

NEW SWIMMING POOL ON TIME AND ON BUDGET

The Lib Dems are set to succeed where the Labour Government has so often failed - by delivering a major project on time and within budget.

The state of the art swimming pool and leisure complex in the City - which will be called Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre - is set to open in July as originally planned.

Local Lib Dem Councillors Mark Wilkes and Redvers Crooks have expressed their delight at the prospect of the pool's opening.

Rev Crooks said, "This is something the people of Durham wanted for a long time but it took a Lib Dem Council to deliver it.

Mark Wilkes commented, "We have kept our promise to replace the ageing baths in the City Centre. We will also be providing free access to the pool for under-fives as we look to tackle obesity at a young age. The Lib Dems are committed to promoting an active lifestyle for the benefit of all."

LABOUR LIES EXPOSED

When Labour try to tell you that the County Council is more highly rated than the City Council there is a secret (as always) that are failing to let you in on.

The City Council assessment was made in May - June 2003, just as the Lib Dems took over after decades of Labour neglect. This was the final damning

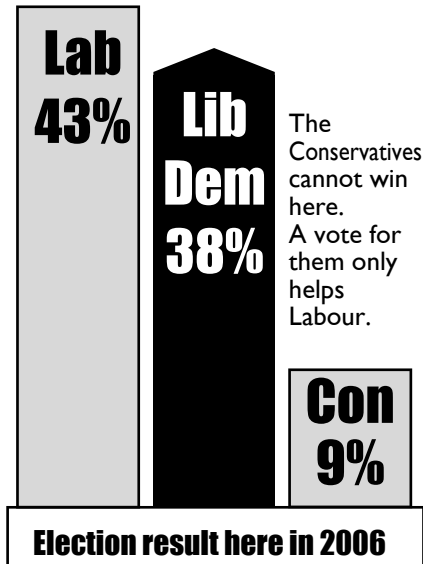
condemnation of disastrous Labour mismanagement. It illustrates exactly why the people of Durham threw out the Labour Party back in 2003.

Mark Wilkes said, "Council scores don't matter to people, it's about the difference we make in our

neighbourhoods. Everyone knows the Labour County Council wastes huge amounts of money and suffers from terrible leadership. They also know that the Lib Dems have turned around Durham city and its villages."

Redvers Crooks commented, "It's a joke that Labour have no better proof of their work in the community than a score given to them by outside assessors. It's much more important to people that work is being done on the ground to make our streets safer and cleaner and to get the best for residents."

Only the Lib Dems can beat Labour here



Framwellgate Moor, Bearpark, Witton Gilbert, Brasside and Pity Me

FOCUS

Edited by Redvers Crooks and Mark Wilkes



SHAMEFUL

Labour doubles tax for the worst off and pensioners

From the start of this month Gordon Brown has scrapped the 10p income tax band - punishing hard working families.

Pensioners and those earning under £18,500 have been stung by labour's disgraceful attack on the most vulnerable in society. Local Lib Dem candidate Cllr Mark Wilkes said, "This is an outrage. Rather than raising taxes for the poor, Labour should close the tax loopholes that allow the fat cats to get away with paying less tax than their cleaners."

Fellow Lib Dem, Redvers Crooks said, "The Lib Dems would cut income tax to its lowest level since 1916 - helping hard-working families who are struggling to pay their bills."



Council Tax rises in Durham over the past four years

As well as increasing our taxes on a national level, Labour have hit us hard in pocket locally too. The rises from the Labour County Council have been almost double those of the Lib Dems.

Across County Durham, Labour Councils are known for their crippling levels of Council Tax.

Local residents know that they can trust the Lib Dems to keep rises below inflation.

BELOW INFLATION



LIB DEMS

8.1%

LAB 15.9%

76 TO WIN

We only need 76 Labour voters to switch to the Lib Dems to win in our area - compared to 2006.

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The Conservatives cannot win here

ON MAY 1ST EVERY VOTE COUNTS

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YOUR LOCAL LIB DEMS: A RECORD OF ACTION - A PROMISE OF MORE

Fighting against Post Office closures

Redvers Crooks and Mark Wilkes have been campaigning against Post Office closures in our area and against Labour's failure to help rural communities.

The Lib Dems do not want to see more post offices close.

Only last month, Durham City's Labour MP voted to close post offices.

Supporting Democracy

Labour ignored your Unitary council NO vote. Redvers and Mark will do everything they can to make sure you are listened to and communicated with at a local level. We want to bring democracy back to Durham.

Tackling crime

Labour talks tough about crime but does nothing. Lib Dems are working on effective measures to cut anti-social behaviour and to make our streets safer for everyone.



Redvers Crooks and Mark Wilkes live in the area and want the best for local people.

Improving youth facilities

The Labour County Council only spends one-third of what it is supposed to on youth facilities. The Lib Dems have been improving play facilities across the district. Redvers has been working hard running Bearpark youth club, whilst Mark has been working on improving play areas.



One of the most dangerous failings of the Labour County Council has been their refusal to tackle road safety on our roads.

As a result of hard work from your local Lib Dems, the police and County Council are being made to take road safety and speeding seriously after failure to act by your Labour County Councillor. Lib Dems are fighting to make our roads safer.

Protecting our local environment

Lib Dems believe that the environment is not something you inherit from your parents but something you must protect for future generations. Your local Lib Dems have introduced plastic and cardboard recycling and will work hard to make Durham a greener and cleaner place.

Cutting waste and improving services

Labour taxes are out of control. The Lib Dem-run district council has increased council tax by less than inflation every year for the last FOUR years. Your Lib Dem team will push for less waste and better services.

Fighting Labour's road and pavement let-down

Redvers and Mark will work hard to improve our roads and pavements after years of Labour neglect. The Labour-run County council is £250m behind on road repairs.

Labour are failing our country, our county and our villages.

It's time to end the Labour let-down. Vote Lib Dem on May 1st

Rev CROOKS



Mark WILKES

