



Helen Maguire MP

Reporting back to you...

“ It has been a busy first 100 days in Parliament. Below are just a few things I have been up to on your behalf. I will continue to push for better healthcare provision; cleaner rivers; and an economy that works for you. I will push for the change the residents of Epsom, Ewell, Ashted and Leatherhead want to see, and I will also hold the new Government to account. ”

Helen



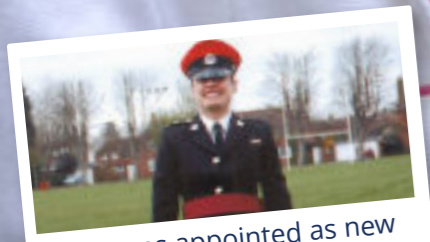
Helen was sworn in as Epsom and Ewell's new Member of Parliament on 10th July 2024



Helen met with James Blythe, Managing Director of Epsom & St Helier Hospitals



Helen visited Blenheim High School, to meet students, staff and Governors



Helen was appointed as new Defence spokesperson for the Liberal Democrats



Helen met with Thames Water to share constituent views about the sewage crisis



Helen pressed South West Rail leaders to push for more capacity and greater frequency

FOCUS

on EPSOM WEST

From your local Liberal Democrat team

October 2024

Published and promoted by Epsom & Ewell Liberal Democrats, 45, Hillside Road, KT21 1RZ. Printed by Election Workshop, 3 Sheffield Street, Manchester, M1 2ND.



A Big THANK YOU to the voters of Epsom

Now work starts on securing our new hospital

Thank you to all those who voted for **Helen Maguire** and the Liberal Democrats at the general election.

The Chancellor recently hinted at cuts to infrastructure projects which might include the new emergency care hospital at Sutton - a facility that will alleviate pressures on Epsom and St Helier hospitals.

Sutton is designed to be a centre of excellence, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for the most serious emergency

cases. Without it, our healthcare services will struggle with sub-standard conditions at Epsom and St Helier.

“Our new hospital was promised to us - now it must be built!”

“The time for waiting is over,” says Helen. “It’s time for action, and I will not rest until our community gets the healthcare investment it has been promised and so desperately needs.”

Contact the Lib Dem team...

Scan the QR code or write to us via our web page:

www.epsomewelllibdems.uk/our-team/contact-us

facebook.com/epsomlibdems



Contact Helen Maguire MP...

helen.maguire.mp@parliament.uk

01372 232145

www.HelenMaguire.org

[HelenMaguireEpsomEwell](https://facebook.com/HelenMaguireEpsomEwell)

x.com/helenmaguire



Contact your local Lib Dem Councillor...

Cllr Alison Kelly
cllrakelly@gmail.com



Contact your Surrey campaigner...

Syed Hayat
Syedhasanhayat@gmail.com



The Changing Face of Surrey...



Scan the QR code if you would like to help our local campaigns
www.epsomewelllibdems.uk/volunteer



The Liberal Democrats may use the information you provide, including your political opinions, to further our objectives and share it with our elected representatives. Any data we gather will be used in accordance with our privacy policy: libdems.org.uk/privacy. You can exercise your rights and withdraw your consent to future communications by contacting us at data.protection@libdems.org.uk or DPO, Lib Dems, 1 Vincent Square, SW1P 2PN.

Quick news from Epsom West

PUDDLES UPDATE

Cllr Kelly is pleased to report progress on the pavement outside the Marquis of Granby. During the school holidays the pavement brickwork has been re-laid so that there is a slight slope towards the road to assist the draining of water into the gully. Bollards have also been added to stop lorries and cars mounting the kerb which dislodges the carefully laid brickwork.



MISSING SPEED CAMERA

Cllr Kelly is pleased to report that after much chasing the speed camera on Christ Church Rd has been replaced after the water mains work. Residents raised the issue as speeding increased significantly. She was disappointed by the rare appearance of the promised mobile speed unit during the cameras absence.



Lib Dems fight Winter Fuel payment cuts

Liberal Democrats are opposing the Government's cut to Winter Fuel Allowance.

Thousands aged over 80 in Epsom and Ewell are at risk of losing £300 due to the government's cuts.

Local campaigner **Syed Hayat** believes that Surrey County Council should be taking a leading role in promoting the support available: "Many pensioners I speak to in Epsom and Ewell are really worried about how they will make ends meet. I am working with Helen and the local Lib Dem team to stand up for our pensioners."



Lib Dem Helen Maguire MP voted against the Winter Fuel cut in Parliament

Back our campaign to protect the Winter Fuel Payment at www.libdems.org.uk/winter

Overhanging hedges



Cllr Kelly and local campaigner Syed Hayat dismayed by overhanging trees that narrow road and pavement space

Are you struggling to walk safely on paths because of the overhanging bushes?

If so, you can contact Surrey County Council to report the issue. The easiest way is to visit the SCC website and search under the roads and transport section.

House owners have a duty to keep their hedges cut back so you can walk safely. If a friendly word cannot persuade your neighbour, then SCC can follow this up on your behalf by writing to them.

When the hedge is on County land, SCC have a duty to carry out the work. **Cllr Kelly** was disappointed to discover, via an FOI request, that locally there is underspend on this budget. Your County Councillors can help you, if you can not succeed alone.

Chasing bridges

Lib Dem councillor **Alison Kelly** is delighted to report a success; disappointed by the delay in the replacing the rail bridge from Castle Road on to the common, she requested that a bike track be added to the pedestrian bridge, having watched cyclists struggle to carry their bikes over the bridge.



The new cycle track on the Castle Road pedestrian bridge.

Meanwhile Cllr Kelly continues to be in contact with Network Rail with regard to the missing bridge. The latest update from Network Rail is below:

"Regarding an update on the bridge replacement,

the design should be concluded soon and then go out to tender, and we are currently looking at early 2025 to put in the new bridge.

We know this is a public right of way, so we are committed to carrying out the work as quickly as possible. We are aiming to fully replace the structure and re-open the bridge and we are working hard to accelerate this as much as possible.

Once we have a programme, we'll be writing to neighbours with further information – particularly as the foundation work will require disruptive piling."



Cllr Kelly and local campaigner Syed Hayat check on Castle road bridge

Lib Dems push for new SEND school

Lib Dem MPs pressure Conservative County Council for placement deferral

Pressure is building to fill the huge gap in Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) schooling in the Epsom area with an intervention from newly elected Liberal Democrat MPs.

Epsom & Ewell council has approved the planning application for the change of use for the Karibou Centre on the Wells. The plan is for a new SEND school for 50 pupils. The children would be between 11 and 17 and would receive specialist support for individuals with autistic spectrum disorders.

Lib Dem councillor **Alison Kelly** is pleased to see that work appears to have started on-site as Surrey has a shortage of such provision.

In a further development, the six newly elected Surrey Lib Dem MPs are pushing the Conservative County Council to reverse a new decision to give parents a month, rather than six months, to make their placement preferences suggesting that it is an "unacceptably short time frame".



Work has started on the construction of a new SEND school at the Karibou Centre on the Wells.

Epsom & Ewell Lib Dems - working hard all year round