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Guildford Liberal Democrats Member Newsletter • Spring 2018

New Year, New Plans

2017 was an incredible year for Guildford Lib Dems. We retained all our county councillors, increased our vote in the East & South East Guildford county seats, and increased our General Election vote share by 8.4% from a standing start.. And it was all thanks to you our members - thank you.

We have a fresh exec for 2018 who are enthusiastic about getting stuck in and continuing to lead Guildford Lib Dems forward and build our team so we're ready ready for even more success in the 2019 Borough elections, the 2021 County elections and the next General Election whenever it's called.

They will be getting in touch soon to chat about how you would like to be involved.



We're always on the look out for people with skills they can share and help grow Guildford Liberal Democrats. At the moment we're in particular need of help with planning fundraising events - can you help be part of the team?

Tell us your top 3 issues...

We'd like to hear from you about what your top local and national issues are to help guide our campaigning over the coming year. You can complete and return this survey to the Lib Dem office, 96 London Road, Guildford, GU1 1TH or you can complete online at www.GuildfordLibDems.org.uk/2018issues.

LOCAL	NATIONAL
1.	1.
2.	2.
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NHS in Crisis

Yet again this winter has seen our NHS under record levels of practical and financial pressure thanks to Conservative cuts. Almost 1 in 4 people are being made to wait more than four hours at A&E, operations are being cancelled and staff are being asked to work unsafe levels of overtime. It's got so bad that Theresa May was forced to apologise to NHS staff and patients - a hollow apology given the Conservatives do not have a plan for how to rescue our NHS.

We are different.
Our plan is two-fold:

1. put a penny on Income Tax to raise an additional £6bn a year, £4bn of which would be spent on the NHS and £2bn on social care. This would mean millions more for the NHS in our area, ensuring people get high-quality care when they need it.
2. Begin work to create a single NHS and social care system which would offer significant service improvements and rationalise spending



Dates for your diary:

09
Feb

Lib Dem Drinks
7:30pm onwards
The Drummond,
Woodbridge Road,
GU1 4RF



Lib Dem Drinks

10
Feb

Exit from Brexit Rally plus Q&A
10:30am-12:30pm
Duke Street Church,
Richmond, TW9 1DH

02
Mar

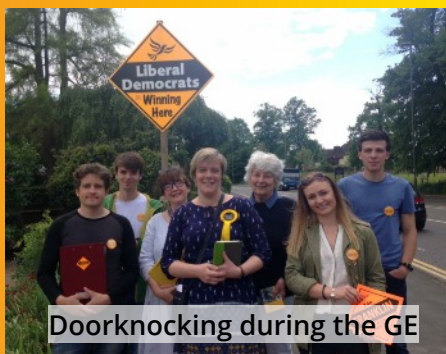
Pre-Conference Pasta & Politics
7:30pm
Venue: TBC

03
Mar

Afternoon of Action in Onslow
Lunch 12:30
Out and about from 2pm

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Doorknocking during the GE

20's Plenty



We've launched a new 20's Plenty campaign and petition for the introduction of 20mph speed limits on all non-priority routes across Guildford. Why?

- Residents have asked for it
- They makes streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists
- They reduce accidents
- They improve traffic flow
- They cut air pollution
- They make neighbourhoods more people-friendly places to live.

20mph speed limits on all non-priority routes in Guildford, rather than just on selected roads, would make the whole town a greener, safer place to live. This is a great example of a local issue where we can directly make people's lives better so we

hope you'll join in with our campaign!

We've already been out collecting signatures for the petition - and we're not planning on stopping! The response has been great so far and it's a gentle way to start a conversation on the doorstep. So why not help the campaign by volunteering to collect signatures for the petition in your local area?

Please ring 01483 xxxxxx or email office@guildfordlibdems.org.uk if you're interested in helping.

You can sign the petition online here:

SignMe.org.uk/1314

Don't forget to share with friends and family!

Get Involved in 2018

As Lib Dem members we all share a belief in building a truly fair and free society, where no one is left behind. Right now our country needs that more than ever. That's why we'd love as many of you as possible to get stuck in this year to help build a better future for everyone in our community.

There are so many ways you can help - there really is something to fit every personality and time constraint. The membership team are going to be ringing round our 500+ members in the coming months to chat one-to-one about how you can play your part in winning here in Guildford. In the mean time do have a think about how you can get involved. Here are a few ideas to get you started...

- Standing for election
- Writing letter to the press or content for leaflets

- Delivering leaflets in your area
- Planning and/or running socials or fundraising events
- Knocking on doors or making calls
- Helping with Facebook & other online campaigning
- Making a one off or regular donation

And there's many other options!

