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# THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Idle & Thackley Liberal Democrats at the recent election.



Thanks to your support the Lib Dems won this seat by 1886 votes!

**LIB DEM**  
**2681**  
**votes**



**CON**  
**795**  
**votes**

**LAB**  
**563**  
**votes**

**BNP**  
**518**  
**votes**



Children playing with new play equipment in Greengates Park.

Jeanette Sunderland and the Idle & Thackley Liberal Democrat FOCUS Team would like to thank everyone who supported them at the recent local election.

“The result was excellent” says Councillor Jeanette Sunderland. “Thank you.”

## News File



● **Idle Heritage Group** is now meeting in the local history room at Idle library. If you want to help protect the environment, find out about the history of where you live or work on local history projects then this is for you. Call Jeanette on 611607 for more details.

● **Greengates** residents were pleased that the police agreed with them that a gaming arcade in the new shopping area in Leeds Road should not be allowed. Planning permission has been refused.

● Work has been completed at the **Springfield Youth and Community Centre**. “The centre is a real asset to the community” said David Ward, Chair of the Management Committee. “Thank you to everyone who worked so hard during the refurbishment.”

● Fancy learning about dry stone walling? A new group is being set up in **Idle** and is looking for you! Ring David on 787595 for more information.



Working with local residents on plans to improve the conservation area in Idle village. For more information ring Jeanette on 611607.

# WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO SINCE THE ELECTION!

Though the election has come and gone, we are still working for you and keeping you informed!

## Labour's sulk goes on!

Since 2002, Labour under the leadership of Councillor Ian Greenwood have refused to work with other political parties for the good of the people of the District.

The result of this year's elections has again left no one party with a majority of seats on Bradford Council. That means that parties have to work together or nothing gets done.

Liberal Democrats said we would support a three-party Executive with an agreed programme of work but despite not having enough councillors for a majority, Labour wanted to control the Council. This is undemocratic.

By talking to other parties, the Liberal Democrats were able to make changes to the Council's plans for a programme of work that includes many of the Lib Dem priorities on which we fought the election.

**"It's time Labour in Bradford stopped sulking and started working with other parties"** said Councillor Jeanette Sunderland, leader of the Lib Dems. "People in Bradford deserve better from the people they elect."

## Work starts on Youth Shelter

Over the summer work will start on the new youth facility at Immanuel School. Supported by the BD10 Youth Partnership the building, which replaces the current youth shelter will be an "autonomous" building ie. not reliant on mains services. It will be powered by wind and solar power, use recycled water and be made from recycled materials. "This is a really exciting project" says Jeanette Sunderland "A first in the UK."

## Lib Dem plans accepted by the Council

- Keeping education the Council's number one priority and a review of the education contract.
- Money to make sure that children in special schools get the facilities they need.
- Keeping the washing and dressing services for vulnerable people.
- Making sure that local people and businesses benefit from the regeneration programme including the building of the new shopping centre and the Canal development.
- New sports and leisure facilities for both older and younger residents.
- No incineration of plastic, removal of plastic from the rubbish we bury, and more recycling for people who want it.
- More money delegated to the Area Committees who understand better what local people want.
- Investment in green spaces and small parks.

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