

Simon Hughes
a real local champion

The Post was pleased and not at all surprised to learn that local Lib Dem members unanimously backed Simon Hughes to stand again as our MP.

Over the years Simon has always put local people before party politics.

He has successfully campaigned to get the Jubilee line extended through Southwark and for a new Urgent Care Centre at Guy's

Without these vital campaigns we all know that Southwark would be much the poorer today.

It's often been noted that not one of his Labour opponents has ever stuck around.

As we look ahead to elections in 2014 and 2015 we will have a clear choice here in Southwark.

We have a Liberal Democrat team led by Simon Hughes and Anod Al-Samerai that has a vision for creating more jobs here in Southwark.

A strong contrast with a Labour party, which still won't face up to the economic mess they left us in.

Contact Simon

Simon Hughes MP and the local Liberal Democrat team work all year round to stand for local people. If you have an issue that you would like Simon to help with, please contact him today.

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STRONGER ECONOMY. FAIRER SOCIETY.

YOUTH WORKER FOR BERMONDSEY

Local councillors and Bede House have signed up to launch a detached youth worker programme in the North of the borough. Paid for by local funding, assigned by South Bermondsey Councillors Michael Bukola, Paul Kyriacou & Graham Neale, the youth worker will tackle anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in and around The Blue, Southwark Park Road.

Cllr Bukola said, "We look forward to working together with others to tackle anti-social behaviour in our community."

After completing the initial pilot, the three councillors found additional funding. This will mean the youth worker will now be working full time in the Borough.

"Youth workers at Bede interact with young people in their own environment. We hope that, over a longer period of time, the worker will be able to establish mutually accepting and trusting relationships with young people in Bermondsey," added Cllr Kyriacou.



Councillors Michael Bukola and Graham Neale at The Blue, where a youth worker will now be based

Why we're fighting for South Bermondsey

The Post speaks to our local Lib Dem team, Cllr Michael Bukola, Cllr Paul Kyriacou and Cllr Graham Neale

So who currently represents South Bermondsey residents at the town hall?

Michael: South Bermondsey ward currently has three Liberal Democrat councillors.

And we have elections next year?

Paul: Yes, next May there will be elections for our Borough Council (Southwark) and for the European Parliament. Locally, South Bermondsey residents will have three votes to choose three councillors to speak up for them at the Town Hall.

Graham: The three of us - Michael Bukola, Paul Kyriacou and me, Graham Neale, - are restanding for election so that we can continue to take up issues for local residents.

Do you think it is better working as part of a team?

Michael: It makes all the difference. As a team we are able to work with each other and local people to make sure we can do more for the area.

Graham: We are also able to work with our local MP Simon Hughes as well of course.

Paul, why did you first stand for election?



Paul: I grew up here, went to school locally and live on the Avondale. I know what a difference Simon and hard working local councillors can make. I'm pleased that we have done lots of good work on things like improving the Blue but there is always more to do.

What are some of the other issues you are dealing with in the ward?

Michael: One of the main issues is making sure that the Labour-run Council get basic housing repairs right for tenants and leaseholders. We also help residents with tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

Graham: There's also lots of campaigns like improving road safety

and getting Boris Bikes to Bermondsey, as well as making sure that there is more for young people to do.

What issues do you think need to be addressed across Southwark?

Michael: The team have a strong track record of fighting for affordable homes, more school places and more jobs and apprenticeships.

Graham: We also need to keep up pressure on our Labour run council who keep failing to get the basics right and don't get value for money with our council tax.

Paul: That's right, we have a Labour led council whose leader is dining with developers but is failing to get them to agree to build even the minimum 35% share of affordable homes. Lib Dems are on the side of local residents.



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Labour boss dining with developers

Southwark Labour bosses have been forced to admit just how close they are to local developers.

In the last year the Labour council leader has tucked into NINE free dinners from property companies, according to their own official council records. Other freebies included a trip to the BBC Proms - paid for by Lend Lease, the firm leading on rebuilding Elephant & Castle.

Last year it was revealed the firm had treated Southwark's leader and his partner to Olympic Opening ceremony tickets valued at £1,600 each!

Opposition Lib Dem councillors have spoken out saying that council bosses must avoid looking like they are in the pockets of developers.

Lib Dem housing spokesperson Cllr Adele Morris commented, "The council is failing to secure the minimum 35% affordable housing on every new scheme which comes up. Most high-rises are being given the go-ahead without any on-site affordable homes at all.

"The Labour council leader should be challenging developers on why they are failing to build affordable homes, not being wined and dined at top restaurants."



Lib Dem MP Simon Hughes has welcomed extra cash for Southwark schools including money for free school meals thanks to the Lib Dems in government. The Liberal Democrats in Southwark will protect free school meals for all children and continue to look at new ways of fighting childhood obesity.

A better deal for Southwark kids

£9.8m

EXTRA CASH FOR SOUTHWARK SCHOOLS

Thanks to the Lib Dems in government Southwark schools have received an extra £9.8m in funding to help kids succeed.

The money is given to schools to make sure they can provide extra support to those children who need extra help.

"This money is supporting all manner of projects from extra teaching assistants to catch-up classes," said Lib Dem councillor Paul Kyriacou.

Free school meals

In more good news for local parents plans have been announced to make sure all infants receive free school meals. This will help 10,161 Southwark pupils.

"The borough will be receiving £2m extra from central government, freeing up resources from local council tax payers which had already been committed to free school meals.

"This is good news for kids and local tax payers," said councillor Graham Neale.

BAIL HOSTEL VICTORY



The Bail Hostel campaign started when concerned local residents came to our Saturday morning surgery to ask for advice. Working with the local community, we managed to stop the Labour Council from making a big mistake. Bermondsey needs councillors who will stand up for local people.

Cllr Paul Kyriacou said: "Whether it is campaigns like The Bail Hostel, Saving the Tenda Road Nursery, stopping Notting Hill rent rises, or helping individuals, we are on the side of local people!"

Back Simon today!

We are backing the Simon Hughes MP and the Southwark Lib Dems and would like to help Simon and his team with their local campaigns.

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