



# TIME TO SORT OUT THE MESS



**Ben**

**Ben Ireland (left) and Kay Mitchell** are your **Borough Council** Candidates, along with **Cllr Ian Wilkes**, for the elections on May 3rd..

**Ben and Kay** say "After the chaos at the last elections, a new inadequate building and a delayed office move **it is time to sort this council out.**

**Ian Wilkes** agrees, he is concerned that tax payers money has been wasted, due to poor management.



**Kay**

Do not leave it to the so called independent group - they chop and change allegiance between the Tories and Labour as the mood suits them.

**REMEMBER THE LIB DEMS WERE THE ONLY PARTY TO OPPOSE THE MOVE TO CASTLE HOUSE.**



## NEWCASTLE UNDER RUBBISH

The Tory Council, following Tory Government Cuts, are **taking the axe to street cleaning**, litter bin and dog bin emptying and parks maintenance.. It was the Lib Dems who improved street cleaning by investing in new vehicles.

The previous Labour Council scrapped the working Recycling system introduced by the Lib Dems, causing delays in your service

Labour started the rot by wrecking the Recycling System, now the Tories have put the financial boot in.

In the last Focus we referred to the Church Street Bus Shelter as being a Parish Council Shelter, not quite correct. The Borough Council own the shelter but the Parish Council asked for it to be removed. The Borough do not have the funds to replace it with a cantilever shelter. Have Bignal End and Wood Lane Surgery patients been left out in the cold?

**Cllr Wilkes is pressing the Borough for action, but did the Parish Council check funds were available before they asked for it to be moved?**

# MENTAL HEALTH AND VANDALISM

These items, both of which were raised at the Liberal Democrat Spring Conference this March, are linked in more ways than one. Mental Health and Police Services are both victims of the austerity cuts and vandalism is often caused by mental health issues.

*Nationally the Lib Dems are campaigning for mental health to be given the same priority as physical health and are calling for an all party working group to take this issue out of party politics. Locally Councillor Ian Wilkes is doing his bit supporting Audley as a dementia friendly society.*



**Cllr Ian Wilkes backing your NHS**

At their Conference this March Lib Dems backed a call for more resources for Community Policing. This will help resolve vandalism problems, such as those seen outside Tesco's in February.

**Councillor Ian Wilkes organised a drop in session with the police for the public to discuss problems in Audley**

## LOCAL PLAN AND HOUSING

The Newcastle Local Plan calls for more houses than needed, at building rates far higher than have been achieved recently.

It leaves sites for 2000 houses unidentified which opens the door to developers submit sites all over the Green Belt.

**Sites such as those in Wood Lane could be at risk.**



Cllr. Ian Wilkes and the Lib Dems are campaigning for the Council to use modular construction to speed up and make greener the house building programme.



Modular housing can be built for Social Housing (left) and larger homes, including self build.

"An ideal project for part of the Council owned redundant Golf Course" says Cllr. Ian Wilkes

## OUR VALUES

At our March Conference we reaffirmed our commitment to:

- ☐ Effective services funded by fair taxation
- ☐ Education to provide workers with the skills needed now
- ☐ Health Service to meet modern needs
- ☐ Mental Health to be given the same priority as Physical Health
- ☐ Environmental policies to combat climate change

### AND AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

If there are Parish Council Elections in May Cllr. Val Pearson will be looking for your support to enable her to continue to serve you.

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