

Edward Davey MP

7th Annual Report

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Dear Resident,

Welcome to my seventh annual report. I can't believe it's been seven years since I was first elected!

This past year at Westminster has been dominated by events abroad. But it's the work I do on behalf of local people that always gives me the greatest satisfaction.

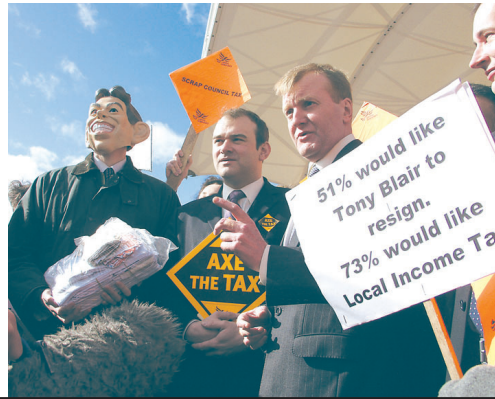
My latest report aims to keep you in touch with my work, locally and in Parliament. Inside you can read about this year's highlight - more police on the beat.

It's not all good news - the Labour Government has forced through measures that have hit local people like tuition fees and forced up the Council Tax.

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With best wishes,

Edward Davey



Edward Davey's 2003/04 highlights



At Westminster...

Campaigning for Kingston & Surbiton...

Many of my Westminster campaigns directly relate to key problems in Kingston and Surbiton.

Last year, I spoke a lot in Parliament on the need for more affordable housing and won concessions in the Housing Bill. The campaign to bring Crossrail to Kingston was important, but we await decisions.

I met Ministers on issues ranging from entry charges for Hampton Court Palace gardens to plans for a Business Improvement District in Kingston.



Travis thanks Edward for campaigning for Guide Dogs and "assistance dogs" for the disabled

...raising issues of national concern

Deputy Prime Minister Issues

I shadow John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, for the Liberal Democrats, on issues like Local Government, Planning and Housing. Last year this involved me in issues including:

- ◆ Campaigning to scrap the unfair council tax
- ◆ Exposing waste of taxpayers' money
- ◆ Skills shortage in the construction industry

Committees studying new laws

As part of my Commons duties, I served on standing committees looking at new laws -

- ◆ the Local Government Bill
- ◆ the Housing Bill

I was also involved with Bills reforming the Planning system and the Fire Service.



Edward backs Charles Kennedy's strong stance against the Iraq war - here at Prime Minister's Questions

Motions, questions & votes

I backed over 150 motions on issues such as:

- ◆ Saving community pharmacies
- ◆ Reforming the Common Agricultural Policy
- ◆ Supporting local post offices

I asked over 100 questions, including on:

- ◆ Care standards for the elderly
- ◆ Recycling performance in Whitehall
- ◆ Numbers of police across London

I voted in 78% of divisions in 2002/3 and in 76% so far this session, a better record than 92% and 78% of Conservative MPs in each case.

I voted *against* Government policies on Iraq, student tuition fees and council tax.

I voted *for* a Private Member's Bill to tighten regulations on fireworks and backed Government plans to reform emergency powers legislation.



Edward Davey and other Lib Dems hand in a national petition against the unfair council tax

... and locally

Crime

My long campaign for more police locally at last had some success, with 3 new “beat bobby” teams launched, with more to come. “Safer Neighbourhood Teams” will see around 40 extra officers on the beat in Kingston.

However, 2 new threats to the local crime fight have arisen. First, a threat to close New Malden police station. Second, the review of “core” police numbers in London *could* reduce our local core team. Campaigning continues.



Chessington's Safer Neighbourhood team marks a success for the “bobbies on the beat” campaign

Health

A major improvement in performance at Kingston Hospital's new Accident and Emergency Unit was the year's highlight. Long waits had continued even after the new unit opened 2 years ago, but new reforms this year led to Kingston's A&E winning awards as one of the best performers across the whole of the UK.

Three longstanding problems at Kingston remain, however - the need to improve the hospital's cleanliness, food quality and parking.

I launched a major new local NHS campaign during the year - pressing for more NHS dentists.



Edward's NHS dentist campaign follows surveys revealing a chronic shortage

Education

Education campaigning had mixed results this year. While some school budgets are better, higher costs and lower pupil numbers have left others struggling. Capital investment is up, with several real successes like Malden Manor Primary and Richard Challoner. Yet Ministers did not listen to requests for special help after the awful fire at Tiffin Girls.

While the vote on tuition fees in Parliament was narrowly lost, our campaign to stop them continues.



Edward has opposed student fees which will hit many young people and families in Kingston

Around and about

My local work remains my priority. My advice sessions held twice a week allow people to meet me face-to-face, as do my regular visits to local groups and organisations.

Living in Surbiton myself, commuting to Westminster from the station, brings home local issues. From Bee Keepers to appeals like KingstonCan or Kingston Theatre, there's plenty to keep me busy.



Edward gets busy at Kingston's Bee Keepers

Advice sessions in 2004/5

Can I help?

