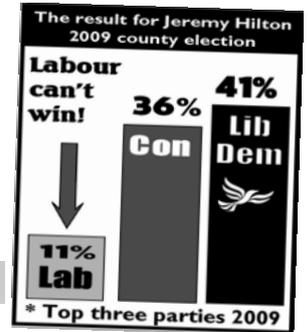


SPOTLIGHT

Covering Elmbridge, Kingsholm, Wotton and St. Oswald's Park

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Jeremy Hilton: "The Tories are unfit to govern"

The Conservatives who run both the city and county councils have blown their financial credibility in the last few months. Liberal Democrats have described this as a financial tsunami that just won't go away.

The Tories have:-

- Squandered millions of pounds on the waste incinerator project that has failed to get planning permission by a unanimous vote of the county's planning committee
- Racked up £376,000 in legal fees defending judicial reviews of which the council spent £240,000 on a flunked defence of their libraries plan
- Cost city council tax payers at least £125,000 in extra auditors fees, because of the late filing of accounts
- Raided the Housing Revenue Account (tenants money) of £2.2m with late recharges, leaving tenants with just £1.4m in reserves instead of £3.6m



The Citizen editorial (15 Mar 2013) in relation to city council finances

"We agree with Cllr Jeremy Hilton – it is a shambles."

Jeremy Hilton said: "The financial incompetence of the Tories in power is unbelievable. This financial tsunami just won't go away. We are expecting the liability from the failed incinerator project to be around £15m. This is massive sum of taxpayers' money to be put at risk. The Tories have lost their financial credibility. They are unfit to govern."

Lib Dem Spotlight team - the best for our area

Kingsholm & Wotton benefits from strong teamwork between your two Liberal Democrat councillors Sebastian Field and Jeremy Hilton. This is why it is important that you to vote for Jeremy Hilton on 2nd May.



- ✓ Jeremy Hilton is currently your city & county councillor
- ✓ He has represented Kingsholm for a total of over 20 years
- ✓ Jeremy started the Spotlight newsletter that keeps you informed
- ✓ He is currently campaigning to save the Civil Service Sports ground
- ✓ Jeremy works hard for our area and gets things done
- ✓ He will vote immediately to release £5m to repair our roads

Jeremy HILTON



LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

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London Road Crossing - Hilton demands action

Jeremy Hilton is demanding that the county council takes action to make it safer to use the pedestrian crossing in London Road outside the England's Glory pub. He is frustrated that highway officers have still not prepared plans for an alternative layout for the crossing.

Jeremy Hilton said: "I met highway engineers on site July 2012, when they promised to prepare plans for a new crossing layout. This still hasn't happened and that is why I placed a written question to the cabinet member at the council meeting on 20th March."

The county council now say drawings for a safer pedestrian crossing will be drawn up by end of June.

Quick Survey results - 97% say Civil Service Club should stay green



The top six issues that are cause for concern with local residents in Kingsholm following a 1000 household survey carried out by Sebastian Field and Jeremy Hilton in ascending order is, crime, parking, environment, recycling, healthcare and education.

There is massive support among people surveyed to keep the former Civil Service Sports Club ground for sport and recreation. Residents were asked to make suggestions about the future use of the ground and overwhelming 97% residents want it kept as a green field for sport and recreation.

A similar high number of people 93% want the county council to keep funding schemes such as the community archaeological dig that has taken place in the area of the original Roman Fort that established the city of Gloucester.

Residents were also in agreement that Gloucester should get the same funding for repairing roads as Cheltenham does. Over the past five years Gloucester has been short changed by the Tories by £6m on road maintenance compared to Cheltenham.

Liberal Democrats will cut resident's parking permits by £30



Liberal Democrats have confirmed that they will reduce the cost of residents' parking permits by £30 per year if they form the administration on the council after the elections in May.

The Liberal Democrats are the second largest party on the county council. They also plan freeze on-street parking charges for four years.

Jeremy Hilton said: "The cost of a residents' parking permit is too much at £80 per year. Liberal Democrats will immediately reduce a permit to £50 if we win the elections. It is unfair to charge such a high price to park in your own street."

Labour let the Tories cut services by £1.9m

On the 21st February the Conservative budget on the city council, with £1.9m worth of cuts was passed, thanks to Labour councillors who were absent, giving the Tories a majority.

Liberal Democrats voted against the Tory budget.

Labour made a tactical decision to have councillors stay at home so the Tory cuts could be passed.

You cannot trust Labour – remember this when you vote on 2nd May.

351 bus service improvements - withdrawn

A proposal to change the route of the 351 bus service, so that it stops outside St Oswald's Extra Care Village, has been abandoned by the county council. The service was to start from the 1st April.

On the 18th March the traffic planners wrote to Cllr. Jeremy Hilton announcing that the service changes would not now go ahead.

Cllr. Hilton said: "I am very unhappy that transport planners have withdrawn the service improvement. They say it is dangerous to turn the bus around at the end of Gavel Way. There are many elderly residents at St Oswald's Village who will be disappointed by this news."

Starlings of Great Western Road

The sight of starlings flying in synchronised flocks above is a fantastic sight to behold. However, there are some trees in Great Western Road where they like to perch in their hundreds. The problem of starling droppings on the pavement is becoming a challenge.



