

Lynda gets High Street clean-up

After sustained pressure by Lynda over the last few months, the High Street is now looking better. The ugly concrete blocks have gone and been replaced by more attractive designs. The Buttercross has also had a bit of a clean. "It's not perfect, but it's still a big improvement" says local champion Lynda.



Tory Brexit crisis: what do you think?

How do you think Brexit is going? Liberal Democrats are the only party committed to a People's Vote on the final deal. Conservative councillors refused to debate our Brexit motion at a recent council meeting. Did you vote for the damage to our environment, economy and NHS that a bad deal or no deal will bring? Tell us by filling in our brexitometer survey online at winld.org.uk/brexit or by scanning this QR code.



Can your local Lib Dem team help?

We're always happy to hear from local residents and listen to your views. Please get in touch with Lynda (your city councillor) or Dominic (your county councillor) if they can help in anyway on:
Email: lynda.murphy@winld.org.uk
Email: dominic.hiscock@hants.gov.uk
Phone: 01962 868586
Or Write to: Winchester Liberal Democrats, FREEPOST WINLD, SO23 7TA



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City advice surgeries

Liberal Democrats are committed to keeping their advice surgeries going every Saturday morning between 10am and noon in their office just off Hyde Street. Lynda says, "People really appreciate having the chance to come in and chat, and have someone listen to their issues and give them advice." Look out for pop-up surgeries appearing elsewhere soon!

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Dumped! : 'No deal' on Winchester waste contract

Lynda Murphy to continue her fight for kerbside glass recycling

- East Hampshire bins Winchester from joint waste contract.
- No deal in place from October 2019 onwards.
- Council waste negotiations back to square one.
- Doorstep glass collections not guaranteed.
- Lynda keeping up the pressure.

Following a secret vote by East Hampshire Conservative councillors on July 31, Winchester has been kicked out of any future joint recycling contract – and faces a 'hard stop' to the current waste arrangements in October 2019.

Despite Conservative claims, this means there is no deal for doorstep glass collections in the current contract. And no contract at all from October 2019.

Conservatives voted to remove doorstep glass collections from the current contract at the last minute when it was set up 7 years ago. More recently, they voted to block Lynda's proposals to reserve funds to support glass recycling earlier this year.



"Again and again, the Conservatives have shown that they'll say one thing – and then vote for the complete opposite. I'm keeping the pressure on them until there's a new contract in place with kerbside glass recycling guaranteed.

I also want them to get a price for food waste collection in the new tenders. Eastleigh Borough Council collects glass and food waste from the doorstep, so why can't we?"

Lynda Fights for Later Buses to Highcliffe

Lynda has begun a campaign to introduce an extra bus to Highcliffe on weekday evenings. "Local residents always talk to me about the need for more buses in our area. I am campaigning to have another bus put on; allowing people to get home from the city centre after work, shopping or seeing friends."



Highcliffe Parking Chaos Continues!

Residents continue to be affected by inconsiderate drivers in Milland Road and surrounding areas. Local resident, Janet Elloway, has been so incensed that she has presented a petition, signed by 220 residents, to council demanding that they increase the permit parking times in the area. Lynda says, "The Junction between Milland Road and KGV must be improved as a matter urgency. It is an accident waiting to happen. Also, we just cannot wait for the new leisure centre to be built to get a pedestrian crossing on Bar End Road. Parents don't feel safe letting their children cross that road on their own, hence the numbers dropping them off in Milland Road instead." How do you think the junction at KGV should be improved? Let us know by phoning Lynda on 01962 854225 or fill in your details at www.winld.org.uk/contact

Conservative County Council plan big increase in parking permit charge

As part of its plans to close its budget gap Hampshire County Council wants to increase residents parking charges and make motorists pay to park in areas which currently have free, limited time parking, such as outside shops.

The County Council plan would more than double the charge for a first parking permit to £50 per year. This would affect the whole of St Michael Ward, but Highcliffe residents have only just completed a parking consultation on the basis of permits costing £22 per year. Surely the consultation needs to be run again on a realistic pricing basis? The County Council is legally responsible for on-street parking but enforcement and charging are currently run by the City Council. What are you views on the charges?



Leisure Centre Update

Even though it is car-centric and will have a 50% higher carbon footprint than River Park, the planning committee gave the go-ahead for Winchester's £38 million leisure centre. There were numerous complaints about parking, access for residents, and how the centre will adversely affect the local neighbourhood, but these were ignored. However, Lynda and local residents did manage to persuade the planning committee to reduce proposed operating hours after 11p.m. A small, but important, victory!

Grange Road: Keep clear, Lynda's here!

After complaints from residents of Grange Road that drivers have been blocking their access onto St Cross Road, Lynda has worked with traffic officers to get a keep clear box painted at the junction. It's a clear sign she's listening! Let us know if your road needs one.



Water Gardens: Magnolia trees saved!

Following an impassioned speech by Cllr Lynda Murphy, the planning committee unanimously voted to keep the Tree Protection Orders on the two magnolia trees in the Water Gardens near the Cathedral. Lynda says, "I loved learning about the history of the trees and the gardens. The local community really appreciates this garden, and I will try and keep it safe from developers as long as I can."



Lynda says: Ditch the Plastic!

As well as continuing her kerbside glass collection campaign, Lynda is pressing on with her mission to improve the City Council's dreadful recycling rates by now urging the council to install drinking water fountains all over the region. Plastic Free Winchester has estimated that residents and visitors our area use a staggering 17.5 million plastic bottles every year. Sign their petition at: <https://tinyurl.com/Winch-fountain>



Winchester City - how should it be run?

You are probably aware that Winchester City Council is a district council covering a large area, including towns like Alresford, Bishops Waltham and Whiteley. But did you know that there is effectively no council for the city itself? The smaller towns and villages have parish councils, but the city itself does not. It has no body in which there is the opportunity to discuss and act on issues that affect the city as a whole, but planning in particular. Do you think that's right? Would you like Winchester City to be a premier business location, a tourist destination, a centre for education and culture, a fabulous shopping experience or a mainly residential area? Maybe you want a mixture? Tell us your views. As Lynda says, "We need a plan that any new developments enhance and add to Winchester's special character."