

Edward Davey MP Kingston and Surbiton



"This is my report on my eighth year working as your MP here in Kingston and Surbiton. Living here for the last 10 years, I'm passionate about improving our community, and I'm grateful for all the help local people have given me, campaigning together."



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- **talk in person at my advice sessions**

I hold two surgeries a week - every Monday morning, from 8am to 10am at 21 Berrylands Road, Surbiton - then on a Thurs/Friday evening OR Saturday morning, at venues across the constituency. Please call my office on 020-8288 0296 for details.

Edward Davey

29,542



**Kingston & Surbiton 2001
General Election Result**

**Conservative
13,866**

**Can't
Win
Here**



Labour 4,302



Labour has NEVER won in Kingston & Surbiton. Everyone knows only the Liberal Democrats can beat the Conservatives here at the next election

Edward Davey MP Working For You

Fighting Crime



Edward led successful campaigns for more local police. He lobbied hard for a major change in the formula allocating police across London, winning 5 extra officers for Kingston, and backed six new local community police teams.

A better NHS

Edward is campaigning for a fairer cash deal for Kingston's NHS, as local NHS budgets have not risen as fast as national health spending. He is pressing for more NHS dentists here and for major improvements at Kingston Hospital, on cleanliness and parking.



Edward wants Kingston's popular maternity services to expand, and opposes closing Epsom's unit.

In Parliament...

I am a regular speaker, especially in my role shadowing the Deputy Prime Minister for my party. I voted in 70% of divisions in the last session, a **better record than over two-thirds of Conservative MPs**. I voted **against** the Government on the gambling bill, identity cards and on a new offence of religious hatred. I voted **for** abolishing tuition fees, a ban on hunting wild mammals with dogs and a more accessible Parliament. The cost of running my offices, including 3 members of staff, rent, rates, utilities, stationery, IT, postage & travel in 2003/04 was £108,628, **around £10,000 less than the average MP**.

Investing in Schools

Edward's past campaigns for more education investment, working with Kingston Council, have paid off, with Kingston schools attracting a record £11 million in capital for buildings in just 3 years. Yet from his frequent visits to local schools, Edward believes a lot more is needed to turn round a "twenty year backlog".



A fair deal for older people

Edward backs Charles Kennedy's plans to give pensioners over 75 an extra £25 a week. The Lib Dem pension will tackle the mess caused by Labour's Pension Credit, where thousands of pensioners missed out.



Motions & questions

- I backed over 250 motions in the Commons:*
- To support debt relief for Africa
 - For planning law changes for mobile phone masts
 - Against EU Food Supplements Directive restrictions
 - Against President Bush's climate change policy
- I asked over 200 questions, on matters such as:*
- Aid to Sri Lanka after the Asian tsunami
 - Cost of council tax revaluation
 - Shortages of midwives in Kingston & SW London
 - Road safety figures for the A3, Kingston by-pass

Strong Commons Voice

As the Liberal Democrat Shadow to the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, Edward has led the national campaign to abolish the unfair council tax. With detailed research, he has exposed the threat posed by the



planned revaluation of council tax, where many homes in Kingston could be moved up two or three council tax bands.

What people say

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for not giving up on us!
A.C., Berrylands

You, sir, have restored my faith in MPs.
V.P., Chessington

I'd give you a thousand votes if I could!
A.J., Surbiton

Words are not enough to express how thankful we are for all the help you have given us.
I.B., Tolworth

These are just a few of my memories from my eighth year as your MP...





To find out more about my work last year, visit www.EdwardDavey.co.uk

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EDWARD DAVEY MP



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LONDON SW1A 0AA**

Dear Resident,

March 2005

My eighth report updates you on my local and national work. I hope you find it interesting.

Iraq remained the defining political issue last year. While the recent elections give cause for hope, the instability has created a breeding ground for terrorists. We must learn from the mistakes and work for peace in the Middle East and beyond. We need a timetable to withdraw our troops safely and end the drain on the taxpayer.

In Parliament, I shadow John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister. He covers local government and I've become very worried about his plans for council tax re-banding. Since Kingston house prices have risen far faster than the national average, these plans for revaluation will hit us here with large council tax rises. Re-banding in Cardiff this year has seen 64% of homes go up one or more bands, and only 2% down! We must stop council tax revaluation, and axe this unfair tax.

Locally, my top campaign, again, was for extra police officers. I spent many hours on a Met review of police numbers across London, pushing Kingston's case. A similar review 3 years ago said we had 30 officers too many - this time, we gained 5 extra officers! Coupled with new community beat teams, we are at last seeing the increase in police we've long battled for. Other campaigns focused on NHS dentists, post offices and scrapping student tuition fees.

With all good wishes

**Edward Davey
Liberal Democrat MP for Kingston and Surbiton**

Say No to Council Tax Revaluation

Council Tax is an unfair tax and revaluation will make it more so. Council taxes are rocketing where revaluation has taken place, especially where house prices have risen fast since the 1991 valuation. We therefore call on Ministers to stop Labour's revaluation, scrap Council Tax and replace it with a system based on people's ability to pay.

Name

Address

Telephone

Email

Say No to Tuition & Top-up Fees

I/we, the undersigned, call for the Government to scrap Tuition Fees and Top-up Fees.

Name

Address

Telephone

Email

Help Edward's Campaign

Edward Davey needs your help to campaign on issues affecting residents in Kingston & Surbiton. There are a number of ways you can help him.

- I can deliver leaflets in my area
 - I can help with clerical work at Edward's HQ
 - I can sit at a polling station for an hour or two on election day, taking voters' numbers
 - I can display a poster at election times
 - I can make a donation to Edward's campaigns
- £50 £25 £10 £.....other

Please make cheques payable to 'Liberal Democrats'. A donation of £5 or more entitles you to become a member of the Lib Dems. Please tick here if you do not wish to be enrolled.

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