



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



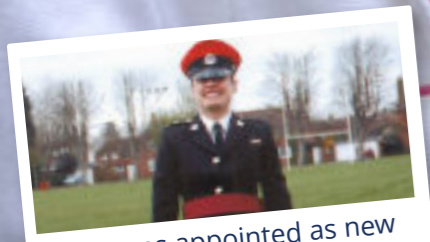
Helen was sworn in as Epsom and Ewell's new Member of Parliament on 10th July 2024



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

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From your local Liberal Democrat team

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A Big THANK YOU to the voters of Ewell

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.”

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Introducing Josie Brinker

It's all about the community for Josie Brinker, who is standing next May to be your new county councillor.



A former local councillor in nearby Leatherhead, she volunteers with local charities and is active on the Patients Participation Group representing patients and improving the services at her own GP.

Josie Brinker said, "Improving health is what drives me." She is a former NHS dentist and now works in the medical-humanitarian sector.

"I want to protect the green spaces that residents enjoy, deliver on services that have been cut so badly by the Conservative controlled County Council, and work with Surrey MPs for a hospital service that is fit for purpose".

Overhanging hedges



The Conservatives underspent the budget to keep pavements clear

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. The Lib Dems were disappointed to discover, via an FOI request, that locally there is underspend on this budget. The Lib Dems can help you to push the Conservatives to take action!

Bikes on Pavements

Motorbikes on pavements have now for a while troubled the residents of Epsom and those of us who walk in the Town centre, particularly by Epsom Square and outside McDonald's.

They park fully on the pavement, obstructing a significant part of the pavement, and occasionally forcing pedestrians out into the road.

Local campaigner **Josie Brinker** said, "We recognise the valuable economic benefit that delivery services bring to the area, and how they serve both customers and local businesses, but this must not come at the expense of the right of way of pedestrians. Designated places must be found, such as in dedicated parking bays, and new bays may need to be created. Enforcement action must be taken by Surrey County Council when appropriate."



Pavements should be accessible for all especially those with mobility issues.

Our local Lib Dem MP, Helen Maguire will be meeting with the leader of SCC, Tim Oliver, to push for a solution that finds a legal space for the bikes that is not intimidating and does not obstruct pedestrians on the pavement.

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 **Josie Brinker** 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

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 campaigner **Josie Brinker** 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