

# Berkhamsted, Tring and Northchurch

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National and Local - action, news and views from your local Liberal Democrat councillors and campaigners

**Sally says,**

**“THANK YOU for your support in the General Election”**

*Sally says,*

It was a huge privilege to be the Liberal Democrat candidate for SW Herts in the general election and I want to say a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all the voters who gave me their support. It was a tough campaign, overshadowed by Brexit and made more complicated by the presence of an independent candidate and the decision by many to vote tactically. But we ran a vigorous and effective campaign. Lib Dem supporters were highly visible on the high streets, at the train stations and on the doorstep; I was able to set out the Lib Dem position at local hustings; and I got some excellent coverage on

local radio and BBC London TV. Overall, we held our position in relation to the 2017 election.

In the current climate of polarised, populist and divisive politics I feel passionately that voters should have a candidate representing the liberal centre ground; somewhere that people who believe in building an open, tolerant society can cast their vote. Lib Dem local councillors remain in a dominant position in SW Herts. We emerge from this election as unarguably the party of opposition to the local Tories and I will continue to represent the people of Berkhamsted West as Dacorum Borough councillor.



**Sally Symington - the Lib Dem Parliamentary Candidate**



The new Berkhamsted Car Park is nearly finished, far later than planned. A gas main had to be diverted and an electricity sub station added before the site could be completed. But there'd been plenty of time to sort these requirements out beforehand.

Now, it needs a mini roundabout for access from Lower Kings Rd!

So everything will all take well into the Summer, and until then, the car park will remain fenced off.

Parking charges will be in line with others in Berkhamsted. There will be Short Stay on the lower 3 decks, with stays up to **all day** on levels 4

and 5. This may attract commuters. Decks 6 and 7 are reserved Mon - Fri for businesses which pay an annual fee. These 78 spaces will, however, be available to the general public at weekends.

Due to your local councillors' challenge and opposition Dacorum Borough Council has accepted in recent weeks that the new tactile paving at the crossing can be relocated - thus saving the nearby Indian Bean Tree, subject to a Tree Protection Order since 1993.

More significantly, last year, popular pressure and well-argued representation from your local councillors, forced DBC to revise its plans and saved several fine trees on the Moor from the council's chain saws - including one 200 years old!

Concerns remain, however, about the access, crossings and footways around the service road. Your Lib Dem council team (shown left) are insisting that this will be reviewed once the car park is in use.

**THE CAR PARK ON BERKHAMSTED'S MOOR**  
This has been a disaster. It cost over £200,000 and has been closed more weeks than it's been open - all down to shoddy construction and poor drainage. Now we are told that DBC doesn't plan to reopen it, but is bound by the planning consent

to retain it until the MSCP opens. Perhaps DBC can find a way to overcome the restriction which it has imposed on itself. Some good news, though! DBC has again bowed to local pressure, and the restoration is to include a fence around the children's play space, something residents have been calling for for years!



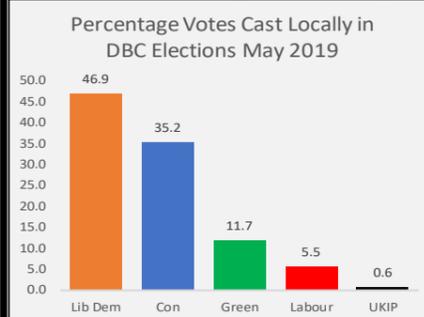
## Liberal Democrats Lead Locally

In this area, in the May DBC Elections, Lib Dems came first.

On the Borough Council as a whole they increased their seats from 5 to 19.

They now run the Tring and Berkhamsted Town Councils, Three Rivers District and St Albans City & District Councils

8 DBC wards of: Aldbury & Wigginton, Tring Central, E & W, Berkhamsted W, E & Castle, Bovington, Flaunden & Chipperfield



**Leading Internationally**  
Local Lib Dem Sharon Bowles, now Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted, was awarded a peerage for her defence of UK and City interests as Chair of the Financial Services & Economics Committee of the European Parliament.

## *The Liberal Democrats -*

*Independent of Big Business, Independent of Big Unions.*

The Lib Dems can stand up for local communities and local people because they are not in the pockets of the rich, nor dictated to by powerful unions.

This gives them the independence and freedom to promote their social values and to represent you and your community.

But independence alone is not enough. To get things done in government, such as free school meals for under 7s and the 'triple lock' for pensions, you need the backing of an organisation and an effective political party.

An independent political party *can* get things done. But it is very different for a lone individual. History shows they rarely succeed against the twin monsters of the Conservative and Labour Parties.

You can trust the Lib Dems to get things done in the national interest - to the benefit of *all* of us - not just the well-connected elite.

If you are unhappy about the way politics has developed in this country then support the Lib Dems. *Together we can make a change.*

**The Liberal Democrats are working to build a Reformed, Fair and Prosperous UK**

# Lara Pringle - The Candidate for You

Lara Pringle - The experienced criminal justice professional  
- The candidate who understands the issues

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## Police and Crime Commissioner Elections - May 7th, 2020

### Vote for local lawyer Lara Pringle - Let's put a professional in control

Hertfordshire Liberal Democrats announce local lawyer Lara Pringle as their police and crime commissioner candidate. Lara is an experienced criminal barrister and Borough Councillor for Northchurch where she is known to be passionate about improving road safety. She has teenage sons and is a parent governor at Ashlyns School in Berkhamsted. Lara has built a reputation as a formidable campaigner and champion of social justice.

As a criminal barrister with over two decades of experience prosecuting, Lara understands what drives crime. She recognises the huge challenges faced in the criminal justice system and knows that strategic investment and a change of focus is required.

*Lara says*, "I know that decisions on strategic direction and resourcing are critical to what happens on the ground. I am determined to ensure that Hertfordshire Police officers are properly resourced so that we can tackle local priorities. We desperately need to ensure that we have enough funding and that it is directed to where it is really needed".



*Local lawyer Lara Pringle:  
It's time to put a professional in control*

Lara has worked professionally with every police force in the country. She is particularly concerned that here in Hertfordshire, not enough is being done to tackle hidden crimes, especially domestic abuse.



*Lara says:*

"We need to take a tough line on bringing more perpetrators to justice, particularly in cases of Domestic Abuse. Recent figures show that victims in Hertfordshire are being let down. Reports of Domestic Abuse have skyrocketed under the current Police and Crime Commissioner. Yet the number of suspects being charged has fallen. If we are to stop the cycle of crime, we need new leadership with the professional

knowhow to implement strategies that will bring violent abusers to justice.

The only way to stop crime is to do what works. That means adopting an evidence based innovative approach.

As your Police and Crime Commissioner, I will bring my professional experience to the role. I will increase focus on crime prevention and community policing. I will make sure Hertfordshire Police works hand in hand with education, health and other local services, so that we can help people to build lives free from crime.

Hertfordshire Police Force must work for local people. It must be open and transparent with adequate funding to tackle key local priorities. We must do more to reverse the underinvestment in policing and other criminal justice agencies that has led to increased violence both behind closed doors and on our streets".

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and  
Fourth  
Saturday  
in the Month**



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-  
**Church Square  
Tring High Street  
(nearby parking)**

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