

## Education is at the Heart of What we Stand For

Right now, head teachers across the UK are writing to the Government to protest at the lack of resources for education - while the Conservative Government is squandering money on "free" and "grammar" schools - we want to tell you what we think.

*Education is the key to freedom and opportunity, and a vital part of creating the fairer society our Party seeks to build.*

*We believe in a society where every young person, from whatever background or circumstance, can grow up to achieve anything they set their mind to. It is a tragedy that in 21st Century Britain, the wealth of a child's parents and where they are born are still indicators of how well they will do at school. We strongly oppose the Government's plans to open divisive new grammar schools which will disproportionately benefit children from wealthier backgrounds.*

*To make sure every child gets the support they need, our education system must be properly funded. We were proud to introduce the Pupil Premium - extra money to support pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds - when we were in Government. Our policy is to protect school funding in real terms, from early years to college.*

*Our vision for education is about more than just passing exams. We should give children confidence, creativity and practical skills too. We are deeply concerned that children are increasingly missing out on subjects like art, music and sport. We want to see a broad, balanced curriculum in our schools which includes financial literacy, first aid and emergency lifesaving skills, citizenship, and age-appropriate sex and relationship education.*

*Access to education and new opportunities should not end at 18. We introduced a record number of apprenticeships in the last Parliament, to support people to gain new skills or change career at any age. We want to see greater investment in adult skills training and further education colleges.*

*Fundamentally we also know that, when our teaching workforce is demoralised and undervalued, we cannot deliver the best education for all. We are, therefore, committed to working with education professionals to tackle the workload and recruitment challenges they face.*

### A Round up...



Grasscrete parking by the Church in Wigginton.



The Problem at Cow Roast - the Solution!



And Goodbye to the A41 Slip Road Pool!



Off-Road Parking at Beggars Lane



Nick congratulates Tring Childrens Centre on a good assessment



Nick at Work - for You and the Community!

### Elmhurst Ward (Aylesbury Vale)

06/04/17 result:

**LDEM: 63.5%** (+37.9)

**LAB: 12.2%** (-10.0)

**CON: 11.9%** (-9.3)

**UKIP: 9.0%** (-14.4)

**GRN: 3.5%** (-4.2)

**LIB DEM GAIN FROM UKIP**

**STOP PRESS**

### TWENTY'S PLENTY



20mph INJURES  
30mph KILLS

**Safer Streets, Quieter Streets, Healthier Streets, Friendlier Streets.**

20 mph zones are not just about slower driving - that's just the means to deliver a number of other benefits. Safer, obviously, but also, for diesel cars especially, there is a reduction in small particle pollution. In

addition, the resulting quieter and calmer ambience leads to more walking and cycling and greater social interaction, especially between children and families, but also generally.

# TRING DEMOCRAT

(including Aldbury, Wigginton, Long Marston, Wilstone and Puttenham)



**ELECTION SPECIAL!**

April 2017  
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Website: [BerkhamstedAndTringLibDems.org.uk](http://BerkhamstedAndTringLibDems.org.uk)

**Re-Elect  
NICK HOLLINGHURST  
on May 4th as your  
County Councillor**

**Nick Hollinghurst  
Working for You,  
Helping Communities,  
Getting Things Done**



**County Councillor Nick Hollinghurst**  
*"Your Voice at County Hall"*

Nick Hollinghurst is an experienced County Councillor and part of the 16-strong Liberal Democrat Team at County Hall.

The Liberal Democrats cover the full range of county responsibilities and are the Official Opposition on Hertfordshire County Council.

Nick takes a lot of trouble to respond to highways concerns but he also wants to improve life in other ways - adult care, early years development, social care and environmental protection.

These are areas where we can work for positive goals - mitigating disadvantage, reducing inequalities of opportunities and generally helping people to make the most of their lives.

**We all depend on County Council services - so it's important they are run efficiently, accessibly and economically**

"But it is also important that services are maintained and - where needed - expanded!" says Nick.

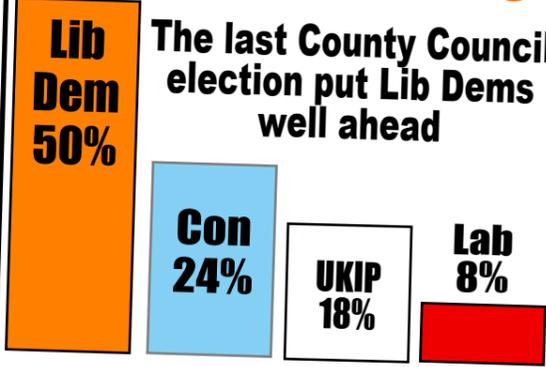
"The trouble is that the Conservatives who run the county cannot represent us effectively. They support the Conservative government that is cutting the revenue grants to councils. This in turn is forcing councils to reduce services by an expected 7% to 2020.

Hertfordshire is now in serious financial difficulties as costs rise and more people get older and live longer. This is putting a terrible strain on social services.

The county Conservatives are reluctant to lobby their own government for policy change and a better deal.

**Only the Liberal Democrats can be the independent voice we need to call for policy change and fairness."**

### Lib Dems Lead in Tring!



**THE CONSERVATIVES HAVE RUN THE COUNTY COUNCIL SINCE 1999  
Now They Run the Government Too. They are the Problem - not the Solution!**



**'FREE HOUR' STILL FREE**

Back in 2008, the "Tring Free Hour" car parking was under threat. Nick organised a survey which got a massive response. 1,750 people - nearly 20% - signed and posted them back with 98% in favour of the "Free Hour". Said Nick afterwards, "There's nothing like going to a meeting with 3 heavy, full ring binders full of supportive signatures to make a point!"

