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## Kingswood, Hillesley, Tresham and Alderley

## Paul Hemming

I have lived in Kingswood since 1972 with my wife Gill and during that time have been involved with many village organisations including being a member of the Parish Council since 1991 and the District Council since 1995.

The District Council Election may be your only chance to vote in 2008. So please make sure you exercise your right.

With the Country in its current state of financial uncertainty, stability locally becomes even more important.

I have represented Wotton and Kingswood since 1995 and the new ward of Kingswood, Hillesley, Tresham and Alderley since 2002.

Stroud District Council's Tax rise of 2.5% again this year is seen again as small on paper, particularly when viewed alongside the County Council and other Authorities. The increase could have been avoided altogether however, which is why Liberal Democrats will be urging a standstill on increases for the next two years.

Personally I have been involved with a number of inquiries within the Scrutiny function, including 'Access to Services', (where residents of the District have the almost impossible task of using Public Transport to interact with Council Services) and 'Street Cleaning'. The latter will hopefully lead to improvements in the way the system operates and a greater visibility of the 'Chip and Pin' pinpointed programme, which seeks to provide an intense operation in a particular locality improving quality of life.

Liberal Democrats still want to see greater emphasis put on the need for affordable housing where it is most required.

### Have your say ...

Ideas or issues you want to raise with Paul ...



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# Liberal Democrats Working for YOU

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## What Liberal Democrats will seek to do for you.

- Taxation: -** Press for reform of the Council Tax system to make it fair and just for all and Stop District Council Tax increases for the next Two Years.
- Housing: -** Ensure that 1000 of the homes to be built in the District over the next six years will be affordable. (Approximately 50% for rent and 50% for starter homes)  
Stop the Tory policy of selling Council House Gardens and houses to property speculators.
- Environment: -** Increase our recycling figures (to 60%) in the next four years and so reduce our waste tipping.  
All Council services will seek to enhance our environment.  
Provide grant aid for energy efficiency improvements in community buildings.  
Improve the cleanliness of our streets and enforce the existing laws to reduce litter and dog fouling.  
Progressively introduce a more environmentally supportive planning system.  
Ensure all new developments have adequate free and accessible car parking.  
Provide positive support of our communities in creating home zones with reduced speed limits, improved footways and safe environments for all, particularly our children.  
Prevent viable business premises being destroyed to provide housing.
- Law and Order: -** Further develop partnerships with the Police, Neighbourhood Wardens, Town and Parish Councils, the Youth Council, Youth Forum and Youth Leaders to continue fighting our Anti social behaviour problems.
- Regeneration: -** Continue regeneration programmes already underway and, where finances allow, enhance and accelerate their implementation.  
Encourage tourism in the District, which will help make our communities more vibrant and thus encourage business opportunities and create employment.  
Actively encourage and support the development of improved recreational and sports facilities throughout the District.
- Voluntary Groups: -** Actively support the excellent work of our voluntary organisations with financial, administrative and technical help.
- Public Transport: -** Forge partnerships with County, Parish, Town and Youth Councils with a view to providing adequate rural and urban public transport.

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