



Brighton Hill Labour

**Cllr Andy McCormick
Cllr Pam Lonie
& introducing Kim Taylor**

Working for Brighton Hill all year round

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Labour Councillors defend Brighton Hill's green open spaces

Useable green open space is important and Brighton Hill has a significant shortage of it when compared to other areas of the town. The spaces we do have are really important and Labour Councillors have been leading the call for these valued green lungs to be protected.

The Council are looking at ways that the future of these green open spaces in the town can be secured.

A motion proposed by Labour Councillors at Full Council calling for protection was agreed as a way forward and it's a matter of how to offer spaces like Brighton Hill Playing Fields, and the open space behind Asda, or the green areas within our communities protection from development.

The threat can be very real. A few years ago the County Council tried to dispose of Down Grange for housing. They are still trying. These open spaces are not as protected as they should be.

We're really proud of our community and having good quality green space makes Brighton Hill a good place to live. Labour Councillors are committed to fighting for Brighton Hill.



Calling for increased Parking standards



Your Labour Councillors have been calling for better parking standards. We know that parking is a major issue for many residents in our community.

We want to see the Council invest more in parking solutions and help residents by increasing the number of parking bays available in the worst effected streets.

We also want to see the parking standards increased and we are calling on the council to do just that.

We want to see far more spaces provided to ease the pressure on our roads. Cllr Andy McCormick has called for the Council's parking schemes programme to be accelerated.

There isn't a road in our area that doesn't have a parking issue of some kind. The council needs to address people's concerns and we are leading the calls for action, investment and a change to policy to allow for increased parking. Labour Councillors are working to improve the parking situation in Brighton Hill.

Local Tories vote for Tip Tax

Council Tax is set to rise again and people are paying more for less. On top of this Tories now want to charge you to enter the local tip in Wade Road and charge you for things you might want to take there.

The concern residents have already expressed is that this decision will increase fly tipping. We saw over 3000 reports of fly tipping last year. After threatening Alternate Weekly Collections this latest Tory idea is plain rubbish. The Tories are threatening they may have to close tips unless they are allowed to bring in these charges. *We all deserve a lot better than this.*



Council Tax set to rise again by over £50 for a Band D property

Tory controlled Hampshire & Basingstoke Council plan to raise Council Tax by over £50 again next February.

That means the average council tax bill on a band D property will be roughly £1,500 a year. Not only are people paying more for less, they face increased charges for services as well. Fees and charges are going up by the rate of inflation, in some cases more than, at a time when wages are not keeping up.

Basingstoke Council has £350million in assets and reserves, Hampshire £400 million. While they cut services, they are still putting money into these reserves.

We should be investing in local housing to solve our housing crisis, making money to reinvest in services, making a return for the taxpayer. Instead Tories are obsessed with pet projects like £3million for an American Hotel on Basing View. *We all deserve a lot better than this.*



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Hampshire County Council plans to slash £140million out of its budget

Cuts to social adults' health and care services (£56m), children's services (£30m) and school crossing patrols (£1.2m). Subsidised bus services and community transport could also lose their entire funding pot to save £4m, while up to a half of the county's recycling centres could be closed and the hours of the rest cut in a bid to save £1.2m.

Things could change between now and February when the budget is finally approved and Labour Councillors are fighting to stop the cuts.

Over half a billion pounds has been cut by Hampshire over recent years and this has decimated local services like our Children's Centres - closed, youth workers - made redundant, schools coming under huge budget pressure.

Say NO to anti-social behaviour

We want to feel safe and secure in our communities and feel free to go to the shops or walk the dog without "looking over my shoulder", but recently Brighton Hill residents have been telling me about anti-social behaviour.

According to UKCrimeStats.com there were 474 incidents of antisocial behaviour in Basingstoke South in the last year. We now have 1,000 less police in the Hampshire and overall spending on police has dropped by 17% since the Conservatives took control of the Police funding in 2010.

