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Bruce and Joyce say “Thank you!”

The Liberal Democrats stormed to victory in May's local elections, winning in 12 of the 15 wards with elections across Eastleigh Borough, and keeping control of the Council with a large majority.

With 33 Lib Dems, there are just 7 Conservatives and 3 Labour Councillors on the new Council.

Bruce Tennent won in West End North and Joyce Sortwell held West End South for the Liberal Democrats.

Bruce and Joyce join David Goodall on the Local Area Committee and will work with Carol Boulton on the County Council and Lib Dem MP

Chris Huhne. It's a great team for West End!

"It is a great privilege to represent West End on the Borough Council", say Bruce and Joyce.

"We will work hard for everyone in West End over the next four years and keep in touch with local people regularly with FOCUS".

**Full results for both
West End wards inside!**



- Joyce Sortwell and Bruce Tennent with County Councillor Carol Boulton at Allington Lane - the Lib Dems stopped Conservative plans for 4000 houses

What can we do for YOU?

If there are issues you want us to take up, or if you have a problem or an idea for our area get in touch with our team through our unique FREEPOST service. Write to Liberal Democrats, FREEPOST, Eastleigh SO50 9AA. It won't even cost you a stamp!



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DON HORNE (1922-2006)



When in the autumn of 1980 a Tory councillor in West End suddenly resigned we were faced with a problem: no Liberal had ever stood there, and we had only four party members – none available, for work reasons, as a candidate. As the then constituency president it fell to me to be the stalking horse in the by-election, though as many of you will remember it didn't turn out that way as against all expectations we came from nowhere and won.

It took several months to cobble together an organisation, and Don, a former Independent member of West End Parish Council, rose to the occasion to become chairman and in due course a candidate himself. In the 1983 P.C. elections in West End North he topped the poll, also winning the borough seat. He became Deputy Mayor in 1990, but lost his seat the following year and with it the mayoralty. But his attitude to this disappointment was sanguine: "That's politics. You win some, you lose some." At the next borough elections in 1994 he switched to West End South and won, and became Deputy Mayor again the following year and – at last! – Mayor of Eastleigh in 1996-7. When he stood down on health grounds in 2002 at the age of 80 he had completed a quarter of a century on the parish council, including twice being chairman, in addition to his 16 years on the borough.


West End residents were well served by Don Horne for many years. He had a well-earned reputation as an assiduous defender of their interests and for speaking up for the village. One can't begin to calculate how many hours – most of them unpaid – he devoted to public service: attending committee meetings, reading reports, consulting with officers and visiting residents to see problems first-hand.

We honour Don's memory as a stalwart servant of the community in West End and an excellent colleague on the council - an example to us all. We extend our condolences to his family.


Martin Kyrle

Election Results in Detail...

West End North

Bruce Tennent (Lib Dem)	871	
Conservative	577	
Labour	100	
UKIP	64	
Majority	294	Lib Dem Hold

West End South

Joyce Sortwell (Lib Dem)	960	
Conservative	515	
Labour	125	
UKIP	98	
Majority	445	Lib Dem Hold



Rose Bowl

It's a great facility but we have to live with the Rose Bowl too! The Lib Dem Council is working with the police and Rose Bowl so that major events - like Pavarotti and Billy Joel this summer - are better managed than in the past.

Hampshire's Care Cuts

Massive cuts in care for those most in need in our community have been put in place by the Conservative-run County Council.

Access to some services is being restricted and a tough new means test is being applied to many service users. Liberal Democrats warned these cuts would be introduced once the local elections were out of the way - and that's just what has happened. Lib Dems wanted to see cuts in the £4 million County publicity budget instead of care cuts.

Chris at YOUR service...



Lib Dem Chris Huhne MP holds regular surgeries in Eastleigh and around the Borough - if you want an appointment to discuss an issue of concern to you just ring Chris' office on 023 8062 0007.

Campaigning all-year-round for local people!

Crime and Safety

The Lib Dem team strongly supports the need for Police Community Support Officers in West End to increase visible policing in our community. Our team launched CCTV in West End, as well as in Hedge End and Eastleigh.



Joyce Sortwell has backed the local campaign for action to tackle vandalism in the village.



The Parish and Borough Councils are now working together with the police with the aim of introducing the new "PSCOs" in the autumn, after they have been trained and recruited.

Eastleigh's New Cinema!



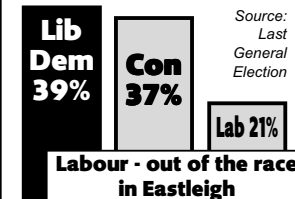
Artist's impression of the new cinema and leisure complex at The Swan Centre.

With Vue Cinemas on board to take the lead in bringing cinema back to Eastleigh, it is expected that work on site will start this autumn.

The leisure plans include bowling, new restaurants, a children's activity area and links into the Swan Centre.

The rooftop car park will be improved over the summer and will become "pay on exit" when the cinema opens.

It's so close here!



Chris Huhne Wins!

Well done Joyce!



West End South Lib Dem councillor Joyce Sortwell has become Chairman of the Borough's Standards Committee that looks after probity and ethics. Joyce follows in the footsteps of Peter Humphreys, who Chaired the committee before retiring at this year's elections.

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