

EXCELLENT EDUCATION Some of the Best Schools in the Country



Lib Dem Kingston is rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted for Education and Children's Services.

When it came to rebuilding Chessington Community College, Kingston's Liberal Democrats were the only councillors in the whole country to deliver a Pathfinder school on time and on budget. It is now an amazing centre of learning with the most modern equipment in an environmentally creative building.

The challenge now is to build a new secondary school in the north of the borough which will also ease pressure on our other secondary schools in Kingston and to expand and build new primary schools to educate the increased number of children whose parents have come to Kingston because we are the best for education and social care.

Kingston's Lib Dem councillors are working with our two MPs to successfully lead a London-wide campaign for extra investment, so we can build permanent new classrooms over the next few years.



ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT



People want to live in safe, attractive and sustainable neighbourhoods; to be able to get high-quality health treatment; to send their children to a good local school; to enjoy good leisure facilities and to be able to travel easily. So Liberal Democrat councillors work to provide just that.

The Government's first ever 'Place Survey' shows **85% of Kingston borough residents are happy with life here** – some of the most satisfied in London. However, there is no room for complacency: Liberal Democrats will continue to campaign for the best services for local people and ensure residents can genuinely influence local decisions.



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CARING FOR OUR HEALTH AND THE ELDERLY



People in Kingston live longer and are generally healthier than the average for England. Our elderly residents need and deserve services to help them keep fit and healthy. While this is one of the biggest spending items for the council, Liberal Democrat councillors have ensured local pensioners still get the help they need.

To improve choice, Kingston's Liberal Democrats got the Council to introduce personal social services budgets. People can now choose the help and care they need and remain in their homes for as long as possible. Councillors have also now joined the Kingston NHS board to help make sure that local services are benefitting local people.

Amy Woodgate Specialist Resource Centre

Despite Government cuts to Kingston's grant, Liberal Democrat councillors built a new home for people with dementia. The new Amy Woodgate Centre is a 42 bed care home where the elderly are cared for in first class facilities and also provides day-care facilities. We must never let our vulnerable elderly down, as happened under the Tories.



DO YOU HAVE A LOCAL ISSUE? Contact a Liberal Democrat Councillor

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Liberal Democrat Councillors Campaigning With You

Four More Years of Progress



Kingston is London's safest and greenest Borough – with schools and social services that are the envy of the country. That's not happened by chance. For more than a generation, by developing a partnership with local people, Liberal Democrat councillors have worked for improvements in council services and for a borough to be proud of. With you, our vision has been a borough where people of all ages feel safe and can grow and develop in ways they want.

CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Massive rise in recycling and composting



You told us you wanted Kingston Council to invest in the environment – so we fought for that. Thanks to Liberal Democrat councillors, Kingston is now one of the country's best councils for recycling. Despite opposition from Conservative councillors, we have doubled recycling in recent years and in 2010 Kingston will be one of Britain's first authorities to roll-out recycling to flats. Thanks to you, we will then be recycling over 50% of waste.



And that's not all...

Liberal Democrat councillors have achieved other environmental successes, including:

- 50,000 people using Christmas park and ride, cutting congestion
- Improved street sweeping
- The world's longest walk-to-school bus
- Abandoned cars removed within three days
- Fast action on graffiti
- One of Britain's first Fair Trade Boroughs.



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VALUE FOR MONEY

Compared to other London Boroughs, Kingston receives very little in grant from central government, whether Labour or Tory. So Kingston must raise nearly 70% of the budget from council tax. Meanwhile Tory-run Wandsworth and Hammersmith and Fulham get over 50% of their spending from Government subsidy.

Despite this unfairness, Liberal Democrat councillors have ensured Kingston still provides some of the country's highest quality services.

Liberal Democrats think the whole council tax system is unfair – invented by the Conservatives, made worse under Labour. **We want council tax scrapped and a fairer deal for local people.**



Working with the local business

Through the recession Liberal Democrats have continued to work with local businesses and have delivered Britain's first Business Improvement District. Results achieved by the 'Kingston First' partnership include **violent crime down 45%** and business cardboard off the streets and recycled.

SAFER BOROUGH



Kingston is now one of the safest boroughs in London, earning us a Green Flag from the Audit Commission for exceptional performance in partnership with the police, the business community, the voluntary sector and local residents.

THE ROSE – IN FULL BLOOM

The Rose Theatre is developing as a major cultural centre – serving local people and local schools and putting Kingston on the cultural map. The New Deal agreed between The Rose, Kingston Council and the University means all local schoolchildren can get a free theatre ticket once a year and so far over 5,000 young people have seen shows.



But as important as education and culture is the impact on the economy, the Rose has helped Kingston weather the recession better than most. It's been estimated that the theatre can put as much as **£11 million a year into the local economy** – creating new jobs, attracting new businesses and helping established ones thrive.



As Dame Judi Dench said, "I'm doing my bit to keep the Rose open." and London Mayor, Boris Johnson, complimented Kingston on its "marvellous theatre". Yet Conservative councillors argue against the theatre at every turn and would starve it of funds, forcing its closure.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD DECISIONS TAKEN CLOSER TO PEOPLE

Liberal Democrat councillors introduced 'Neighbourhoods', where local people have real say over what happens in their area. Since 1994, when Conservatives opposed this increase in democracy, these have developed to be not just about services but an effective partnership with local residents.

Neighbourhoods:

- are the planning and highways authorities
- are responsible for libraries, community centres and parks
- employ Neighbourhood Rangers who are able to sort out problems on the spot
- encourage people to join in debates at meetings
- form working parties of residents, officers and councillors to solve local problems together
- are developing Community Plans bringing in the police, NHS, and Transport for London.



Kingston
Kingston Town – The Ancient Market Place has become an aquatic playground for children on hot days.

Our four Neighbourhoods are controlled by the councillors in each area, so three are run by Liberal Democrat councillors and one – Maldens and Coombe – is controlled by the Conservatives. As Liberal Democrats we want the council to be more innovative – and more open and accountable to you.



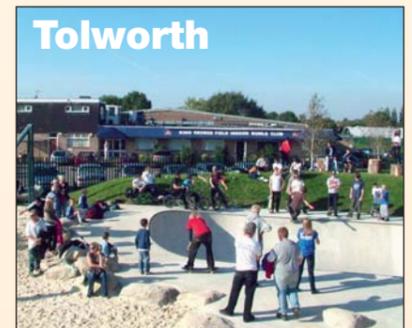
South of the Borough
Hook Centre – dilapidated building replaced with a stunning community hub, housing a library, meeting rooms, café, IT learning suites, children's centre and a recording studio for local schools and bands.



Maldens and Coombe
New Malden – with wide pavements and easy crossing spaces, New Malden High Street has been designed for the shopper.



Surbiton
Surbiton – Having the infrastructure for 200 regular cyclists at Surbiton Station is the simplest, most convenient way to reduce car pollution and local congestion.



Tolworth
Tolworth – working with an environmental charity, Jubilee Way Playscape is a most exciting adventure play area for children and teenagers which incorporates a skateboard park. Lottery money and funding from Toyota UK was used for this project.

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