

**The team that makes the difference in Leomansley:
our services, our taxes, our Green Belt!**



Ian Jackson has been our hardworking local Lib Dem councillor since 2003. He first became involved locally as Chair of the Leomansley Action Group in their opposition to development on green belt land. Currently the Lib Dem and Independent Group Leader, Ian has spearheaded the campaign to defend our Green Belt and has challenged the current plans and route for the **HS2** - the High Speed

Rail project: He said: "The high design speed of 250 mph is killing this project by forcing the line to go through inappropriate areas. Any theoretical gains from extra speed will be lost by passengers spending

- A chartered management accountant working for an international distribution company, Ian is well equipped to criticise Lichfield District Council's **reckless running down of reserves** to subsidise prestige projects long before we had the national financial crisis.

- "The **Garrick** theatre is a community asset - but with a subsidy of £550,000 last year, it is also a millstone round the neck of local tax payer."

Derek Love

Leomansley District councillor continuously since 1995 - Derek is a retired chartered surveyor who previously worked for Staffordshire County Council. Derek is Life President of the Lichfield Adventure Playcare

Association and a founder member of St Chad's Cricket Club. Derek has, through his vice chairmanship of the People & Partnership committee, pressed for getting more representatives of local voluntary organisations to be invited to speak at meetings.



Langton Court
Beacon Street

Derek Love (left) being thanked by Neville Rowley of the Langton Court residents (Beacon Street) for his help tackling an overgrown hedge bounding the industrial estate.



John Smith at the site of the proposed new Police Station - with abandoned care home 'Nearfield House' in the background. "We opposed the closure of Nearfield House and building on Green Belt here. With plans on ice - who is going to clear up the mess?"

John Smith

lives in Stafford Road and was first elected to represent Leomansley ward on both City and District Councils in 1995. He has served 8 years as a District Councillor and 12 years as a City councillor. John worked as an estimator for a building company for 33 years before taking early retirement in 2003. He is actively involved in the local community - current commitments include being a school governor and also as chairman of the new 'Darwin Hall'.

John Smith has campaigned strongly against successive proposals from the Conservative controlled council to allow house building on Green Belt land. "Defending existing Green Belt boundaries is an essential part of protecting Lichfield from over development."

"The Western Recreation Area south of the Darwin Park estate was an important part of that planning permission - it will always be attractive to developers and we must defend it!"

Meet the team - In addition to Ian and John we have another 3 people standing for the City Council

Jeyan Anketell served as a city councillor for Leomansley between 2003-2007. He is a part-time semi-retired teacher and serves locally as an unpaid Anglican priest.

Lynn Evans has lived in Leomansley ward for many years. She is known locally as being in the 'Lichfield Mysteries' and other local amateur dramatics groups.

Jo Jackson - is known through her work as a midwife working in the NHS, the 'Lichfield Mysteries', her 3 daughters having gone to Friary School - also as married to Cllr Ian Jackson!

Jeyan Anketell



Lynn Evans



Josephine Jackson



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It has allowed Governments and MPs to ignore us and take us for granted. But all that can change with the Fairer Votes Referendum on 5th May 2011. Under the fairer *Alternative Vote* system all votes will count - using your preferences - so your voice can't be ignored.

A **Yes!** vote on 5th May will put power back in your hands - where it belongs.

Yes!
to fairer votes

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It's a two horse race

Cons
41%

**Lib
Dem**
45%

**Leomansley result
in 2007...**



Can't win here!

Other

ACTION speaks louder than words

17 years of local hard work for

The Lib Dem Focus team have a long record of working all year round for Leomansley residents and getting things done - they don't just appear at election time demanding your vote. Many 'Focus' readers tell us how much they appreciate being kept in touch with local and national issues.

3 things to remember

- ❑ The Lib Dem FOCUS team FIGHT for Leomansley ward
- ❑ It is always close between Liberal Democrats and Tories here. Voting for any other party helps the Tories.
- ❑ The Focus Team has a record of action all year round - and

