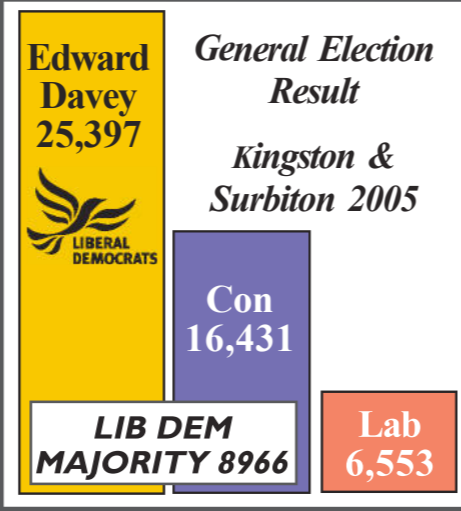


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Or meet me in person at one of my twice weekly advice surgeries:
 Every Monday morning, 8am-10am, at 21 Berrylands Road, Surbiton, KT5 8QX (except bank holidays or where shown below).
 Or at one of the other weekly venues listed below (most venues have disabled access, but please call 020 8288 0296 to check).



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Advice Surgeries in 2008			Advice Surgeries in 2009		
July	Friday 4	New Malden - Methodist Church 6pm	Jan	First surgery in 2009 - Monday 5	8am Constituency office
	Thursday 10	Kingston - CAB Office 6.30pm		Saturday 10	Hook - Hook Centre 10am
	Saturday 19	Worcester Park - Venner Centre 10am		Friday 16	New Malden - Methodist Church 6pm
	Thursday 24	Street Surgery - phone for details		Thursday 22	Tolworth - Our Lady Immaculate 6.30pm
Aug	Thursday 31	Tolworth - Our Lady Immaculate 6.30pm	Friday 30	Norbiton - Piper Hall 6pm	
	Note: NO Mondays in August or September unless shown		Feb	Saturday 7	Worcester Park - Venner Centre 10am
	Monday 4	Surbiton - Constituency Office 8am		Friday 13	Chessington - Garden Centre 6pm
	Thursday 7	Hook - Hook Centre 6pm		Monday 16	No advice surgery this Monday
Saturday 23	Norbiton - Piper Hall 10am	Friday 27		Kingston - CAB Office 6pm	
Sept	Monday 1	Surbiton - Constituency Office 8am	March	Thursday 5	Surbiton - YMCA 6.30pm
	Monday 8	Surbiton - Constituency Office 8am		Thursday 12	Tolworth - Our Lady Immaculate 6.30pm
	Thursday 11	Chessington - Garden Centre 6pm		Friday 20	New Malden - Methodist Church 6pm
	Friday 19	New Malden - Methodist Church 6pm		Saturday 28	Norbiton - Piper Hall 10am
Oct	Monday 22	Surbiton - Constituency Office 8am	April	Friday 3	Kingston - CAB Office 6pm
	Thursday 9	Tolworth - Our Lady Immaculate 6.30pm		Thursday 9	Hook - Hook Centre 6.30pm
	Saturday 18	Worcester Park - Venner Centre 10am		Friday 24	Worcester Park - Venner Centre 6pm
	Friday 24	Kingston - CAB Office 6pm		May	Saturday 2
Thursday 30	Surbiton - YMCA 6.30pm	Thursday 7	Norbiton - Piper Hall 6.30pm		
Friday 7	New Malden - Methodist Church 6pm	Friday 15	New Malden - Methodist Church 6pm		
Saturday 15	Hook - Hook Centre 10am	Thursday 21	Tolworth - Our Lady Immaculate 6.30pm		
Nov	Friday 21	Norbiton - Piper Hall 6pm	June	Thursday 4	Chessington - Garden Centre 6.30pm
	Thursday 27	Tolworth - Our Lady Immaculate 6.30pm		Friday 12	Kingston - CAB Office 6pm
	Saturday 6	Kingston - CAB Office 10am		Thursday 18	Street Surgery - phone for details
	Friday 12	Worcester Park - Venner Centre 6pm		Saturday 27	Norbiton - Piper Hall 10am
Dec	Thursday 18	Chessington - Garden Centre 6.30pm	Last surgery in 2008 - Monday 22 8am Constituency office		

Please call, or check the website, before attending in case of any unavoidable last minute changes

Full details of venues for advice surgeries:

Chessington - Garden Centre: Reception Office, Leatherhead Road, Malden Rushett, KT9 2NG	Norbiton - Piper Hall Community Centre: Piper Road, Cambridge Road Estate, Kingston, KT1 3EX
Chessington - Hook Centre: Main Reception, Hook Road, Chessington, KT9 1EJ	Surbiton - YMCA 49 Victoria Road, Surbiton, KT6 4NG
Kingston - CAB office: to rear of Neville House, 55 Eden Street, Kingston, KT1 1BW	Tolworth - Our Lady Immaculate Church: Church Hall, 401 Ewell Road, Tolworth, KT6 7DG
New Malden - Methodist Church: 49 High Street, New Malden, KT3 4BY	Worcester Park - Venner Centre The Manor Drive, Worcester Park, KT4 7LG

Health Campaigns



MP Edward Davey led the successful campaign to save services for people with learning disabilities and mental health issues. The NHS will now pay the voluntary sector to provide care services for users of the Springboard Centre.

