

Campaigning for you



Health: more investment in Kingston's maternity unit, with a new birthing pool



Education: more school places and free school meals for all infants this September - Ed at Malden Manor School



Jobs: more apprenticeships than ever before and training for hi-tech green jobs



Crime: backing Lib Dem councillors clamping down on anti-social behaviour

Kingston's health services overall continued to improve, thanks to amazing efforts by NHS staff. The star performer was Kingston Hospital's maternity unit - and not just because we had our daughter there in February! The extra investment it won was fully justified as it was rated the Best Maternity Service in London. I have been very critical of the quality of mental health services locally in recent years, but last year saw real signs of progress, independently assessed, so praise is due there. I remain unhappy about how the NHS in general handles complaints and fails to learn from its mistakes and am happy to help people who have cases they want me to take up.

In the last four years under the Liberal Democrats Kingston saw the largest ever primary school expansion and capital spend, with over £68 million invested. This created 315 new permanent places, built a new school and paid for new school kitchens and dining facilities, delivered to time and budget. The challenge for the new Conservative-run Council will be to implement the Lib Dems' plans to continue this investment.

I am proud that national Lib Dem education policies have seen 2,550 disadvantaged local children benefit from our pupil premium, with an extra £2.3 million for local schools, and this September will see free school meals for all infants.

Economic recovery continued to support new jobs across Kingston and Surbiton, with local unemployment falling by 23% last year. Best of all, the number of young people unemployed locally fell by almost 33%. I am particularly proud of the huge rise in apprenticeships led by my Liberal Democrat colleague, Vince Cable, as Business Secretary, who has overseen a doubling of apprenticeships nationally. Kingston people are benefiting from these Lib Dem policies, with over 300 new local apprenticeships last year. My own focus has been on increasing training options in new hi-tech green jobs, from renewable energy to home insulation.

Kingston faced real challenges on crime last year, related to problems with one or two nightclubs in the town centre. Excellent work by the police, backed by the Lib Dem councillors running the local Licensing Committee, saw a strong response, with Essence night club closed down. Thanks to this partnership work Kingston remained London's safest Borough, with overall crime falling by 15%. Thanks to new technology such as Scannet, Kingston has also seen violent crime reduce. This may explain why public confidence in Kingston's police is second highest in London. Yet we must continue to push crime down and I want London's Mayor and Kingston Council to stop police cuts and invest in visible frontline police officers.

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Do you need my help?

"Our fight for justice for our son continues. We would not be at this crucial stage without your intervention."
Mr. And Mrs B., Chessington

Thank You

"Thank you for joining the residents in this fight... Your backing was a decisive factor in the Inspector's decision."
Ms NS, Kingston

"Your assistance meant a lot to this young man, he didn't expect anyone to take an interest."
Mr PP of Tolworth

Did you know?

Since I was elected in 1997, I have held two advice surgeries a week - more than nearly any other MP in the country and the highest rate of any London MP.

I am committed to ensuring I am accessible to all my constituents - regardless of how they vote. This year my surgeries will be every Friday morning at 8am and either a weekday evening or a Saturday morning. Some are "drop in", "first come, first served" and others are by appointment. See my website or call for details.

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Or you can come and meet me at one of my **twice weekly** advice surgeries.

If you would like to receive regular email updates about my work in Kingston and Surbiton, you can join my mailing list by visiting my website.

See inside for more on my record of action...

Working for you, all year round...

In Kingston...

It's been a busy year - from winning long running campaigns like stopping Tesco building a superstore by Tolworth's roundabout to extra investment at Kingston Hospital's maternity unit. I was particularly pleased to see post offices in Chessington, New Malden and Surbiton refurbished with longer opening hours. Some of my other local campaigns saw progress - with the opening of Platform 20 at Waterloo (though I am arguing for *all* platforms at the former Waterloo International to be used for commuter services) and the end of the threat to the environment at Surbiton's filter beds.



Recycling furniture helps people and our environment. So it was good Kingston Community Furniture won Green Business of the year in 2013

St. George's Day parade is one of my favourite local events. I'm always thrilled to see so many local children involved in Scouts and Guides - and I get to renew my own Scout promise!



Voluntary Service Overseas moved its HQ to Kingston this year. It was good to visit them and hear how they send so many people to help in developing countries.



After 10 years' campaigning to stop Tesco building a supermarket by Tolworth roundabout, it was great when they admitted defeat to opt for housing instead



Opening the refurbished post office on Chessington's North Parade was a special day, as I initiated post office modernisation when I was the Post Office Minister. The office now opens for many more hours - from 6am to 7.30pm - to make it much more convenient to use.



Visiting local firms like Imax in Chessington was really encouraging this year, as it felt the economy has really turned a corner.

Campaign success with Platform 20 at Waterloo finally being opened to reduce congestion for commuter trains.



In Parliament...

My second full year as Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change has been focused on many things, but most prominently, taking on the big energy firms over increases in energy bills.

In December I announced an energy bills reduction package to reduce the average bill by £50. The increased number of smaller suppliers competing with the "Big Six" energy firms has helped over a million people make big savings on energy by switching to them. I've improved our support for people wanting to cut their bills by saving energy, with the Green Deal Home Improvement Fund worth between £1,000 and £7,600 depending on the work you have done.

I am proud the Liberal Democrats have delivered a number of our key election pledges this year: we have increased the amount you can earn before paying income tax to £10,000 - that's worth £700 a year to a basic tax rate payer. The basic state pension has gone up by over £650 a year, thanks to Lib Dem policies, and we have ensured that every child between the ages of 4 and 7 can have a hot, healthy, free school meal from this September.



My work on climate change saw progress in the EU and with the US. I also made agreements to work with China on reaching a global deal to cut greenhouse gas emissions and to invest in low carbon technologies.



Over 74,000 people in Kingston got a £700 cut in income tax this April as Liberal Democrat Ministers delivered our election pledge to make the first £10,000 earned tax free. Two earner families get £1,400 - like this Norbiton family.



The staff at Kingston Hospital did a fantastic job despite budget pressures and their first ever open day to the public was popular and fun



The rooms and water for Kingston's new hotel will be heated by this pump extracting energy from water from the River Thames - no gas bills!



Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Advantage Day Nursery in Tolworth was noisy! Liberal Democrats have delivered extra help for nursery education and childcare and are now introducing new childcare tax relief.