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Only the  
Lib Dems  
can beat  
Labour  
here

The result last time

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# HANDS OFF

## OUR LIBRARY



John Watmough discusses the campaign to save the library with two Wrose Library users

Local campaigner John Watmough is fighting to stop the Conservatives on Bradford Council closing Wrose Library.

Residents have collected almost 300 signatures on John's petition and local shops have helped too.

John said, " The Conservatives on the Executive tried to close the library and replace it with a mobile, without consulting residents. Clearly they have no respect for local library users if they were prepared to do this.

I shall be at two council meetings before the end of March putting residents' views and presenting the petition.

The final decision on whether the library closes will be made at a meeting of the Executive later in the year."

The mobile library is no substitute for the present building because it carries fewer books, would not be there on Thursday afternoon, and the time it is there could easily be reduced in the future.

## Bus Loop Saved

*The campaign Labour gave up on!*

Following a campaign by John Watmough and the local Lib Dems, First Bus have agreed to run the 846 bus round the High Ash / Spring Hill / Cotswold Avenue Loop.

Labour seemed contented to accept First Bus's decision to save the bus route but then failed to follow it up and try to save the loop as well.

First Bus had a problem with parked cars on the loop but since the campaign started, they have noticed that drivers are being more considerate about where they park.

Thank you to the campaigners.  
Thank you to the drivers and no thanks to Labour!



## Let down by Labour

**Lib Dems propose lowest Council Tax increase**

Labour on the Council have completely failed to influence the vital budget setting process.

The Lib Dems, Conservatives and Greens all put their budget plans ' on the table' so they could talk to each other about how your money could best be spent. Labour and the BNP refused to take part.

By the time of the Council meeting, a budget had been negotiated which had the support of the Lib Dems and the Conservatives.

The Lib Dems proposed the lowest Council Tax increase of just under 4% with support for:

- ◆ Keeping Wrose Library open
- ◆ Improvements at Windhill Recreation Ground
- ◆ Extra help for struggling primary schools
- ◆ Elderly and disabled people needing care at home.

Bradford Council is balanced with no party have a majority of councillors so parties have to work together.

Labour supporters have been let down badly because Labour councillors refused to work with others and fight for their plans

# Lib Dems Working for You all-the-year- round

## Bolton Woods Quarry Success

Many residents living near Bolton Woods Quarry filled in John Watmough's leaflet of objection about the plan to import, crush and recycle builders' rubble.

The Council clearly listened to your concerns and the plan was thrown out.

Especially worrying was the likely number of lorries coming and going at the Shipley end of Bolton Hall Road, noise, dust and mud on the roads.



John Watmough has also been busy addressing concerns about the mound which has been put up by the quarry owners.

The Health and Safety Executive have been involved over the stability of the mound and the prevention of trespass on the site.

The Council is preparing to take enforcement action over the landscaping of the mound.

The owners have a right of appeal, but we will be pressing the Council to get things moving as fast as possible.



### Plumpton Puddles

Several local people have commented on the messy state of the grassed strips between the road and the footpath in certain parts of the Plumptons.



We would be interested to know your views. Do you favour:

- ♦ Doing nothing about it?
- ♦ Placing small rocks that would stop cars driving up on to the grass?
- ♦ Tarmacing the grass strips?

You can write to us using the Freepost address. No stamp needed.

# We can cut crime!



Local Lib Dem John Watmough pictured with two PCSOs in Windhill

The Lib Dems have launched a 5 step plan to cut crime.

If you back our plan, please sign and return the petition below.



## 5 steps to a safer Britain

# 1

More police on patrol - don't waste billions on ID cards

# 2

Take back our town centres - let communities close pubs and clubs that cause trouble

# 3

Make sentences mean what they say - life should mean life

# 4

Compulsory work and training in prison - to cut reoffending

# 5

Better compensation for victims - paid for by prison work

**Sign our petition today**

[WWW.WECANCUTCRIME.COM](http://WWW.WECANCUTCRIME.COM)

# We can cut crime petition

I/We back the Lib Dem 5 steps to a safer Britain campaign.

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:  
John Watmough  
Freepost NEA 4863  
Bradford BD3 7BR

### Help the Lib Dem campaign in Windhill & Wrose

I will be voting for the Lib Dems at the next election

I will display a poster in my window at election time

I would like a postal vote

I want to join the Lib Dems

**We can cut crime!**

### Now you see them....



### ...Now you don't



This tree on Low Ash Road had pushed up the flags on the pavement and made them very dangerous especially to the elderly or disabled.

John contacted the council and the area was tarmaced over and made safe.