse race...

Only Liz Simpson can win this seat from the Conservatives. There are no Labour Councillors in Tonbridge and Malling.

Liz Simpson has been a Borough Councillor for 18 years - she has the commitment and experience to serve this community.

Which is why she has been chosen by the Lib Dems as Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Tonbridge and Malling.

Only the Lib Dems can win here.



Liz and Lib Dem leader Nick Clegg

Kent County Council has been Conservative run for the last 10 years. Kent Lib Dems have been listening to what you have told us on the doorstep. There are 6 main areas where the Conservatives have let you down. These are the 6 we need to fix.

SIX to FIX



- FIX 1** Stop the County Council wasting our money.
- FIX 2** Fix the roads, pavements and drains.
- FIX 3** Make Kent a greener county, protecting countryside, increase recycling, cut energy use.
- FIX 4** Make our Streets safer, working with local Police to tackle crime and anti social behaviour.
- FIX 5** Safer communities, No Cold Calling zones and Criminal justice panels.
- FIX 6** Local services for local people..keep A and E and maternity at Maidstone hospital., better rail services to London, more local school places, and weekend activities for young people.

Full Manifesto available on [kentlibdems](http://kentlibdems.com) website

From the papers...

The following letters were all published in the Daily Telegraph on just one day in April...

SIR – Paul Carter, the leader of Kent County Council, puts forward the bizarre notion that the council's chief executive merits his staggering £214,000 salary on the basis that he runs an organisation of "40,000 people with an annual spend of £2.2 billion" (Letters, April 18).

Residents of Kent might consider that salary worth doubling if the organisation's size and "spend" were halved.

SIR – According to the Office for National Statistics, average pay has increased only by a factor of 6.5 over the last 30 years. So Kent's chief executive has actually pulled ahead quite nicely.

SIR – Many Kent taxpayers think the chief executive was overpaid in 1979 and still is now. The council has also spent large sums on jaunts to Georgetown, Virginia and other such absurdities.

SIR – I note Mr Carter did not include the safe management of the authority's cash assets, of which £50 million is presumed lost in the Icelandic bank fiasco. Chief executives in the private sector would be lucky still to have a job.

Did you know...?

The KCC Chief Executive earns over £250,000.

That's more than the Prime Minister.

But the Conservative administration did not advertise his job and there was no competitive interview. The Lib Dems will make sure that all posts are filled competitively where the law allows.

<< UK average salary - £25,000

Gordon Brown's salary - £195,000

KCC Chief Executive's salary - £255,000



Dear Lib Dems...

My idea, suggestion, grumble is...

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO VOTE BY POST

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Euro Elections - 4th June



Labour can't deliver for us

After 12 years of Gordon Brown and Tony Blair, Britain has had enough of Labour.

Thousands of jobs and businesses have been lost. Families have been hit hard in the pocket.



JobCentre

"Unemployment forecast to reach 3 million" *The Guardian*

Labour has wasted billions of pounds in Iraq, billions more on ID cards and now billions on bailing out the banks.

This isn't what people wanted or expected from a Labour Government. We deserve better.

Conservatives won't deliver for us

The Conservatives have their heads in the sand on Europe.

They consistently oppose working with other countries to create jobs and to tackle international crime and climate change.

The Conservatives want to isolate Britain from Europe - no matter what the cost.

If they got their way, it would cost us thousands of jobs and would cripple the fight against crime and climate change.



If you answer yes to one of the questions below, there is only one party you can vote for on June 4th

- Does it make sense to work with other countries to create jobs at home?
- Does it make sense to work with other countries to tackle international crime?
- Does it make sense to work with other countries to tackle climate change?

Liberal Democrats