Much of my work in 2007/8 was spent campaigning on health. The biggest concern in early 2007 was the budget crisis at Kingston's Primary Care Trust, so I launched my campaign "Stop NHS Cuts". Some cuts still occurred, but far less severe than feared. This was partly due to Government Ministers relenting under pressure - Kingston PCT got a better settlement than expected - and partly the PCT's better internal controls, such as more generic drug prescriptions.

Another key NHS success was persuading the PCT to re-provide some mental healthcare services in the voluntary sector, rather than ending them altogether (see the story on Springboard inside). I also won the fight for local diabetic retinopathy screening, a service that helps prevent blindness. Working with the RNID, I found Kingston Hospital had the UK's longest waits for fitting digital hearing aides: I won a guarantee these will now fall sharply. With Kingston's NHS cash crisis largely over, my focus can shift back to Surbiton Hospital's future.

MPs' Allowances

I voluntarily report on the allowances I claim. However, as the abuse of "MPs' expenses" is in the news I am also reporting those I do **not** claim, but am eligible for.

Allowances Claimed:

- Office costs (e.g., rent, rates, utility bills)
- Staff pay - 3 full time equivalents.
- Stationery & office equipment (postage, photocopier, printer)
- Travel (as a Lib Dem Shadow Minister)

Total £126,983 (06/07) - last available figures



Lib Dem Edward Davey MP is publishing more on his expenses earlier than he is required to.

Eligible, not claimed:

- I do not claim the £22,110 for living costs and accommodation, or
- Petrol for travel in constituency (never claimed in 11 years)

Cost comparison:
My allowance claims are lower than the average for a London MP. Overall, 494 MPs cost the taxpayer more.

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Edward Davey MP - Working For You

A strong voice at Westminster



Edward hosting a Commons reception for Childhood Bereavement Network. He works for better help for bereaved children and is patron of Jigsaw4u, Kingston's local service.

Edward used Westminster to push many local campaigns, including arguing for a better deal for Kingston's council tenants and seeking guarantees for local train service improvements. He presented our local petition against the appalling post office closures. He was promoted to be the Liberal Democrats' Shadow Foreign Secretary last December, and has spoken in many foreign policy debates, for example on Pakistan, Kenya and Zimbabwe. He presented a Bill calling for a Public Inquiry into the Iraq War.

A fairer deal for families

A growing part of Edward's casework is helping local families who struggle with problems of debt, affordable housing and tax credits. From dealing with these problems he can push for national policy changes at Westminster.



His concerns over debt, for example, lead to his opposition to policies such as student tuition fees.

Motions & Questions

Last year Edward backed over 250 motions in the House of Commons, including motions:

- For the British Legion's Military Covenant campaign
- Calling for a tougher Climate Change Bill
- Backing the independent tribunal's police pay plans
- Backing Feed-in Tariffs for Renewable Electricity

Edward asked over 100 questions, on subjects such as:

- Demand for primary school places across London
- The UNAMID Peacekeeping Mission in Darfur
- Independent observers for Zimbabwe's elections
- NHS waiting times, focusing on digital hearing aides

Backing a clean up on crime

Edward backed a new initiative to cut crime last year - the introduction of a police team dedicated to the local bus network.



"Bobbies on the buses" and "bobbies on bikes" plus more "bobbies on the beat" have increased local police presence and cut crime. Punishments where offenders pay back for crimes with community work - such as painting out graffiti (left) - are also working.

Happy and sad

On a personal note, last year saw both great happiness and sadness for Edward: "My wife Emily and I are proud parents of John Alban - with many thanks to Kingston Hospital's Maternity Unit's staff.

Yet we and many others feel the great loss of our friend Belinda Eyre-Brook (right, with John Alban). She was my head of office and agent for over 10 years and helped many in over 25 years campaigning."



Supporting parents and pupils



Visiting schools is fun, but it's also vital. Seeing new schools now being built at Grand Avenue Primary and Chessington Community College is encouraging. Last year Edward helped stop a Government plan to take 5% from schools' reserves that threatened to hit schools from Tiffins to Coombe. A shortage of local primary places emerged in April: "I'm now working with parents and the council to solve the immediate difficulty and any longer term issues".

Standing up for pensioners



Pensioners have been badly hit with rises in food and energy prices. There were still smiles aplenty on Edward's visits to Surbiton's Alfriston and Kingston's "meals on wheels" services and the council's new day centre at Devon Way, Hook (above). In Parliament, Edward campaigned to make new treatments for macular degeneration more available for the elderly.

In Parliament.....

In the current session, Edward voted in 69% of divisions (missing 21 with paternity leave) - **a better record than two-thirds of Conservative MPs.**

Edward voted **AGAINST** ending the 10p tax rate, a 3rd runway at Heathrow and the Post Office closure plan. He voted **FOR** a referendum on Britain's EU membership, an Iraq War inquiry and the Corporate Manslaughter Bill.

Fighting for council tenants

Council tenants are badly hit by two Labour Government policies forced on Kingston: Above inflation rent rises, plus a "tax" that takes 31p in every £1 of council rental income to subsidise councils elsewhere. Edward raised this with Gordon Brown, but regrettably his



attempts to stop this were not supported by Conservatives.

Campaigning for local people



Sadly, the recent fight against 5 post offices closing was unsuccessful. We were ignored, like elsewhere in the UK, despite a huge residents' petition and working with

local Tory and Labour politicians. Yet Edward's campaign to re-open Tolworth Broadway's post office (above) may well succeed this summer.

Another key campaign is for lower rail fares by re-zoning Kingston and Surbiton to zone 5 from zone 6. Edward persuaded Boris Johnson to back us and will continue the fight in 2008/09.