Numbers of Special Constables and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) who patrol the streets, have also fallen by 7% and 11% respectively in the last year alone. Hampshire Constabulary, rated by HMIC as "Requires Improvement", now has one of the lowest ratio of police officers per resident in the UK - that's just

These cuts are damaging people's lives, they have a human cost too. Things need to change, we cannot go on like this.

"We're fighting for our local services that people rely on, whether that's care for the elderly, or school crossing patrols, or support for the most vulnerable in our community. Labour is standing up and saying enough is enough." Cllr Andy McCormick.



not good enough. Labour will recruit 10,000 more police officers to work on community beats, which is where we need them if we want to stamp out anti-social behaviour. Labour recognise we need to invest in our public services.

We're proud of Brighton Hill, it's a great place to live, so we want to see our police and know anti-social behaviour is being tackled.

We need residents to join the Steering Group working on the community plan. If you can help please give us a call.

Introducing Kim Taylor, newest member of the Labour Team in Brighton Hill South



"It's great to be part of a positive team working for our community. I know how hard our

Labour Councillors work for Brighton Hill." Kim Taylor.

Community Litter Picks

Every 3rd Saturday of the month, meet in the Brighton Hill Shops car park by the Gillies Health Centre at 10.30am.



Councillors Surgeries

Every 1st Saturday of the month, in the library at Brighton Hill School, 10am to 12noon.

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Proposals have been announced to charge pensioners for their older persons bus pass.

The plans are to charge people a one off £10 when you apply for your pass. Plus you will be charged 50p every time you use the bus. That's a pound, there and back every time you need to do the shopping, visit a friend or get to the doctors.

Many residents in Brighton Hill will be hit by this proposal. People we have spoken to have said how important it is that the bus pass is free and that if they have to pay they will not be able to go

out much. They worry about getting lonely or not being able to afford to go for medical appointments.

It's an accepted fact that getting out and about makes us fitter, healthier and happier. Age UK has made it clear to Government that the lack of access to transport has a profound impact on quality of life and that many older people find it difficult to get to hospital appointments or their GPs without using public transport.

"This proposal is going to cause real financial hardship and increased loneliness in our community and that's why I am supporting our Labour Councillors in fighting this proposal." Kim Taylor.



Useful facts from Age UK

- Approximately 35,000 people aged 65-84 in England have difficulty walking even a short distance, but are restricted to using public transport, making any journey difficult.
- 40% of people aged 60 or over use local bus services at least once a week.
- Around 25% of bus journeys taken by people aged 65+ are for medical appointments.

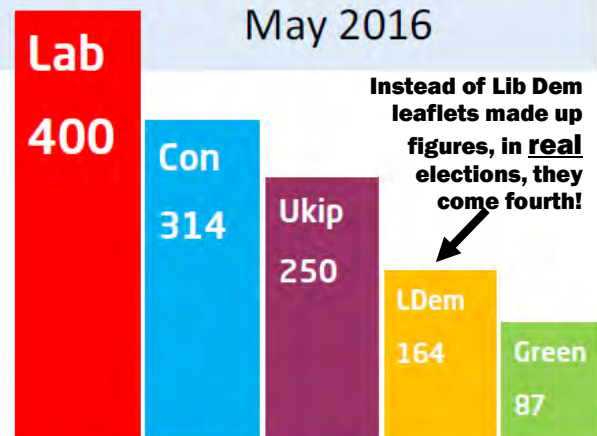
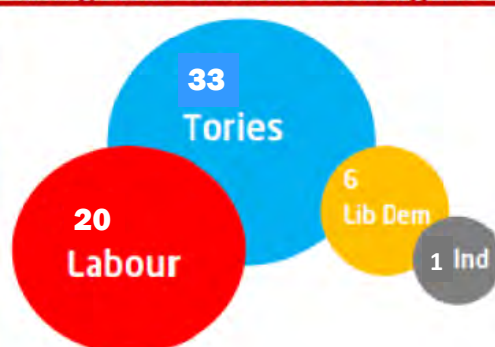


Real election results, real votes... It's Labour challenging the Tories in Basingstoke

Election results in Brighton Hill May 2016



Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council



Instead of Lib Dem leaflets made up figures, in real elections, they come fourth!