

Eastwood General Practice wants to close its doors to patients at its branch surgery at 346 Rayleigh Road!

Councillor Paul Collins reports; "I was pleased to be allowed to attend the Practices patients meeting in April at St Davids Church Hall. The room was full with at least 70 patients and staff, who were very intent on asking questions and listening to the GP Practice owners and managements comments.

I asked about what mitigations, if any, they were planning for in caring for the elderly or infirm patients that were being asked to attend appointments at the other branch surgeries at Kent Elms Clinic or the Belfairs surgery.

There was a frank exchange of views from both the Practice and the patients.

This process is ongoing and the Practice is now working with the Integrated Care Board to communicate to ALL their patients about their proposal to close the Rayleigh Road Surgery.

The best question was from a patient who asked "If you are going to press ahead with the closure, it would be best to make sure that the Kent Elms Clinic site is fit for purpose with adequate carparking and good access by car and public transport **BEFORE YOU CLOSE** the Rayleigh Road surgery?" *If you are affected by this, let us know.*



The Liberal Democrat Councillor Team



Cllr. Paul Collins- Cabinet Member, with the executive role for Finance, Assets and Investments- Vice Chair of Standards Committee.

Cllr. Dave Poulton- Vice Chair of the People Scrutiny Committee- a member of the Development and Control Committee and the Traffic and Regulation Working Party.

Cllr. Carole Mulrone- Chair of the Place Scrutiny Committee, a member of the Development and Control Committee, the Licencing Committee and the Essex Heritage Trust.

Cllr. Rob McMullan- Chair of Audit Committee, a member of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, General Purposes Committee and will sit on the London Southend Airport Consultative Committee.



Brooklands Avenue resurfaced. ✓



New street trees for Hudson and Macmurdo Roads and Green Lane. ✓



Glenwood and Grovewood Avenue barriers installed. ✓



New electronic radar speed signs Erected in Whitehouse Road ✓

Eastwood Park Liberal Democrat Team: Always here to help!



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Eastwood Park Lib Dem Surgeries / Meet Your Councillor sessions twice each month!
2nd Saturday: Kent Elms Library, 10-12 noon
4th Saturday: The Oakwood, 10-12 noon

You can always contact us about issues, or report them directly on the Council website at "MySouthend" (but let us know so we are aware and can follow up your problem)

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Eastwood Park FOCUS

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DAVE POULTON ELECTED – DAVE SAYS "THANK YOU"



Dave arriving at Civic Centre

Following his election as your new Councillor, Dave says "Thank You to the residents of Eastwood for your overwhelming support in May."

"I will continue to work on behalf of all residents and businesses in Eastwood, however they voted."

Paul and Rob added "Dave will strengthen the Eastwood Liberal Democrat team considerably and will be a great asset to the Council Group and help in getting a better deal for Eastwood's residents"

Dave Poulton Liberal Democrat	1419
Conservative	762
Labour	193
Green	78
Confelicity	53

GRASS CUTTING- UPDATE

"Why is there a delay in grass cutting in our parks and on our verges?"

The previous Tory Administration **REDUCED** the staff numbers through voluntary redundancies, together with a decision not to fund the usual extra seasonal help. This put pressure on an already overstretched Parks Team. The wet and warm spring also meant some cuts were missed and created conditions for faster growth.

In addition, a very serious road traffic accident in late April led to 2 members of the Parks Team being badly injured and 3 machines were destroyed. Police arrested the driver of the vehicle that collided with them. Your Eastwood Councillors have prioritised our Parks and the grass in them has now been cut. The New Administration have agreed to reverse the previous Administrations decision on extra seasonal staff and temporary staff have now been hired to tackle the backlog. Priority will also be given to verges where sightlines for drivers and pedestrians are affected.

GENERAL ELECTION ON THURSDAY 4TH JULY
Liberal Democrat campaigner Stephen Cummins is chosen as our candidate to stand in the new Southend West and Leigh constituency.
MORE INSIDE.



Stephen Cummins

With Southend on Sea being a City on the coast where many residents and tourists come to enjoy our miles of beaches it is crucial that the waters are kept clean and healthy and not used as a dumping ground for sewage. OFWAT, the body that is supposed to monitor and enforce penalties against water companies that dump sewage is far too weak and should be scrapped and replaced with an effective body, In April this year the Tory Government, backed by our Tory MP, voted to further weaken OFWAT's powers to protect the water companies from sanctions



SUPPORT STEPHEN CUMMINS AND STRENGTHEN THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT TEAM IN SOUTHEND.

Meet Stephen Cummins

Hello. I live and work in the Constituency of Southend West and Leigh and have done so for 10 years. My daughter attended Eastwood Academy where I was a Governor. Unlike some Candidates I have not been parachuted in from afar by a central party's headquarters.

I work for an Asset Management company in the City of London. I am also a magistrate (JP) in the East London Family Court, so I get to see close up many of the issues and problems that affect a lot of families.

In my spare time, I make synthesizer music, play computer games and walk my dogs along the Esplanade at Chalkwell. You might also know of me from my Southend Dog Friendly Beach campaign.

It may have seemed that Southend could have never changed from a Conservative Member of Parliament, but the Tories are unrecognisable now to the party they once were. Voters now have a real opportunity to choose a fresh start.

I am honoured to be standing to be your next local MP in the new parliamentary constituency of Southend West and Leigh.

Stephen

ON THURSDAY JULY 4TH VOTE



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To view the full details of the Liberal Democrats Manifesto go to: www.libdems.org.uk/manifesto



If the last time you voted was at the last General Election the laws have since changed and you will need acceptable photo ID. to vote. Go to ; southend.gov.uk/elections For details of what you can use.



The National Health Service will be 76 years old on the day after the General Election and during that time its services have expanded considerably, but there are many things that need improving to cope with todays needs. Many Accident and Emergency Departments are under resourced and overwhelmed with patients needing urgent care. There are far too many ambulances queueing outside A & E's waiting to hand over patients, some in life threatening condition. Problems with getting a Doctors appointment or finding a National Health Service Dentist are far too common and we need politicians that will prioritise the future needs and resources of the NHS.

Sir Ed Davey, the leader of the Liberal Democrats, has made a significant policy promise, if our party wins they will fund free social care at home. This is a major improvement and step forward as the Conservatives have continuously failed to tackle this matter over the past fourteen years, despite several promises to do so. Care workers should also have a higher minimum wage of £2 per hour more than the National Minimum Wage. The provision of free personal care at home for help with washing and medication for everyone in England that needs it. This would need resourcing and the proposal is to reverse a tax cut for the Banks which would raise £2.7 billion . Our proposal is an important step towards a much needed reform of social care.



CUMMINS Stephen
Liberal Democrat





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