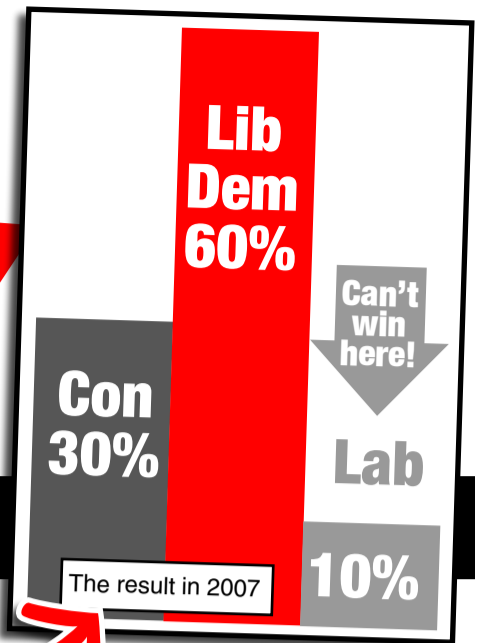




# Moulsham Lodge FOCUS

From Councillor David Jones and Mark Springett

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*It's Lib Dem or Conservative here!*

# Lib Dem candidates chosen for our ward



## Cllr David Jones

David was first elected to the Borough Council in 1991. He has been your Liberal Democrat councillor ever since and has represented the local community by both actively campaigning for local issues and supporting

residents when they most need help.

During his 20 years on the Borough Council, he has served as Vice Chairman of the Leisure and Environmental Health Committees as well as Opposition Spokesman on Parks and Heritage. David is currently the shadow spokesperson on Leisure and Culture and a member of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

David is a strong supporter of the fight to reopen the Community Centre. He is also particularly concerned about environmental issues and is a 'regular' at most of the litter picks taking place in Chelmsford, previously serving as Chairman of the Cleaner Chelmsford Campaign.

Outside politics David is Assistant Warden at a local Church.



## New Candidate Mark Springett

Mark and his wife have lived on Moulsham Lodge for nearly 25 years. Their two daughters attended the Moulsham Infant, Junior and Senior Schools. Mark first got involved in the

community by joining the Infant School PTA while his children were at the school. During his time there, they provided extra learning materials and facilities including a computer room and the wooden gazebo that still stands on the field to this day. Currently, Mark represents the community as one of the Trustees of Moulsham Lodge Community Trust and would like your support to represent you as a Councillor.

Mark said, "I was proud to be selected by the local party to represent Moulsham Lodge. Why was I asked? Well, for the last 2 years I have been campaigning for the re-opening of the Community Centre on Moulsham Lodge and have been part of the core team that has tirelessly banged on the doors of local government to make sure the re-generation of the site actually happens and will meet the needs of the community."

## Moulsham Lodge Community Centre

The local Liberal Democrat team have been working tirelessly with the local community and the newly formed Moulsham Lodge Community Trust of which Mark Springett is one of the founding Trustees.

Mark says "We can now see the light at the end of the tunnel. Negotiations between Essex County Council and the Trust have been going well and we hope that an agreement can be put in

place shortly. Our vision is to provide a new purpose built, self sustainable facility that is the Hub of the community and that is completely inclusive of every single member of our community for generations to come"

We now have to focus on a revised business plan which will demonstrate a secure financial future, and evidence that we can secure significant funding to re-generate the site.



## Local News IN BRIEF

### Speed signs

Liberal Democrat Councillors who represent Moulsham Lodge and Goat Hall wards, have requested Essex County Council Highways for a speed indicator flashing sign to be made available on Galleywood Road and Gloucester Avenue, in view of the very high level of speeding we are seeing on both these roads.

### Grass Verges

David and Mark inspect damaged paths and grass verges on Gloucester Avenue. The Local Byelaws in place have never been enforced by the Conservative administration, however new legislation is likely to make it easier for the police to take action against offending cars.



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# Tories in Saturday Park & Ride turn around

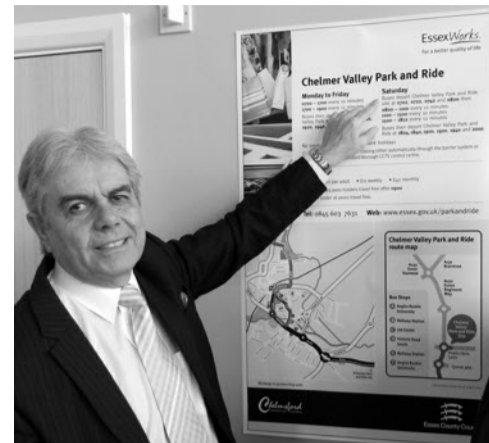
## Lib Dem pressure pays off

Liberal Democrat County Councillor Mike Mackrory moved swiftly to challenge the Tory controlled County Council's decision to close the Park & Ride at Sandon and the new Chelmer Valley site on Saturdays.

He said "the decision flies in the face of the Council's own policies of reducing congestion, reducing pollution, and encouraging people to use

public transport. To spend £14million and then not to open on Chelmsford's busiest shopping day was plain daft."

The decision was 'called in' by Cllr Mackrory and was due to be heard on 24th February but, at 5pm on the day before, he was informed that the sites would stay open while alternative means of financing were investigated. "I am pleased that the Council has seen sense even if it was at the 11th hour," Mike told Focus.



## Boost for radio-therapy Campaign



### Lib Dems win support of Council

At the February meeting of the Council the Liberal Democrat call for the Council to support radio therapy facilities at Broomfield Hospital received unanimous support.

"At present patients from Chelmsford have to travel to Colchester which, for seriously ill patients, is very unpleasant and has obvious adverse effects. Patients need to be able to complete their treatment at their local hospital," said Cllr Freda Mountain after the meeting. "I am pleased the Council can now respond to the promised consultation on behalf of all Chelmsford residents."

Go to: [www.middlessex.nhs.uk/radiotherapydiscussiondocument](http://www.middlessex.nhs.uk/radiotherapydiscussiondocument)

## Street litter menace



### Lib Dem councillors win more street cleaning

Chelmsford Borough Council has agreed to requests made by local Lib Dem Councillors on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the serious litter problem in the town areas needs urgent action. As a result more staff will work in those areas and better street cleaning vehicles will be used.

Cllr Tom Smith-Hughes as Chairman of that Committee, commented, "Litter lying around is not a good advert for Chelmsford. It blights the surrounding residential areas, the rivers and the footways into town."



## Good News on Income Tax

### Key Lib Dem demand to Government is met

Thanks to the Lib Dem policy of raising the income tax threshold, about 64,200 Chelmsford residents will pay £200 less income tax from the 1st April. And about 2,260 people will be taken out of Income Tax altogether. This is good news for many families but particularly for

those on low incomes who will pay no income tax at all.

Commenting on the figures Lib Dem Cllr David Jones said, "I welcome this news which will be a great help to many families who are finding it hard to make ends meet."

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