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CAN BEAT THE
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**Lib
Dem
38%**

**Con
31%**

**Lab
15%**

**Epsom & Ewell's July 2024
General Election results**

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Business



Your local Lib Dems champion community and local businesses in Epsom & Ewell. Labour's National Insurance Contributions rise will undermine growth. Your MP recognises small businesses are suffering.

Charities



Your local Lib Dems support the charities of Epsom & Ewell. Recognising how hard times are in the cost of living crisis, your MP will continue to advocate for charities to bring improvements to the community.

Environment



Your local Lib Dems are passionate about retaining greenspaces and care for the environment. Green spaces are integral for Epsom & Ewell residents mental, social and physical well-being.

Sports



Your local Lib Dems have been working to provide slots for free tennis court access at weekends and during the Summer holidays. Cllr Lawrence and fellow councillors approved the free times at the Environment Committee in March.

Epsom and Ewell

FOCUS



From Helen Maguire MP and your local Lib Dem team

MP Abseils Down Crumbling Hospital Wall

...But St Helier's rebuild is still left hanging

On the 25th April, Helen Maguire MP bravely abseiled down St Helier Hospital to raise funds for the Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity.

The funds raised assist Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity in supporting local hospitals, ensuring that patients, their families, and the dedicated staff receive the care they deserve.

Poor working conditions at St Helier Hospital are not only placing strain on hard working staff but also on Epsom Hospital, with patients and resources likely to be relocated there.

Despite Conservative promises to start rebuilding St Helier by 2030, Health Secretary Wes Streeting states this rebuild may be delayed until as late as 2038.

Conservatives let local residents down repeatedly, the Labour government is proving no better, St Helier Hospital remains the same - unimproved.

The Lib Dems recognise how essential local hospitals are to residents. Your MP is stepping up and taking action to demonstrate her support of the rebuild of St Helier Hospital and to raise funds to assist in making tangible improvements in these local hospitals.

Helen Maguire MP and the Lib Dems are working hard to fight for the high-quality healthcare you deserve.

Please sign Helen's petition below to help to secure the funding needed for these urgent repairs.

Your MP raised money for the Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity



End the building delays at St Helier. Sign Helen's petition by scanning HERE.





LIB DEMS: WORKING FOR YOU ALL YEAR ROUND

Road to Nowhere:

Traffic delays are failing Epsom & Ewell residents

The completion of roadworks continue to inconvenience residents in Epsom & Ewell.

Agencies must be held accountable for delays and poor communication, it is important residents are able to commute with ease.

For many months, filter lights were in place on Wells Road bridge with seemingly little to no work occurring on the road. There was no communication with

surrounding residents despite the bridge being the sole route in and out of the estate.

Helen Maguire MP wrote to Network Rail demanding an update on the work and clear communication on the situation to residents, as well as an update on when works will continue on Castle Road footbridge – a public right of way which has been closed for years. Shortly after this, work was quickly finished on the road, and the footbridge is set to be opened in November.



Please get in touch with Helen Maguire MP if similar action is needed for roadworks near you.

Lib Dem Pressure Delivers Medicine for Pharmacies



Many local pharmacies have been facing increasing financial strain.

Under the Pharmacy First Scheme, pharmacies were promised £645 million, but only 12% has been disbursed—much of it tied to patient consultations rather than being provided as upfront cash. Community pharmacy staff have also faced a 40% real terms pay cut over the past decade, forcing some pharmacies to supply life-saving medications at a loss.

In response, Helen Maguire MP pressed Health Ministers with several letters demanding better support for independent pharmacies. Following Lib Dem pressure, the government has now agreed to a new funding package. This plan boosts total funding to £3.1 billion and addresses the issue of over-delivery on drug cost margins.

One local pharmacy which welcomes the news is Horton Pharmacy: "We're grateful to Helen and the Lib Dems for standing up for community pharmacies. While it still falls short of recommendations, this new funding package shows that sustained pressure can make a real difference. Many pharmacies like ours are still facing tough choices just to keep our doors open, but this gives us a bit of breathing space to keep serving our community."

Thames Water

Residents Pay More —
And Get Sewage in Return

Thames Water continue to let residents down. Despite rising bills, residents are not gaining much in return. In 2023, the Lib Dems obtained data from Thames Water revealing horrifying amounts of sewage was being pumped into the river. And yet customers are currently paying 31% more for Thames Water.

How can they get away with this? Your MP recognises it's not good enough.



Let's Get Epsom Back on Track



Trains are still running at half the frequency of pre-covid services

Local people are concerned with the lack of frequency of trains. This has been an ongoing issue since the covid outbreak; the frequency of trains has not yet increased to pre-covid levels.

New Arterio trains with increased capacity are to be rolled out as the standard SWR

trains in Epsom & Ewell over the summer to ease overcrowding on trains.

However, only 5 of the 90 new £1 billion fleet of Arterio trains are currently in service. The majority have been stuck in storage due to a lack of trained drivers, with no clear date for the full roll-out. Alongside fellow Lib-Dem MPs, Helen Maguire has signed a letter to the Secretary of State demanding clarity on the matter. Your MP is also pushing for increased frequency of trains, especially at commuting times.

Sign this petition to support increasing train frequency in Epsom & Ewell:



SCAN HERE



or go to:
bit.ly/EpsomTrainPetition

Helen Maguire MP has held Thames Water to account by:



Meeting with Thames Water representatives to directly challenge them on their failings.



Visiting Thames Water's Hogsmill Sewage Treatment Works to see what steps are being taken to tackle the acceptable levels of sewage being dumped in the Hogsmill and River Mole.



Continuing to call on the Government to scrap Ofwat and put Thames Water into special administration.