

Stoke Newington election special News from your candidate **Patricia Napier**



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THIS THURSDAY IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE!

...polls open 7am to 10pm

Stoke Newington residents, some traditionally Labour, others who have voted Liberal or Green, are backing well-known local campaigner Patricia Napier to win on Thursday 29 January.

The streets ...

The Council should pay attention to basic issues like maintaining footpaths, repairing potholes and keeping streets clean. More recycling is good but we need to make sure that the service is delivered properly in practice.

Simple measures like having more dog bins would get the streets cleaner at minimal cost.



... traffic and cycling

In London, Conservative Boroughs have led the way in changing the street scene for the benefit of pedestrians and cyclists.

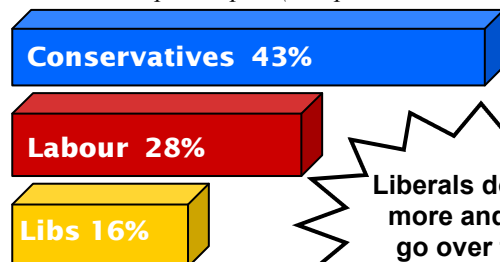
We may be stuck with the one-way system but there's still much that could be done to improve the area around the High St and Stoke Newington Common. We urgently need to improve cycling access from Stoke Newington Common to Church St.

Wilmer Place car park should be free in the evening, to take pressure off surrounding streets and local businesses.

Whatever you do, don't waste your vote on the Lib Dems or Greens. Neither party wins by elections round here. In an election last week in South Tottenham, they came third and fourth respectively, hundreds of votes behind the Conservative.

3 out of the last 4 Hackney by-elections have been Conservative wins (New River 2004, Queensbridge 2005, Springfield 2008) with the Lib Dems and Greens coming nowhere! Lib Dems and Greens aren't winners here.

This week's opinion poll (Independent, 26/1/09)



Liberals down, as more and more go over to the Conservatives



“I know what it is to be the victim of crime —

Last year I was shopping on Stoke Newington High Street and a boy on a bike came up behind me and grabbed my bag. I held on to it and he pulled me to the ground and I was left face-down on the pavement.

At a recent neighbourhood meeting, police reported that having stopped a number of boys on these pavements who were carrying knives, so it could have been much worse.

I will fight for more police on the streets targeting the sort of offenders that you and I are most concerned about.”

Shopping and the High Street

Conservative Boroughs have active retail strategies to support their High streets.

On the London Assembly, Conservatives are pushing for the London Plan to be changed to encourage local shopping and allow Planning Committees to turn down those applications from chain stores which might damage the local economy.

The Conservatives have been firmly amongst those who have regenerated and protected small business in Hackney. I want to take some of those lessons as examples of the way forward for Stoke Newington.

We need to end unnecessary and punitive parking restrictions that are killing local businesses and victimising innocent residents. We have asked Boris Johnson to engage with Transport for London to find a solution that keeps traffic flowing but is fair to local businesses and residents.

It's a scandal that most of Hackney's 11 year olds are sent to schools elsewhere, and a situation foreseen by Hackney Labour, but ignored.

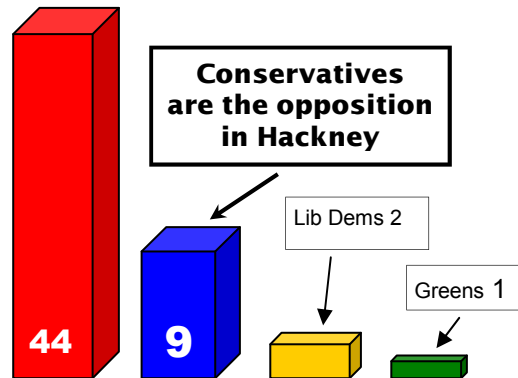
Conservatives are the only party who will support faith schools. We should give more help to churches and other groups who are looking for space to start schools. We will support Tawhid Boys' and local Turkish speaking supplementary schools.



If elected I will have regular surgeries, you will have my mobile number and email address and I will keep in touch with regular newsletters



Labour's economic legacy



Conservatives are the opposition in Hackney

(number of Councillors in Hackney : Labour have 44 already, why give them another?)

Young people

“There is so little for Young People to do in Hackney it depresses me. The Council markets high-profile events over the summer but doesn't support the small clubs that provide activities through the year (eg it recently closed Clissold Youth Club).”

Its recent pathetic increases in youth workers only came after intervention by Conservatives. A Borough which prides itself on the number of ASBOs it has issued, and yet is happy to see youth clubs fold, is letting down young people and exposing them to criminal elements.”