

From your local Lib Dem team across Balham, Earlsfield, Furzedown, Tooting & Wandsworth Common

LOCAL PATIENTS STRANDED THANKS TO CONSERVATIVE FAILINGS

The Lib Dem Ambulance Plan

- ✓ Save ambulance stations from closure
- ✓ Train and recruit more paramedics
- ✓ More accountability for local delays



Lib Dem Dr Paul Tibbles is calling for urgent action to tackle shocking ambulance delays



Ambulance delays: Heart attack victims in Wandsworth waiting over 29 minutes for help

Lib Dem campaigner Dr Paul Tibbles is calling for urgent action to end the ambulance crisis in Wandsworth.

Potential heart attack and stroke victims in Wandsworth are waiting an average of 29 minutes for an ambulance to arrive, following years of Conservative cuts and neglect.

Dr Paul Tibbles is backing the Liberal Democrat's plan to support local ambulance services, which would see a paramedic recruitment campaign and improvements in social care to reduce pressures on hospital beds.

Dr Paul Tibbles said: "Behind these figures are devastating stories of pensioners left stranded for hours, or families in Wandsworth watching a loved one die before a paramedic could reach them."

"Paramedics on the frontline do an incredible job day in day out, looking after people in their time of need. But our overstretched local NHS services are collapsing under the strain of years of neglect under this Conservative government."

JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN TO STOP SEWAGE DUMPS IN LOCAL RIVERS AND THAMES



The Liberal Democrats are campaigning to protect the Wandle.



SIGN THE PETITION

[wandsworthlibdems.uk/
campaigns/sewage](http://wandsworthlibdems.uk/campaigns/sewage)

Thames Water makes staggering profit despite continuing to dump sewage in the Wandle.

Liberal Democrats Haren Thillainathan and Jon Irwin are calling for Thames Water to be made to pay to clean up local rivers.

The Lib Dems are demanding a 'Sewage Tax' of 16% on water companies to create an emergency fund - after Thames Water made a huge £398 million profit in the past 12 months.

Jon Irwin said: "It is disgraceful to see a company which pollutes our local rivers with sewage making such large profits. They should be made to pay to clean up the mess they cause in rivers like the Wandle.

Sadly, the Conservative Government is

letting the water companies get away with it - once again taking local people for granted."

Leader of the Liberal Democrats **Ed Davey MP** said: "Given their poor record on sewage, the water industry's staggering profit numbers will alarm millions of people who care about our environment."

"A big chunk of these profits should have been reinvested to protect Britain's streams and rivers, instead of letting **disgusting sewage dumps continue.**"

Back the campaign to fight for clean waterways and to campaign against this Conservative government's disregard for our environment.

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

I suddenly have no money

- Lost job/reduced hours
- Lost money/unexpected expense
- Disaster (e.g. flood or fire)
- Relationship breakdown
- Money stopped (e.g. failed a medical)
- Sanctioned - see option 5

I am waiting on a benefit payment/decision

- Made a new claim for benefit
- Benefit payment is delayed
- Waiting for a benefit decision

My money doesn't stretch far enough

- Deciding between food/fuel/mobile credit
- Low income or zero hours contract
- Statutory sick pay too low to cover costs
- Facing redundancy
- Not sure if eligible for support
- Change of circumstance (e.g. new baby/bereavement/illness/breakup)

I have debt

- Rent or Council Tax arrears
- Gas or electricity
- Credit or store cards
- Personal loans and overdrafts
- Owe friends and family
- Benefit repayments

WHAT ARE SOME OPTIONS?

Council Support Schemes

People on low incomes may be eligible for **Housing Benefit, Discretionary Housing Payments** and **Council Tax Support** from the Wandsworth Council. This will depend on your current circumstances.

Find out more at:

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub/

Maximise Your Income / Seek Debt Advice

Anyone who is struggling financially can get a benefit check and speak to an advisor for free and confidential advice.

A **benefit check** can ensure that you are receiving all the money you're entitled to, especially if your circumstances have changed recently. Speaking to an advisor could also help you **find cheaper deals** on things like gas and electricity and **make sure you're not missing out** on things like school clothing grants or free school meals.

Debt can happen to anyone. Free advice and support can help you find ways to manage your debts and reduce how much you pay each month.

Find out more at:

Citizens Advice Wandsworth
Cawandsworth.org/get-advice
Freephone - 0808 278 7833
Free School Meals visit: pps.lgfl.org.uk

Benefit Advice

If you have made a new claim for benefit and are in financial hardship while you wait for your first payment, you may be able to get an advance to afford things like rent or food.

It's important to get advice before taking out an advance. Benefit advances must be paid back, and the money will be taken from your future benefit payments (a loan).

Turn2us may be able to provide assistance. They are a national charity providing practical help to people who are struggling financially.

Find out more at:

Turn2us - turn2us.org.uk
Freephone - 0808 802 2000, 9 am - 5 pm Mon-Fri

Wandsworth Food Bank

Referrals can be made via:

Citizens Advice - 0808 278 7833 (10-4 Mon-Fri)
Trussel Trust - 0808 208 2138 (9-5 Mon-Fri)

Government Cost of Living Payments

The Government offer extra payments for those with disabilities, on low income benefits, or pensioners.

Find out more at:

Gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Some ways that you may be able to help others

Some local ways you can help out & volunteer

Dons Local Action Group - volunteer@donslocalaction.org / info@donslocalaction.org

They aim to help those in our local community to fight poverty and offer support. They provide food parcels, household goods, furniture and appliances. They also offer laptops through their Keep Kids Connected initiative for children who do not have access to online learning.

International help

Last year's floods in Nigeria and Pakistan, as well as the on-going war in Ukraine, mean that help is still needed. The Disasters Emergency Committee are still welcoming donations.

Visit dec.org.uk to find out more

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Little Village

Little Village supports families with babies and children under five living in poverty across London. They run a baby bank network, collecting, sorting and passing on pre-loved clothes and equipment.

To find out more about how you can volunteer visit:

littlevillagehq.org/volunteer-with-us/

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Please use the space below to let us know your views, or give details of any issues you would like to raise with us:

Please leave your details so we can contact you about issues you raise:

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