Faced with this example of "Tring People Power" in action, Dacorum decided to keep the "Free Hour" for Tring - which, nearly 10 years later, we still have.



**Osborne Way, Wigginton**

The flooding at the junction of Osborne Way and Wick Road in Wigginton that made life

difficult for residents is now a thing of the past. Thanks to a large soakaway, new pipework, cleared drains and a short ditch, water no longer blocks the end of the road after heavy rains.



**CUT POLLUTION, REDUCE NOISE, IMPROVE HEALTH**

From well to wheels, electric motors beat oil-fired ones in energy efficiency.

Add in the fact that wind and solar now make significant

contributions to the UK's electricity supply and electric motoring is a very much greener form of personal transport than petrol or diesel cars.

Air pollution is cut dramatically, traffic noise is reduced, the street scene is quieter and calmer and the risk of lung disease drops.

Nick practices what he preaches. In the picture he is seen with a colleague showing how a public charging point is used. Why not join the Lib Dems in cleaner driving?

**NEW CROSSING FOR NEW MILL**

Icknield Way is certainly a busy road and a lot of people, young and old, need to cross it to go to school or go shopping. Others cross it to use the three footpaths on the other side of the road.

And of course there are forty or so families in Longbridge Close and Bushels Wharf with children who need to get to school.

Together with the recent installation of a Speed Indication Device this should now be a safe way to cross the road.

Next instalment - an extension of the 30 mph restrictions further west by 120 yards.



**GROVE ROAD REPAIRS BROUGHT FORWARD**

Grove Road has for some time been in the planned maintenance programme for 2018/19.

The last resurfacing was done badly and Hertfordshire received some compensation.

However this was not sufficient for the entire road to be repaired. Unfortunately neither Hertfordshire nor the present contractors felt it was an urgent job because the surface defects, while very wide, were quite shallow.

However I have been able to change the budgeting so this work can be brought forward to within 6 months of the end of September 2017 - a year earlier.

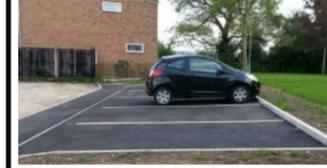
The road will be cut back by 35 mm and a completely new surface laid on top. The work will also include the junction with Grove Park



and also the digging out of the 16 blocked gulleys I reported.

**EXTRA PARKING IN TRING CENTRAL - AT LONG LAST!**

Way back in June 2011, when Nick was a Borough Councillor, he took advantage of a Dacorum Borough Council "verge hardening scheme" to provide extra local car parking. In fact he put in 18 different proposals covering the



Elm Tree Walk

whole of Tring and was the only Tring Borough Councillor to do so. These schemes got whittled down to 4 over the years - and three were eventually installed.



Eight Acres



Gamnel, when under construction

**'PLAYING OUT' SCHEME PIONEERED IN TRING**

Nick has helped local residents to pioneer a "Playing Out" scheme in Longfield Road, Tring. After the Jubilee people remembered how the children loved playing out when the road was closed and wanted to repeat it from time to time.

Nick negotiated with the council to waive the normal road closure costs and to supply some signage and equipment. The residents then organised a schedule of monthly Sunday afternoon closures, trained up marshalls and got agreement from residents.

It isn't sunny every Sunday - as the picture shows - but on a really fine day the children have a great time, enjoying their freedom, playing and making and cementing friendships.



Following the success in Tring the scheme is now available to communities across Hertfordshire, on application.

**Community Support through Locality Budget**

**2013/14**

Dacorum CAB	running costs	£500
Herts Domestic Abuse Helpline	running costs	£500
Herts Young Mariners Base	running costs	£500
Home Start Dacorum	training costs	£1,000
My DeeTV community TV	towards equipment	£250
Rennie Grove Hospice	to new mobile phones	£1,000
Hospice St Francis	to new mobile equipment	£552
Tring Together	Xmas/Spring/Summer Festivals	£1,448
Tring Community Assoc	install childrens' toilet	£2,500

**2014/15**

Dacorum Mental Health Support	running costs	£1,255
Hospice St Francis	nurses travel costs	£950
Millhoppers Management	Black Poplar leaflet	£600
Tring Community Assoc	install modern lighting	£3,000
Tring Together Festival		£400
Watford Hospital Radio	running costs	£400
Wigginton Parish Council	towards outdoor gym	£500
Parkrun	towards expenses	£500

**2015/16**

Homestart	towards training volunteers	£3,600
Hospice St Francis	to garden furniture	£600
New Mill Baptist Church	towards new floor in hall	£2,000
Tring Community Assoc	towards electric doors	£3,000
Tring Together Christmas Festival	costs	£500

**2016/17**

Long Marston Victory Hall	towards electrical work	£2,170
Tring Community Assoc	to Dementia Café costs	£480
Aldbury Parish Council	drainage works	£1,500
Orchard Childrens Centre	targeted service costs	£200
Tring Together	Christmas Festival and Spring Fair	£650
Compulsory Transfer to the HCC	Highway Budget	£5,000

**"Faster! They're Catching Us Up!"**



Nick, when he served as Tring's Town Mayor, with the Deputy Mayor leading the Summer Carnival

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