I hold my advice sessions every Monday from 8am to 10am at the Liberal Democrat Office at 21 Berrylands Rd, Surbiton, and at the dates and venues shown below.

Most venues have disabled access, but please call 8288-0296 to check a particular venue.



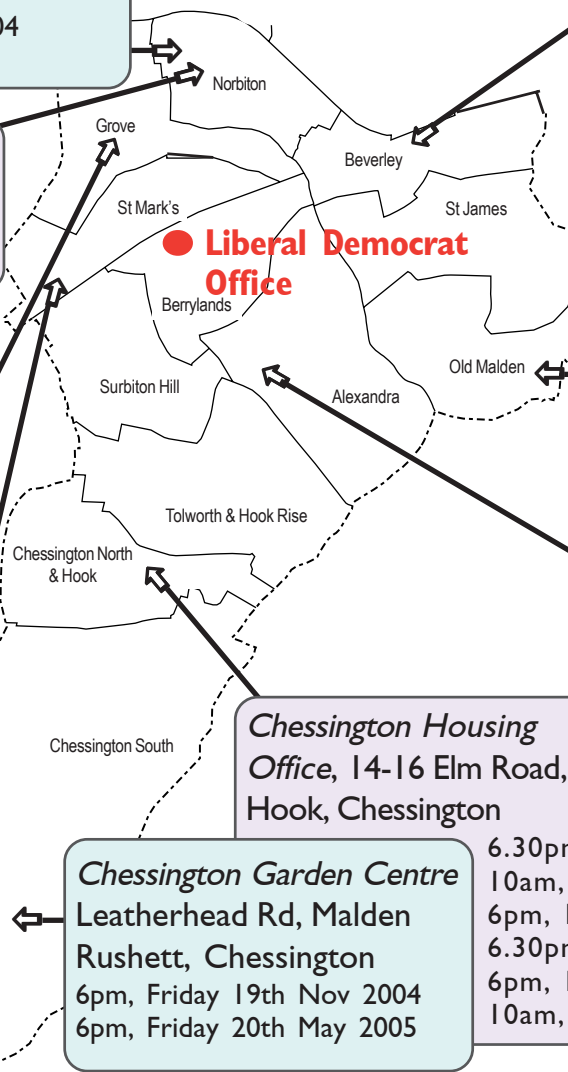
New Malden Methodist Church (Welcome Room), High Street, New Malden
6pm, Friday 10th September 2005
6.30pm, Thurs 28th Oct 2005
6.30pm, Thurs 2nd Dec 2005
6pm, Friday 28th Jan 2005
6.30pm, Thurs 10th March 2005
6.30pm, Thurs 28th April 2005
6pm, Friday, 10th June 2005
6.30pm, Thurs 28th July 2005

Kingston Asda, London Road, Norbiton
10am Saturday, 23rd October 2004
10am, Saturday 23rd July 2005

Piper Hall, Washington Road, Norbiton
6pm, Friday 11th Feb 2005
10am, Sat 23rd April 2005

Kingston Citizens' Advice Bureau, 55 Eden Street, Kingston
6.30pm, Thurs 16th Sept 2004
6pm, Friday 17th Dec 2004
6.30pm, Thurs 17th March 2005
6.30pm, Thurs 23rd June 2005

Surbiton YMCA, Victoria Road, Surbiton
6pm, Friday 15th Oct 2004
10am, Sat 27th Nov 2004
6.30pm, Thurs 20th Jan 2005
10am, Sat 5th March 2005
6.30pm, Thurs 12th May 2005
10am, Sat 4th June 2005
6.30pm, Thurs 14th Jul 2005



The Venner Centre, The Manor Drive, Worcester Park
10am, Sat 25th Sept 2004
10am, Sat 6th Nov 2004
10am, Sat 11th Dec 2004
10am, Sat 5th Feb 2005
10am, Sat 2nd April 2005
10am, Sat 7th May 2005
10am, Sat 18th June 2005

Our Lady Immaculate Church, Ewell Road, Tolworth
6.30pm, Thurs 22nd July 2004
6pm, Thurs 30th Sept 2004
6.30pm, Thurs 11th Nov 2004
10am Sat 8th January 2005
6pm, Friday 18th Feb 2005
6pm, Friday 8th April 2005
6.30pm, Thurs 26th May 2005
6pm, Friday 1st July 2005

Chessington Housing Office, 14-16 Elm Road, Hook, Chessington
6.30pm, Thurs 29th Jul 2004
10am, Sat 9th October 2004
6pm, Friday 14th Jan 2005
6.30pm, Thurs 24th Feb 2005
6pm, Friday 15th April 2005
10am, Sat 9th July 2005

Chessington Garden Centre, Leatherhead Rd, Malden Rushett, Chessington
6pm, Friday 19th Nov 2004
6pm, Friday 20th May 2005

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020-8288 0161 or 020-8288 0296 - it is usually staffed between 9am & 5pm; out of hours you can leave a message on the answerphone. For diary engagements, please call my House of Commons Office on 020-7219 3512

• **visiting my website at:** www.edwarddavey.co.uk where you can send me a message, look at my diary & read much more about my work - both locally and in parliament