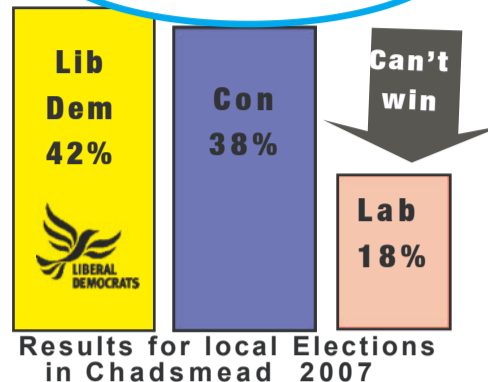


It's a two horse race 



ONLY Marion Bland

and the Chadsmead Focus Team can be the Strong Voice that local people need.

Many Chadsmead residents are saying: "Carry on, Marion," as hardworking local Liberal Democrat Councillor Marion Bland announced she would seek re-election to Lichfield District and City (Parish) Councils. Since her election to represent Chadsmead people in 2007, Marion has earned a well-deserved reputation as a hard-working and effective councillor

who gets things done for residents. Marion's formidable reputation is built on her dedication to the interests of Chadsmead people, all year round. She has taken up individual problems of residents, particularly in housing.

Campaigning for you

Marion Bland and the 'Focus' Team volunteers have worked with her to campaign hard on issues like the bus service, under-age drinking, parking, litter, dog fouling, anti-social behaviour, road humps, road crossings, council tax, affordable housing and Post Office closures. And they get things done.

Proud to serve

Marion Bland says: "I am immensely proud to have served Chadsmead for the last four years. Now I need your vote to continue my work for you. Above all, I need you to elect **Tony Harvey** and **Anne Pitman**, too. They will be a huge help to me in sharing the burden of a councillor's work. As elected councillors, they will have so much more influence.

It's your decision

"The choice here is plain. The local Conservatives are the voice of the Council Establishment. My team will be the voice of local people."

That's why we ask for your votes on May 5th. If people waste their vote on Labour, the Tories will win.



Marion Bland
for District and City



Tony Harvey
for District and City



Anne Pitman
for City

LIBDEM FOCUS TEAM: All year round hard work for local residents



We're proud of our record of service to Chadsmead Residents:

Regular Focus newsletters to your door - keeping you informed.

Community Surveys - giving you a say.

Street Surgeries - we come to you, you tell us your concerns, we take action!

Lib Dems: a stronger voice for Chadsmead

A STRONGER VOICE

for Chadsmead

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Determined to serve you - Marion was not put off by the weather!

3 things to remember

- 1. We work for you all year round - not just at election times**
- 2. Focus, our community newsletter keeps you informed**
- 3. Our Street Surgeries and Community Surveys give you the chance to have your say**

From our Local Manifesto:

- Defend our Green Belt.
- Improve the council's lamentable record on affordable housing to let and to buy.
- Stronger action to bring empty properties back into use.
- Green up our City to save money and improve our environment.
- Reopen local rail links to relieve traffic congestion.
- Action on Park and Ride and cycle routes to alleviate on-street parking problems.
- Restore sanity to the Council's finances.
- Press for a preferable alternative to road humps.

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-run Manchester. Labour is playing irresponsible 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 Democrat Councils have cut spending from the back office and management to support essential services, rather than prestige projects.

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Liberal Democrats are making a real difference in Government:

Our 2010 Manifesto called for the Income Tax threshold to be raised to £10,000. The first step to achieving this goal by 2015 was taken in this year's budget. As a result 1,200 Lichfield District residents have been taken out of paying any income tax at all, and 49,000 residents will have a reduced tax bill. We can make a difference locally, too.

(Source: ONS Annual Survey 2010)

A strong voice for poorer children.

Marion Bland says: "Our team fought hard idea of a 'Pupil Premium' to help disadvantaged children get a fair start to their schooling. As a governor of Chadsmead School, I am delighted that the neediest local children will receive £430 each of extra funding to boost their learning. They are sharing in £512,560 of extra



funding for local schools. This will rise to £2.5 billion nationally by 2015." The pupil premium is another Lib Dem election pledge fulfilled.

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

We're a strong voice for Pensioners, too.

Lib Dem Pensions Minister Steve Webb MP announced the restoration of the earnings link, abolished by the Tories 30 years ago and not restored by Labour in 13 years in power. As we promised at the general election, the increase will now

be linked to earnings, prices or 2.5%, whichever is greatest. In addition, benefits such as free bus passes, free TV licences, free prescriptions and winter fuel allowances have been kept. In addition, cold weather payments, which Labour planned to reduce to £8-50 a week have been guaranteed to remain at £25. In Lichfield District that means 14,000 pensioners will benefit, sharing £5.69 million.

Lib Dem Pensions Minister Steve Webb



Don't forget to use your postal votes!

Many residents in Lichfield City North 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 replacement.**

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 ballot papers to the polling station until 10pm on polling day (Thurs May 5th).



Please show your support by displaying in your window

The FOCUS team: choose them or lose them!

Remember, you have 3 votes, use them all!

On Thursday May 5th, vote.

