

Leading the crackdown on crime locally

You tell us *Lib Dems' Crime Survey...*

Well over a third of the residents who have responded to our survey so far (39%) say they have either been the victim of or witnessed a crime in the last year, although not everyone reported incidents to the police.

There is clearly very strong opposition to the 24hr licensing laws, mainly because people believe drink related crime and anti-social behaviour can occur at any time, particularly in town and neighbourhood centres where residents face the prospect of disturbances throughout the night.

People had mixed views about whether levels of crime are rising in the area, but NOBODY said they felt personally less at risk of crime than they did a year ago.

Mike Heap said "Thanks to the scores of residents who have responded to our crime survey. We will write in more detail to every respondent who gave an address.

Good News

The area has recently been allocated three Police Community Support Officers to support our three local police bobbies.

Pressure for action is paying off!

Labour wastes £s on ID cards

Labour's plans to introduce ID cards across Britain will cost over £5 billion. Mike Heap said "This money would be better spent on the police service which would be a much more effective way to tackle crime and terrorism."



ID cards did not stop the attacks in New York or Madrid and even former Home Secretary Charles Clarke admitted that they would not have stopped the July 7th London suicide bombers.

**Mike Heap
and
Richard
Whitehouse**

**calling for
more bobbies
on the beat
and extra
Police
Community
Support
Officers**

Massive Response

There was a massive response from local people to our recent crime survey. 

39% of people said they had been a victim of or witnessed crime in the last year

58% said they felt personally more at risk of crime than one year ago.

and 81% opposed the introduction of 24hr licensing laws



Techno-Cop not Paperclip-Cop

The Liberal Democrats want to see our police kitted out with the latest technology to fight crime. Under Liberal Democrat plans the amount of time waste by officers filling out paper work would be cut, giving them more time to be on our streets.



Liberal Democrat Councillor Mike Heap wants our police to get equipment that can be used out in the streets to take fingerprints and replace notebooks with dictation machines. He has also called for a massive cut in targets and tables so that the police can concentrate on sorting out local crime.

A 21ST CENTURY POLICE FORCE

LIBERAL Democrat Councillor Richard Whitehouse is backing moves to put an extra 10,000 Bobbies on the beat across the UK.

The Lib Dems have announced the proposal as part of a plan to bring our police force into the 21st Century. The key policies include:

- ❖ Scrapping the Government's proposals for ID cards which will cost over £5bn and instead recruiting 10,000 more police officers and 20,000 more Community Support Officers;
- ❖ A massive investment in technology to help officers spend more time out on the street;
- ❖ A National Police Agency to fight national and international crime, freeing local police to serve and protect their communities;
- ❖ A National Border Force, made up of HM Customs and Excise, the Immigration and Nationality Directorate and police guarding ports and airports, to tackle cross-border terrorism, drug smuggling and people trafficking;

The Liberal Democrats also propose a new Policing Contract between local people and chief constables. The contract would guarantee the numbers of police serving each local community.

Mike Heap - action for a safer community

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Campaigning MEP's key role in end of 'over-50 scrap heap'

New laws banning age discrimination in the workplace should finally end employees being thrown on the scrap heap at 50, says the MEP who fought for the original EU legislation that led to it.

Wolverhampton's Lib Dem Euro-MP Liz Lynne was responsible for having age included in the European Employment Directive 2000, which is the basis of the new UK law.

She said: "Almost seven years after I first fought to have age discrimination included, the UK government has at last brought forward laws to end the scandal of employees being thrown on the scrap heap at 50.

"I welcome the new laws, which mean employers must have far better reasons for not employing older people and will not be able to put age limits in job adverts.

"It was a scandal that someone could work for 30 years and then be thrown on the scrap heap because they were 'too old' - and have to eke out their life without work before they reach retirement age. Similarly, many young people were passed over unfairly for promotion."

LABOUR FOUGHT AGAINST AGE LAW

"We should not forget however, that many, including the current UK Government, fought incredibly hard to exclude age from this directive. It was only due to pressure from the European Liberal Democrats, Age Concern and Eurolink Age that it was included, though ministers still delayed the new law by four years.

"The fight is not over - the new law doesn't apply to the provision of goods and services so it will still be lawful for some companies and health care providers to discriminate on grounds of age. This is unacceptable."



Thanks to Liz Lynne, the new anti-discrimination laws give unequivocal support to older people. "They should feel confident that they can expect equal treatment when they apply for work."

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Bus Service 223 Halted through Ettingshall Park

Travel West Midlands has decided to reroute service 223, a bus we fought so hard for, back though the Beacon Hill Estate missing out Ettingshall Park. This is to happen from November 26th and your Focus team has only found out by chance. There has been no consultation with residents or your elected councillors. "This is diabolical", said Cllr Richard Whitehouse. "The service is far better used now than it ever was before and so I do not think the alteration has been done for sound commercial reasons but because some people on Beacon Hill Estate got their Labour MP to make representations to Travel West Midlands. If you believe that we should retain this service. Please sign the petition and send it to Cllr Richard Whitehouse.



Cllrs Mike Heap and Richard Whitehouse campaigning to save local bus services



cut out and send to Cllr Richard Whitehouse

PETITION on the 223 bus route

We the undersigned petition Travel West Midlands to rescind the decision to alter the 223 bus route between Woodcross and Sedgley. We wish to continue with the service though Ettingshall Park Estate via Farrington Road and not return the route to the Beacon Rise Estate.

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