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Lib Dems launch green tax switch

Liberal Democrats want to give the average family a £1,000 income tax cut to save the planet. By switching to green taxes instead, everyone can help switch off climate chaos.

Liberal Democrats will change the way Britain pays tax. Taxing good things - like income - less, and switching to taxing bad things - like pollution - instead.

Then, the more you choose to switch to greener living, the more of your Lib Dem income tax cut you will keep. It's your choice!

Drivers of greener cars will pay less. The Lib Dems will also scrap the Tories' airport tax on passengers and tax each plane that takes off on its emissions instead.

2 million people on lower incomes will be taken out of income tax altogether.

LIB DEM GREEN ACTION PLAN:

- Cut the basic rate of tax to 20p
- Switch Britain to green taxes on pollution instead
- The more you switch to greener living, the more of your tax cut you keep!

What the Papers say

Many Labour voters may be attracted by Lib Dem plans to take more lower-paid people out of tax altogether. Under Gordon Brown, an extra 1.2 million have been dragged into the higher rate of tax

- The Independent.

THE Liberal Democrats have outflanked David Cameron with a promise to cut the income tax bills of millions of families by up to £1,000 a year.

- The Times.

New Focus Editor

Sara Clarke, the highly effective vice-chair of the Baildon Futures partnership, has joined the Baildon "FOCUS" Team. Sara (who is also active with the Community Council) says:

"I find that the Liberal Democrats really care about Baildon issues and as these are my interest too, I would like to work with them".



Lib Dem Sara Clarke and the Post Office card account

Save the Post Office Card Account

Thank you for your support to our on-going campaign to safeguard our local post offices.

A petition has been presented to the Prime Minister pointing out that on average every post office has

441 people using the cards. If this service is stopped post offices will close. In Bradford , 42,000 people use the card account.

New figures obtained by the Liberal Democrats show that between 2002 and 2005 the Government paid out an average of **£61,000** for each Post Office which closed.

Shutting a post office costs money and hurts everyone but most of all the vulnerable in our communities.

Lib Dems working for Baildon

Jenny Lane play area

£19,500 will be spent to improve the play area facilities on **Jenny Lane**. This initiative builds on the improvements made on Cliffe Avenue last year.

Future plans from the local Lib -Dems include improved play facilities in the West Lane and Lower Ferniehurst areas.

We would welcome your views on whether or not such areas should be lit after dark so that children can use them in the winter.

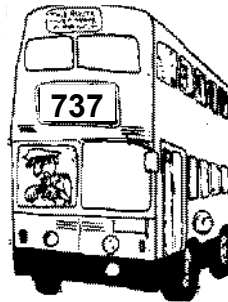
Cllr John Cole views work at the Jenny Lane Play Area



Paris Council go-ahead

The government has accepted the petition to establish a Parish Council for Baildon .

Cllr John Briggs in welcoming this news said "Elections for the new Parish Council will take place in May next year on the same day as the elections to Bradford Council."



Let there be light

It now seems likely that the Towngate Rooms in Baildon will be put up for sale by the Council.

Local Liberal Democrats have argued that, whatever the change of use, the outside of the building should be preserved as part of Baildon's heritage.

At the same time John Cole has got the Council to cost the price of refurbishing the lights in that gloomiest of buildings, the Ian Clough Hall.

The bill comes out at between £10,000 and £15,000. John has also argued that, some of the proceeds of the sale of the Towngate be used to improve the Ian Clough Hall and make it more attractive.



Otley Road buses

John Briggs and John Cole have received complaints about the much reduced frequency of buses on Otley Road. The services 653 and 737 now run only hourly, giving rise to long waits by intending passengers.

John Cole has tackled METRO on this issue, asking what needs to be done in order to restore the former frequency.



It matters what you think

Got a problem or a grouse? Use the space below to tell us about it.

**Please return to: John Cole Baildon Liberal Democrats
Freeport NEA 4863 Bradford BD3 7BR**

If you return this slip, the Liberal Democrats and their elected representatives may use the information you have provided to contact you from time to time about issues we think you may find of interest. Some of the contacts may be automated. You can opt out of some or all contacts at any time by contacting us.

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- I will display a poster for the Lib Dems
- I can deliver a few Focus leaflets in my area
- I will back the Lib Dems at election time

I enclose a donation to help with the printing of Focus for:

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- £12
- £15
- £20

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