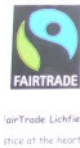


## Local Campaigners Selected

**Ian Jackson** has been campaigning for local residents for over 18 years. He first became involved as Chair of the Leomansley Action Group in their opposition to development plans on green belt land. Elected as a District and City councillor for Leomansley ward since 2003 he is Lib Dem & Independent Leader on Lichfield District Council. Ian is a chartered management accountant and works for a large international distribution company. He lives in Walsall Road with his wife Jo and family.



**Derek Love** has been working for local residents in Leomansley since the early 90's and has been your councillor continuously since 1995. Derek is a retired chartered surveyor who previously worked for Staffordshire County Council. Derek has helped many individual local residents and groups on large or small issues in this time - often showing great persistence. One example of this was in his working with residents, county council officers and bus company to first get the bus stop and then ensure buses actually stopped there!

**John Smith** lives in Stafford Road and was elected to District and City Councils along with Derek in 1995. Since then he has served 8 years as a District Councillor and 12 years as a City Councillor. John originally started work as a site engineer mainly on railway works and later on roads and bridges but spent his last 33 years working for a building company as an estimator before taking early retirement in 2003. John was honoured to be Sheriff of Lichfield in 2005. He is currently chairman of the newly opened Darwin Park hall.



### Getting in touch with your local Lib Dem team

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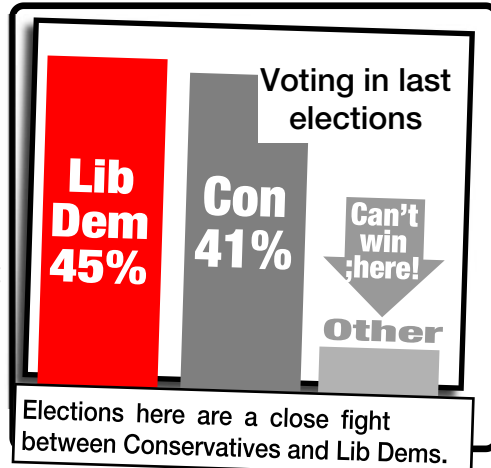
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We are always happy to hear local residents views on local or national matters - or receive offers of help!

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# Liberal Democrats - working all the year round

## Lichfield Liberal Democrats leader welcomes High Speed Rail Inquiry

“The existing plans are unacceptable as they stand and the inquiry should be able to allow a searching challenge of both the need for this project and its design” says **Cllr Ian Jackson**. “Both sides of the argument will be able to call and cross examine expert witnesses” .

“We have already said that an excessively high design speed of 250 mph has led to far higher costs and an inflexible and intrusive routing. Such a speed is totally inappropriate for a small country like ours. Compared with a speed of, for example, 180 mph it offers only small savings of time at a high financial and environmental cost.

I am pleased that the alternative of a more conventional new rail line and also provision of extra stations are also mentioned in the terms of reference "

“If a new passenger line were decided upon there will need to be a new station wherever it crosses the A5 for the Lichfield area to benefit at all. The logical route for any new line is to follow existing transport corridors, such as M6 Toll locally, where there would be less disruption and cost and also greater local benefits.”



### Lib Dems prioritising the right services

- All Liberal Democrat councils have prevented closure of Surestart centres
- Jobs losses have been minimised in Lib Dem councils (by early preparation, voluntary redundancy schemes, and by leaving vacancies unfilled) for example, Labour-run Manchester is playing irresponsible political games by threatening 2000 job losses, while Lib Dem Sheffield plans for less than 300.
- From libraries, to public toilets, youth centres to local transport, Liberal Democrats in local government are prioritising the services that matter to people.
- Spending has been cut from the back office and management, and reserves have been put to good use where it has been affordable and prudent.

### LABOURS CUTS...

- Labour left not just huge debts but also a huge annual over-spend of over £150 billion - a quarter of everything spent by Government has to be borrowed.
- Ireland and Greece have recently discovered, like the banks, that if lenders lose confidence they need to be rescued - beggars are not choosers
- The coalition plans are for spending to gradually reduce to 2006 levels over a 5 year period - who was in charge from 2006 to May 2010?
- Labour say they would tax more (but not who) and cut less and all magically without paying higher rate for borrowing that makes the deficit worse and makes the pain go on and on.

**You have 3 votes for District Councillors - please use them all for:**

<i>On Thursday May 5th, vote...</i>		<b>LOVE</b> DEREK		
<b>JACKSON</b> IAN			<b>SMITH</b> JOHN	

**You ALSO have 5 votes for City (parish) Councillors - please vote for the team:**

<b>Jeyan Anketell</b>	<b>Lynn Evans</b>	<b>Ian Jackson</b>	<b>Josephine Jackson</b>	<b>John Smith</b>
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