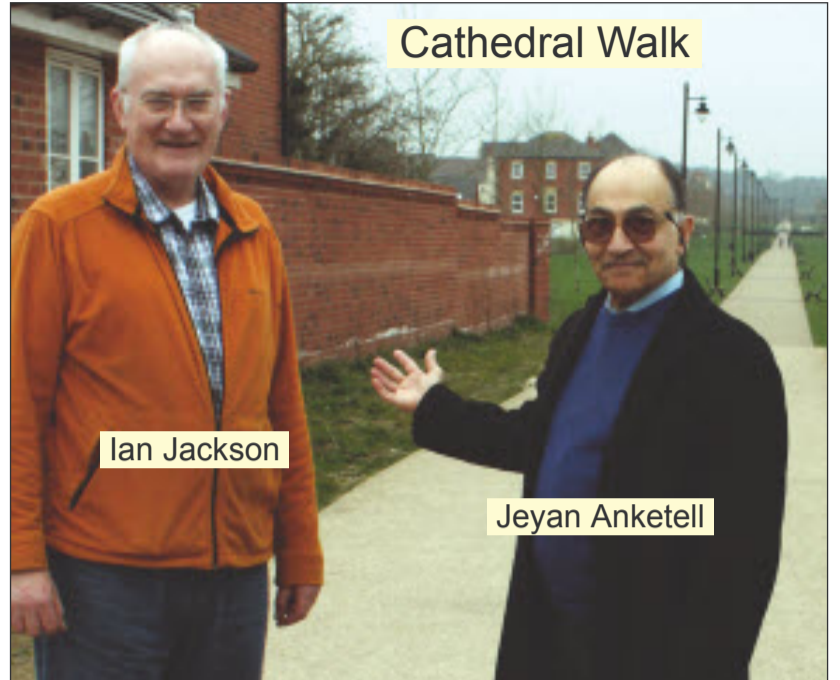
Only Liberal Democrats make a difference here!

Liberal Democrats Councillor Ian Jackson (District and City) and former Councillor Jeyan Anketell (City) survey their achievement in opening Cathedral Walk right up to the Bowling Green roundabout.

This was in spite of Conservative-controlled Lichfield District Council previously approving unpopular plans for a single block of flats to effectively 'block off' the wide passage at this end.

Jeyan Anketell originally produced an alternative plan for 'twin blocks' of flats enabling Cathedral Walk to continue right up to the roundabout. Lichfield District Council rejected this imaginative plan and approved the 'blocking' single block of flats.

But Cllr Ian Jackson was sufficiently alert to the emergence of a significant and relevant legal clause to put pressure on both the developer and the District Council to agree



Ian Jackson

Jeyan Anketell

to a version of Jeyan Anketell's 'twin block' plan instead. Another example of the Leomansley Focus team approach: all year round action and keeping up pressure on Council officers.

Prioritising Local Services

Not a single Liberal Democrat-controlled council has closed a Sure Start Centre.

Lib Dem councils have kept job losses to a minimum, for example 278 in Sheffield as opposed to around 2000 in Labour-controlled Manchester. Labour is playing political games, hoping to blame sackings on the coalition government. Liberal Democrat Councils are prioritising services that matter to their residents - like local transport, libraries, youth centres and public toilets.

Liberal Democrats believe in cutting spending from the back office and management to support essential services, rather than prestige projects.

Local Manifesto 'Six to Fix'

- ❑ Defend our Green Belt.
- ❑ Stronger action to bring empty properties back into use.
- ❑ Improve provision of affordable housing for sale or rent
- ❑ Encourage re-opening local rail links
- ❑ Alleviate street parking problems.
- ❑ Restore sanity to the Council's finances.

Why the coalition is needed for Britain

Labour's has left Britain needing to borrow an extra £400million, every single day, just to get by. We are paying £120million in interest on our debt each and every day - this could build a new primary school every hour.

Lichfield District's share of the country's debt now stands at a dangerous £3.5 billion and something needs to be done.

Other countries like Greece, Ireland and Portugal have found that once lenders lose confidence they get drastic cuts imposed from outside - left longer things only get worse!

The coalition government plans are to gradually slow down the rate of EXTRA borrowing to bring the budget into balance over the next 4 years, so the debt stops rising.

It might have been easier for Liberal Democrats to stand aside and just criticise from the sidelines - but would it have been better - or responsible? Thanks to the Liberal Democrats extra measures in the Budget have been brought in to ease the burden for people on lower and middle incomes.

In Lichfield District the recent 'Budget' meant that:

- ❑ 44,000 people are getting a £200 income tax cut - helping 23 million people across the country.
- ❑ 900 people have been lifted out of paying income tax altogether, with more to come in future years.
- ❑ 24,300 Lichfield pensioners have been given an extra £4.50 a week.

Please show your support by displaying in your window

Vote on Thursday May 5th. 7am - 10pm

For Lichfield City (parish) election, you have 5 votes

Jeyan Anketell	X	Lynn Evans	X	Ian Jackson	X
Josephine Jackson	X	John Smith	X		

Don't forget to use your postal votes!

Many residents in Leomansley have opted to vote by post. Ballot papers for the District and City elections should now have been delivered.

If they have not arrived by April 26th, call the Elections Office on 308125 for a

If you have a postal vote, don't forget to send it back. But if you forget and are not away, you can still take both your ballot papers to the polling station until 10pm on polling day (Thurs May 5th).



The FOCUS team needs your votes! Help them to help you!

For Lichfield District Council, you have 3 votes

LOVE DEREK	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	X	JACKSON IAN	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	X
	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	X	SMITH JOHN	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	X