

FOCUS

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Thank you!

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their support on May 4th.

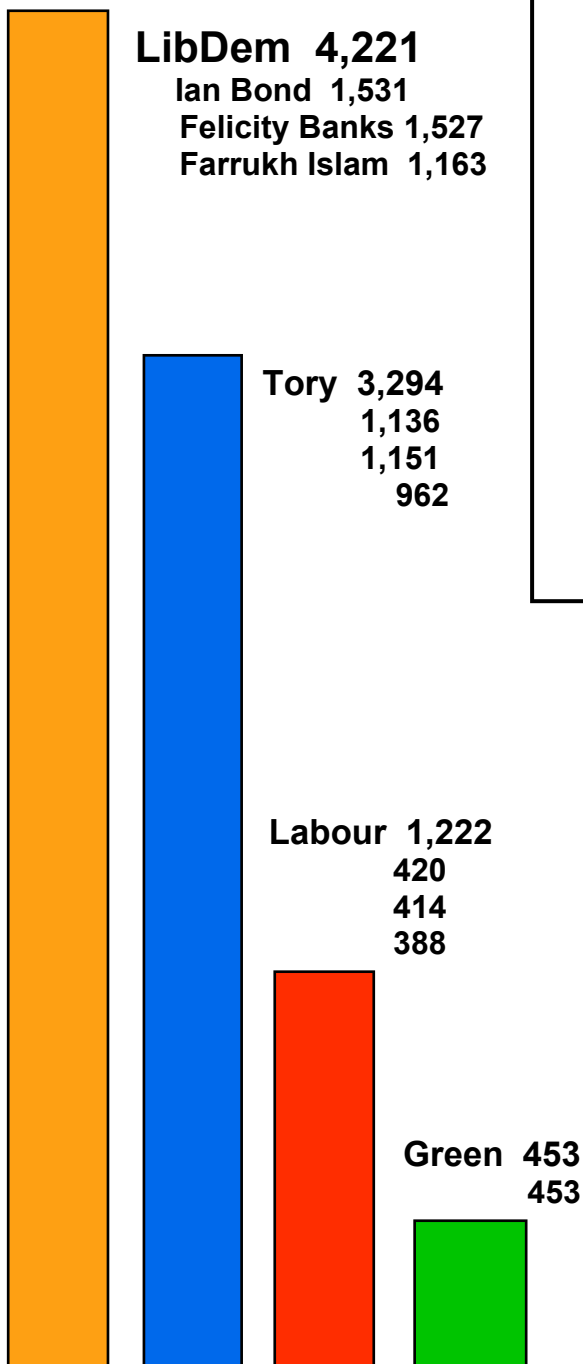
Regardless of whether you voted, or for whom, we promise to work hard for everybody.

The FOCUS Team will continue their work in the community and will keep local people informed all through the year.

Now the election is over we can get back to the real work - improving our area and helping local people with local problems. If ever we can be of any help, do not hesitate to contact us - our phone numbers are at the top!

With best wishes

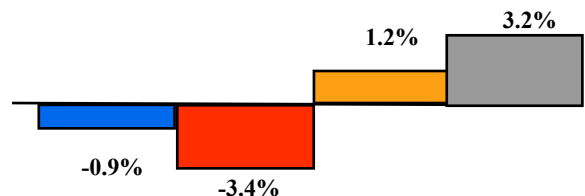
Felicity, Ian & Farrukh , LibDem Focus Team



Across the Borough the Tories held the Council, but with a poor result compared with the rest of London. Liberal Democrats were the only major party to win an increased % vote. A recent Tory mayor lost his seat in Hainault to the BNP.

Seats	Con	Lab	LibDem	Other
2002/3	34	20	9	
2006	34	19	9	1
	0	-1	0	+1

Votes	Con	Lab	LibDem	Other
2002/3	43.6%	35.1%	19.6%	1.7%
2006	42.7%	31.7%	20.7%	4.9%



Liberal Democrats - still working for you after the election

Local News in Brief

Open Spaces

Felicity successfully challenged a proposal to remove some of our open spaces from the "important open space" list. These get special planning protection. The Council wanted to remove the **Rose Avenue** play area, the **Broadmead Road** playing field, **Oakdale** Junior School, And the **Chigwell Road** allotments from the list.

Orchard

Ian has arranged for the heavy graffiti at the top of the stairwell in **Elizabeth Court** to be painted over, and for dumped rubbish to be cleared from **Lambourne Court**. Meanwhile Felicity is following up the problems getting the lift in Liston Way repaired quickly at the end of April.

Other News

Chigwell Road/Hermon Hill, near George Lane, will be resurfaced in June.

Some noise reducing barriers have been installed on the high level A406/M11 slip road near **Charlie Brown's**

We have arranged for South Woodford **station underpass** to be visited daily by a street cleaner. Farrukh is pressing for regular cleaning by jet wash.

Your councillors continue to take up cases of commuter parkers mis-using residents' parking visitor permits.

Eastway cycle cross/mountain bike circuit is to be re-located to Hogg Hill, Hainault, to make way for the Olympic Park. This brings a new sport facility to Redbridge.

Jobs for the Tory Boys?

The first thing the new Tory Council decided was to create another batch of jobs for Conservative councillors - and vote through an extra £30,000 of new 'special allowances'.

This comes on top of the payments introduced in 2003 which caused so much controversy, and adds further to the costs which local taxpayers will have to pay. These payments alone now cost every household in Redbridge about £4 per year out of your Council Tax (see below).

Things are now so ridiculous that there is only one Conservative left without a special job, on the 'backbenches'!! LibDem councillors argue that this is an abuse of public money - as well as being against both government guidance and the advice of the independent panel that makes recommendations on payments to councillors.

Tory frontbench:

- Leader
 - Deputy Leader
 - Mayor
 - Cabinet Member
 - Cabinet Member
 - Cabinet Member
 - Cabinet Member
 - Cabinet Member
 - Cabinet Member
 - Cabinet Member
 - Regulatory Chairman
 - Regulator Vice-Chairman
 - Scrutiny Chairman
 - Scrutiny Vice-Chairman
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 - Scrutiny Vice-Chairman
 - Scrutiny Chairman
 - Scrutiny Vice-Chairman
 - General Purposes Chairman
 - Gen Purposes Vice Chairman
 - Licensing Chairman
 - Licensing Vice Chairman
- Total Cost to you = £330,000

Tory backbench:
One remaining councillor

Can we help you? Can you help us? **Use this space for any ideas Problems or complaints that You want us to take up:**

Would you like to join the Liberal Democrats?

How about delivering Focus nearby?

Have you a problem or suggestion we can help with?

Your name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Tel: _____

Return to your Focus Team

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Next Area Committee meeting:

Tuesday 20 June 2006
7:15pm You are all welcome!
Hawkey Hall, Woodford (by the fire station)