Jeremy Hilton has asked the city council to clean the pavements of starling muck.

He said: "The starling droppings in Great Western Road cover a few square metres and the smell is also quite strong. Starlings' roosting in the area is only a temporary phenomenon before they

migrate south, but I do want the council to keep the pavement clear whilst the starlings visit Gloucester."

Jeremy Hilton working hard for our area all year round

Liberal Democrats announce their six to fix

Liberal Democrats launched their county council manifesto *Caring for Gloucestershire* on 11th of March. The party will run a council that cares about people, the environment, the economy and our culture.

The top six priorities that the Liberal Democrats have coined 'six-to-fix' are listed as follows:

1. Repairing our roads, filling in potholes
2. Growing our economy, investing in jobs
3. Opposing a waste incinerator, protecting the environment
4. Freezing on-street parking charges, cutting the price of residents' parking permits
5. Making sure we can trust what we eat, protecting trading standards
6. Creating a new joint fire and ambulance service, for a safer county

The full manifesto can found on Jeremy Hilton's website: www.jeremyhilton.co.uk



Liberal Democrats launch manifesto

Severn Trent drainage works



Severn Trent roads works in Lansdown Road and North Road continue

The Severn Trent drainage works in Kingsholm have taken longer than expected and the patience of local people must be commended. Your Lib Dem councillors have been told ground conditions such as water bearing sand has delayed progress.

Severn Trent schedule:

The cabins on central reservation in Denmark Road will stay until completion.

- Kingsholm Road Completion (31st March)
- Denmark Road Completion (31st March)
- Lansdown Road Completion (31st May)
- North Road Completion (June)

City Plan - how it affects Kingsholm, Wotton and Elmbridge

Gloucester City Council is working on a new city plan, which will lay down the policies for future development in Gloucester. Both Sebastian Field and Jeremy Hilton have met officers to city discuss the plan for Kingsholm & Wotton.

They made it clear that the future of the former Civil Service Club should be for sport and recreation. They also suggested that the plan should list the gravel merchants land off Myers Road for housing and an extension to Armscroft Park.

City councillors Chris Witts and Susan Witts have held similar discussions over future plans for Elmbridge ward.

The city council will consult residents about the neighbourhood plans in early summer this year.



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Tory neglect sees mounting pothole problem

The roads in Gloucestershire are falling apart due to eight years of neglect by the Tory controlled county council.

The county council has £124m held in reserve. Liberal Democrats will release £5m for highway repairs immediately following the elections, a 25% increase in spending over Tory plans. This would be equivalent to £94,000 extra for road repairs for Kingsholm & Wotton this year.

Already Cllr. Jeremy Hilton has got £72,000 allocated to resurface Denmark Road. It will be resurfaced during the school holidays.

Jeremy Hilton said: I have promises that Sweetbriar Street and Kingsholm Road will also be resurfaced in the future, but there are so many potholes in Kingsholm & Wotton that an extra £94,000 could be well spent."

The cost of fixing 250 square metres of road is £6,000 per day. The £94,000 extra that the Liberal Democrats have promised would see a repair gang out an extra 16 times a year in Kingsholm and Wotton.



The potholes of Denmark Road

Flood alleviation Armscroft Park

The flood alleviation work at Armscroft Park is due to start on the week of 15th April. The contract is being put out to tender. The works will involve the re-sculpturing of the contours of the park to provide more capacity to hold flood water from the Wotton Brook during storm conditions.



Contractors are expected to take about 6 to 8 weeks to complete the work.

Following on from this, the public will be excluded from the seeded areas until the grass and wildflowers have established. Tree and shrub planting will be carried out in the autumn.

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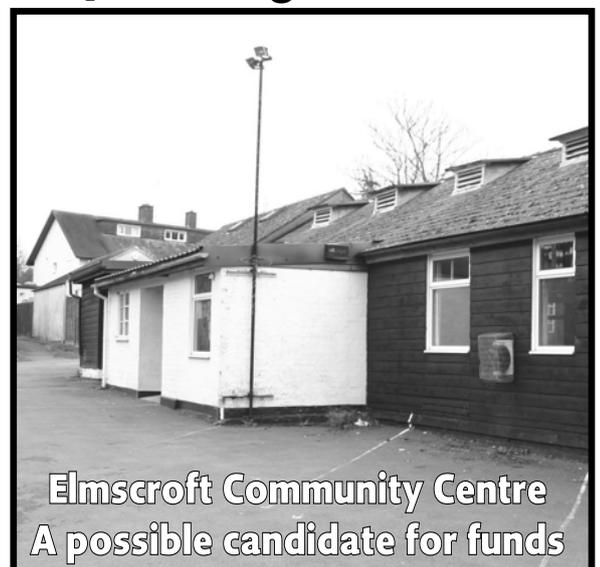
Improvement grant scheme for community buildings established

Gloucestershire County Council has established a new scheme to give grants to improve local community buildings. The scheme has the support of the Liberal Democrats.

Jeremy Hilton said: "There is £250,000 in the pot to improve community buildings. The county council is currently seeking expressions of interest and also views on the eligibility criteria.

"The deadline for comments is 30th April. I do hope that bids will be received from those running local community buildings in this part of Gloucester."

More information on the scheme can be found at: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/combignants



Elmscroft Community Centre
A possible candidate for funds