

Henleaze Matters

Local news from Charlotte Leslie

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Local woman, Charlotte Leslie, on track to be your new MP

Conservatives have chosen a local woman, Charlotte Leslie, to be their Parliamentary Candidate at the next General Election. Charlotte has lived in Bristol for over 25 years and went to school in Westbury.

Bristol North West is going to be one of the closest run contests between Labour and Conservative in the country!

Bristol North West constituency is largely back on the boundaries that elected a string of Conservative MP's in the past. Election experts predict that the Lib Dems are out of



the race, with only 4 out of 18 Councillors in the new constituency. Charlotte

said, "This is where I grew up, where my friends and family live, and where I count as my home. It

now looks highly likely that Bristol North West will return to the Conservatives. I would be proud to serve the interests of every resident here as your local MP."

Lab
18,671

Con
17,596

Source: UK Polling Report (notional 2005 result).

Traffic trauma!

The planned Traffic Regulation Order for Henleaze contains some very questionable proposals and totally fails to address important causes for concern!

Proposals include more double yellow lines along residential roads. There are already many waiting restrictions in Henleaze, but they are seldom enforced. Surely it would be good practice to enforce the existing orders before imposing more?

Areas badly affected by thoughtless parking have been completely overlooked.

Residents in roads close to Horfield Common such as West Broadway and Wellington Hill West suffer greatly when football and rugby matches are played at home. Why have these areas been omitted from the plans?

Local traders tell us they are very concerned that the proposals could adversely affect trade.

We have already seen the number of local shops dwindle over the years - we will continue to monitor and fight any actions which might threaten small businesses.



Charlotte campaigning with care workers

Care for the elderly

Charlotte Leslie supported the Bristol Home Care workers' successful campaign to prevent further Lib Dem privatisation of home care.

Charlotte said, "The Liberal Democrat plans to further privatise home care were brutal cost-cutting measures that would have put the welfare of our elderly at risk. The Lib Dem Council presided over gross mismanagement, paid out an excess £800,000 of our money to private companies, and then had plans to cut the in-house service to compensate. I do not think that the vulnerable and elderly should have to pay for Council mistakes. This is not about party politics. This is simply about our duty to the older generation."

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Charlotte and Chris at the crash site

Dangerous 'refuge' causes crash

Concerns continue to be raised about the so called refuge on the pedestrian crossing close to Lawrence Grove on the main Henleaze Road. The narrowing of the road at this point causes heavy traffic to pass alarmingly close to people on the 'refuge', causing some older folk to fear being 'sucked' under the rear wheels. The very high kerb adds to the perceived threat. The Traffic Management Team states that the high kerb will deflect a vehicle harmlessly. They may like to talk to the proprietor of Café Breeze, who had a late night driver crash through his window. It could just as easily have happened during the day when the café was crowded with customers! What is really needed is the removal of the dreadful refuge, and the installation of pedestrian controlled lights – as should have been done in the first place!

Road Tax: Have your say on what we pay...

Charlotte Leslie has launched a petition for Bristol people to approve any final decision of the Council to introduce a road-tax pilot.

There are arguments for congestion charging - reducing carbon emissions is a priority and at peak hours, Bristol is grid-locked. But charging people to use the roads while our public transport is so inadequate seems unfair. Until we have decent public transport, it is unlikely people will get out of their cars. Instead of reducing carbon emissions, it could simply push more traffic congestion out into areas of Bristol

"I/we oppose the introduction of a pilot scheme of congestion charging in Bristol without giving Bristol's citizens a referendum on the issue."

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Please return to: **The Conservative Party, Freepost (SWB 176), Bristol, BS6 6BR.**

First Bus: New fares not fair

First Bus is increasing its fares from the 5th August, and children and season ticket holders will be the hardest hit. Bristol people pay some of the highest bus fares in Europe, despite the fact that First Group is raking in annual profits of almost two million pounds.

Passenger journeys have already decreased by two million because of previous fare increases - people are being priced off the buses at the very time that they are being encouraged to cut down on carbon emissions and leave the car at home.

Charlotte said, "Our City Council pours considerable amounts of our cash into the coffers of First Bus. But at the moment it looks like First Bus is running rings around the Council and Bristol people foot the bill.

I am calling for an open public meeting with First Bus, Bristol City Council and the other unitary authorities to talk urgently about fare rises. It is time for some answers. If First Bus cannot tell us how it is going to offer an efficient service at a reasonable price, then appropriate action should be taken to find a transport provider which can."

Congratulations to
Claremont Special School on
its exciting expansion into Redland Green!
Despite proposed Council cut backs on Special Schools in Bristol, Claremont is flourishing. We are delighted that they will now be able to help even more children with SEN.

like Horfield, Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym, and make it even harder to park outside the Congestion Zone.

Conservatives believe this is an issue for the people of Bristol to decide. Please sign our petition calling for a referendum on congestion charging.



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