

News from your local Conservative Action Team

Herne Hill News



Action Team: Tim Ayres, Charles Holroyd and Jessica Lee

March 2006

495 Norwood Road, London, SE27 9DJ ❖ E-mail: dulwichwnorwood@tory.org ❖ Tel: 020 8670 0677

Introducing the Team



Tim Ayres, Charles Holroyd and Jessica Lee - the Tory Team

Herne Hill Conservatives have chosen an energetic young team for May's local council elections.

Tim Ayres, Charles Holroyd and Jessica Lee have been meeting local residents and working with Lambeth's Conservative councillors on issues affecting the Herne Hill area.

Charles, who lives in Shakespeare Road, says; "Residents are telling us their priorities. Like us, they want a cleaner local environment, safer streets and a Council that provides value for money."

If you want to contact Tim, Charles and Jessica to discuss any local issues of concern, please use the contact details above.

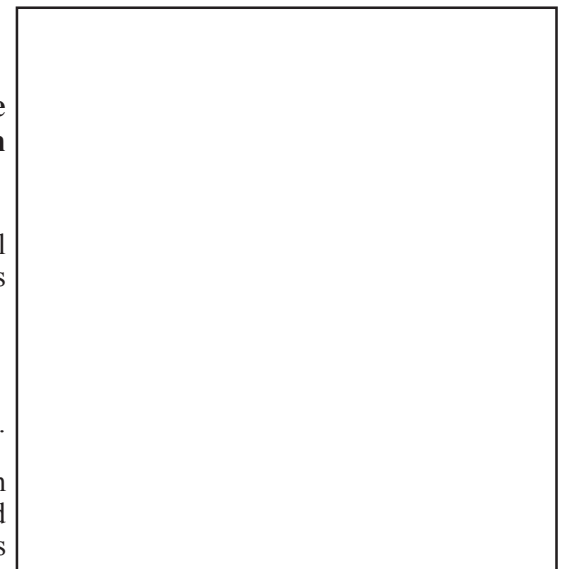
Herne Hill Junction gets Green Light

Lambeth's Conservative councillors have brought together Herne Hill's business community and local residents in support of much needed improvements to the Herne Hill junction.

The £1 million project should end the misery of long tail backs and illegal traffic movements from Railton Road into Half Moon Lane. Other benefits of the new design include:

- The southern end of Railton Road will close to through traffic
- Improved access for shoppers and pedestrians
- One way traffic northbound in Hurst Street and southbound in Rymer Street.

Parts of the scheme will need planning permission, but there is no reason why those parts which don't need permission should not be commenced later this year," says Tim. "Lambeth Conservatives believe schemes such as this must have the support of the local community and we want to see officials consulting carefully throughout the whole process."



Tim talking to a local resident about improvements to Herne Hill junction.

Herne Hill Conservatives in action...

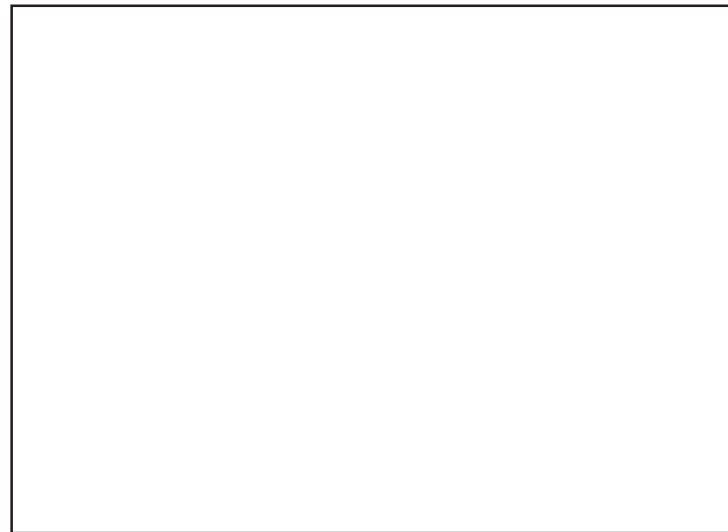


Tories Secure Council Tax Freeze

Lambeth's Council Tax will be frozen this year, although Ken Livingstone's element of the tax will go up by an average of £34 for each household.

"Four years ago, under Labour Lambeth finances were in a mess," says Jessica. "There was an overdraft, spending was out of control and there were no reserves. The pension fund had been raided and the Council was crippled with debt. They had only left enough money to keep the streetlights on for half the financial year!"

For the past 4 years, Lambeth's Conservative councillors have held the balance of power, working with the Liberal Democrats. "The number one priority was sorting out Labour's financial chaos," says Tim. "£200 million of debt has been paid off, the accounts are in the black and the pension fund has been repaid. The Council Tax has gone up in line with inflation for the past couple of years and this year there is no increase at all."



Lambeth Conservatives celebrating their Council Tax victory.

"In the same period, Ken Livingstone has hiked his tax up by nearly two thirds, including an average of £34 this year alone," says Charles. "This is a clear sign of what local Labour councillors would be doing if they were running Lambeth today."

Investing in Brockwell and Ruskin Parks

Improving green open spaces and parks is top of the Conservative agenda for Lambeth.

Over the past 4 years, record levels of investment have been allocated to local parks with a promise of more to come.

Lambeth is carrying out a number of improvements to Brockwell Park, including revamping Brockwell Hall, the children's toilets and the BMX track. A further £1 million has been put aside to carry out further restoration works.

Ruskin Park is set to benefit from a refurbished play area toilet, cricket pavillion and changing room in time for the summer. The bandstand will also be repaired and redecorated.

"We want to attract more local families into our parks by offering better and well maintained facilities," says Charles. "Many residents say that security should be top of the agenda for parks and we agree. The local park ranger scheme is a step in the right direction, but more needs to be done to make park users feel safe."



Charles Holroyd at Brockwell Park - Investing in parks and green open spaces is top of the Conservative agenda for Lambeth

Here to help....

The Herne Hill Conservative Action Team is ready to take up any problem you may have with Lambeth Council. From broken street-lights and dumped rubbish to problems finding school places for your children, we are happy to help.

You can call us on 020 8670 0677 or visit our surgery, every Saturday, 10.30am-12 Noon, at 495 Norwood Road, SE27 (opp. B&Q). Or tell us here what your problems are by returning this tear-off slip to us.