

# MILE END FOCUS

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# THANK YOU!

- **Bob Russell re-elected with increased majority**
- **Scott Greenhill makes it three Lib Dem Councillors in Mile End**

Thank you to everyone who voted for Bob Russell and Scott Greenhill this year - Scott was one of three Liberal Democrats to defeat Conservative Councillors meaning that the Liberal Democrats are now the biggest group on Colchester Borough Council. We will continue to run the Borough Council with the Labour and Independent Groups.

The full result in Mile End was:

<b>Scott Greenhill (Lib Dem)</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Conservatives</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Labour</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Greens</b>	<b>3%</b>



## Lib Dems to join government

Bob Russell commented: "I have spent 40 years fighting the Tories, so it was with gritted teeth that I agreed to the Coalition - but it had to be done, in the national interest. Labour negotiators were more interested in who would be the next Leader of their Party, and thus Leader of the Opposition, so talk of a coalition with them was a non-starter."

He pointed out that "a fair chunk of the Liberal Democrat Manifesto now becomes the policy of the coalition Government - including the first move towards a fairer voting system; cutting taxes for low earners; and the restoration of the pensions link with that of earnings."

He admitted that he would prefer there to be a Liberal Democrat Government, but felt that the "half-a-loaf or a half-full glass outcome is better than continuing with the purity of Opposition with no bread and an empty glass."

Mr Russell added: "Coalition government has worked at local level in Colchester; at national level in Wales and Scotland; and if Gerry Adams and Ian Paisley were able to form a joint administration in Northern Ireland then it should not be too much of a problem for us to get our heads round working with the Tories at Westminster."

## How you voted in Colchester

**Lib Dem**  
22,151

**Con**  
15,169

**Lab**  
5,680

Bob Russell increased his vote and majority for the fourth election in succession!

*I take great pleasure in thanking all the Mile End and Braiswick voters who made the effort to cast their vote.*



*Being stationed, and calling in at various times to the polling stations during the day, it was heartening to see so many people turning up to vote.*

*I am obviously thrilled and delighted to have been chosen to represent you as your 3rd local Liberal Democrat Councillor along with Anne Turrell and Martin Goss. We all live in Mile End and are all passionate about looking after this area of Colchester.*

*There is always work to be done to make Mile End and Braiswick an even better place to live. We are now trying to tackle the ridiculous 2200 homes targets and trying to reduce or throw these plans out. We will keep you updated on progress.*

*Thanks again for your kind support.*  
Scott

## In the election, the Lib Dems promised...

- No tax on the first £10,000 you earn
- More money for schools
- The right to sack corrupt MPs
- Protect NHS frontline services
- Restore the pensions' earnings link
- Action to tackle climate change



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## ...and now the Liberal Democrats will deliver...

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# County Council's bank failure

Last year Conservative-run Essex County Council set up the 'Bank of Essex' in a blaze of publicity - and Conservative Councillors in Colchester suggested a similar idea was set up in Colchester.

The idea was for the County Council to provide loans to small businesses. However, Lib Dem County Councillors have revealed that just ten loans totalling £290,000 have been granted, whereas the cost of the project to Essex taxpayers was £387,000!

Local Lib Dem County Councillor Anne Turrell commented: "After all the hype about how the Bank of Essex would help kickstart the local economy, it appears that hundreds of businesses that were seeking loans from County Hall were rebuffed, meaning it is no easier for small businesses to get loans from the 'Bank of Essex' than it is from High Street banks."

"The fact that the project cost more money than it has lent raises serious questions about the County Council's financial judgement."

# New Trees For Mile End

12 new mature trees have recently been planted in Mile End. There have been new trees planted at Mill Road recreation ground, Raven Way, Rectory Close, Brinkley Grove Road Roundabout, Hakewill Way and Tranter Drive.

The funding for these trees was raised by the Northern Approach Action Group (NAAG). Our thanks also go to Steve Last and Steve Joyce for their hard work in conjunction with your Lib Dem team. Our thanks also go to Veolia, the Council contractors who planted the trees for half price.



Cllrs. Scott Greenhill and Anne Turrell with the new trees in Raven Way

## Vehicle Activated Sign



A new Vehicle Activated sign (VAS) has been installed near Rectory Close on Mile End Road. The sign has already been proven to help reduce traffic speeds.

We are also campaigning for a new VAS for Braiswick, Bergholt Road and Boxted Road.

## Police Speed Checks

Essex Police continue to carry out speed checks on Mill Road, Boxted Road, Bergholt Road and Braiswick.

You have requested that these speed checks are carried out, so make sure you don't get caught!

# New Bus Shelter

A new Essex County Council bus shelter has been installed at the bottom of Mile End Road near Big Yellow Storage following pressure from your local Liberal Democrat Councillors.

We are also campaigning to get a new bus shelter in Braiswick and on Turner Road near Big Yellow.



## Do you know a trolley thief?

There has been much work to stop local residents stealing and dumping Asda trolleys. They are regularly left around Mile End.

The message is clear - we do not tolerate this kind of behaviour - it is illegal to remove and dump trolleys. It is considered fly-tipping and comes with an immediate on the spot fine.

If you see anyone taking a trolley, please contact Scott, Martin or Anne immediately and we will take action.



Cllr. Martin Goss retrieves one of the Asda trolleys regularly left abandoned around Mile End

## Your Lib Dem team working for you

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**ALL YEAR ROUND!**

## Please tell us what you think!

We need to know your problems/comments on local issues. Please write them down in the space provided below.

Name:  
Email/ Phone:  
Address:

Please return to: **Mile End Focus Team, FREEPOST NAT6287, Magdalen Hall, Wimpole Road, Colchester, CO1 2BR**

### Help us to help you

- I will display a poster for the Lib Dems at election time.
- I can deliver a few leaflets from time to time in my area.
- I'd like to join the Lib Dems. Please provide us with your information.
- I enclose a donation for 'Focus', payable to "Liberal Democrats" for £ .....

A donation of £10 or more entitles you to membership of the Liberal Democrats. Please tick if you don't wish to be enrolled