



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



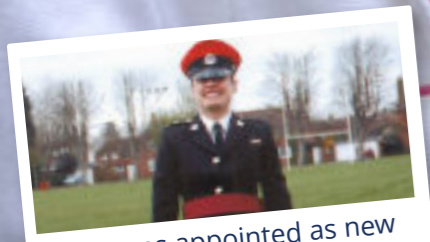
Helen was sworn in as Epsom and Ewell's new Member of Parliament on 10th July 2024



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 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.”

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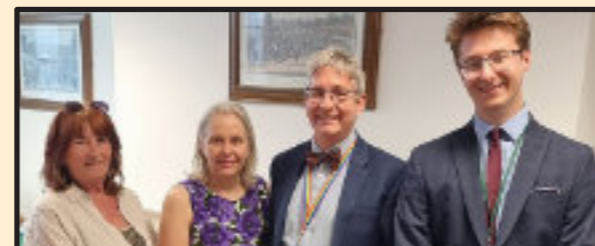
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Quick news from Town & Downs

Treadwell Road Lines

The long awaited yellow lines for Treadwell road have finally been completed. **Cllr James Lawrence** and residents have pushed this long overdue work to be done. These lines will improve the safety at the approach and exit of the Downs Road/Treadwell Road crossroad.



St Martins Avenue Pavement-Section Repair

Whilst door knocking, we came across a resident who told us about the difficulty a family member was having moving across the pavement. The surface was broken up and so Cllr James Lawrence informed the county, and in May a new surface was put in for the patch of pavement.



Community bids!

Cllr Julie Morris has submitted two bids to Epsom Council for possible investment.

A cricket net enclosure in Alexandra recreation Ground and robust notice boards on allotment sites across the borough. Epsom & Ewell council will make a decision by the end of the year.

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.

Cllr James Lawrence 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."

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

Pothole Plague



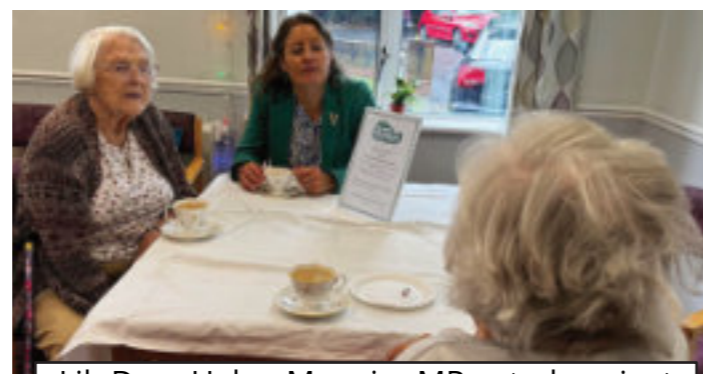
Conservative County Council cannot fix our roads properly

Potholes continue to be a plague on Surrey's roads for drivers and cyclists.

A particularly notorious set can be found in Woodcote, on Woodcote Green Road, at the back of Epsom hospital. Locals can slalom round the ruts, but drivers risk damage to their cars.

Earlier this year when we or residents reported potholes, the Conservative Council usually said the area did not require immediate work. Now it is likely to say the pothole is unlikely to be considered for action at the current time!

Cllr James Lawrence said, "Whilst there is nothing wrong with prioritising pothole repair based on the severity of the damage to the road surface, it is bizarre that Surrey won't at least allow residents to log the pothole. Preventing reporting is denying SCC data on which parts of roads are concerning residents, and that could develop further problems"



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

Chalk Pit update

Your Lib Dem team continue to support residents concerned about the construction work on the old Chalk Pit.

Surrey County Council issued an enforcement notice in response to this building work, which was then followed by the owner, Reston waste, submitting a retrospective application to seek approval for this structure.

Cllr James Lawrence said, "We are now also expecting two retrospective applications to be heard at Planning Committee this Autumn (date not known as we went to press). We do not want to see conditions that are there to protect the peace of residents to be removed, nor do we wish to see increased trommel activity from a new housing building next to a residential area and in the Greenbelt."

Your local Borough and County councillors will continue to work together with EEBC, SCC, the EA, and our MP to bring much needed action to protect the wellbeing of our residents.

Cllr James Lawrence added "We continue to encourage all residents when they hear noise nuisance to email the council copying us in as your local councillors, your county councillor, and the Environment Agency. This helps to ensure all authorities are reminded how this site affects the quality of life of all those who live in the area"

You can email EEBC at chalkpit@epsom-ewell.gov.uk and SCC at mwcd@surreycc.gov.uk



Conservatives continue to fail children and families Lib Dem MPs pressure Conservative County Council for placement deferral

The quality of Special Education Needs and Disability provision in Surrey continues to cause misery for families, with failings costing the Conservative County Council over £250k last year.

Based on last year's inspection by the Care Quality Commission and Ofsted, it is not clear even amongst professionals who is in the lead. The inspection also highlighted the poor completion of annual reviews.

Despite a special Conservative Council cabinet meeting last year, things have not improved.

Cllr James Lawrence said, "If annual reviews are not being conducted properly, or their findings not being responded to, this will have

detrimental knock-on effects on those with Education and Health Care Plans. The priority for Conservatives in Surrey should be to prioritise effective communication with parents and completing annual reviews."

In a further development, the newly elected Surrey Lib Dem MPs are pushing the Conservative 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".



Epsom & Ewell Lib Dems - working hard all year round