

# FOCUS

on EASTVILLE Ward



## THE TEAM THAT WORKS ALL THE YEAR ROUND...

*.....not just at election time!*

This is the time of the year when every political party seems to want your attention!

"Where have they been the rest of the year?" many of you have probably said to yourselves.

The fact is ONLY the Liberal Democrat Focus team keep in touch all year round. We are here, working for local people, taking up the issues that matter to you.

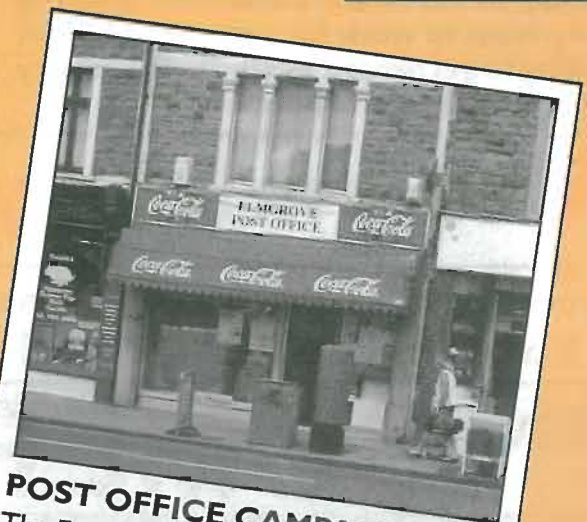
We report back through our Focus newsletter. We visit local people at a time to suit, and don't insist you visit us at set times and places. Many residents tell us they appreciate the hard work done by Lib Dem Councillor Muriel Cole, but this area elects two Councillors, and we need another active local representative to work for the people of Eastville Fishponds, Stapleton and Whitehall.



### "I'm backing Steve Comer"

Liberal Democrat Councillor **Muriel Cole** told Focus she was hoping to be joined on the Council by **Steve Comer** after Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>. "Steve has done an excellent job since he joined me on the Focus Team" she said. "He has been very active working on a range of local issues, and has always reported back to local people. Steve Comer lives in Eastville Ward, and really cares about local people. We will work well together as a team representing all the people of this area when he's elected."

**Steve Comer** and the Liberal Democrats - a record of action



#### POST OFFICE CAMPAIGN

The Focus Team organised petitions and protests against post offices closed due to Labour Government cuts.

# Liberal Democrats will save 'meals on wheels'

.....but we need your vote to end this shameful cut

The Liberal Democrats only lost Eastville by 36 votes in 2001. If we win here, and take a few other seats on May 5th, Labour's stranglehold on power in the City will be ended. Under Labour, Social Services spending was out of control, and they now plan to close day centres and reduce the meals on wheels service.

You can send them a message about their mismanagement and panic cuts, by voting for **Steve Comer** this time.

Steve adds "Many local people have told me they cannot vote Labour any more. For a lot of them, the Social Services fiasco and these cuts in services for our local elderly people was the last straw. The Liberal Democrats will fight for social justice, and if successful in the Council elections, we pledge to reverse these cuts."

## Bristol Deserves Better than Labour

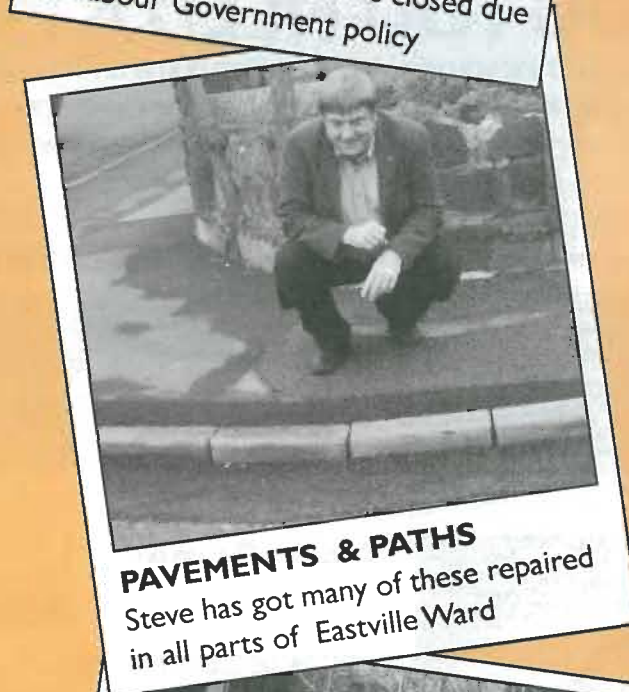


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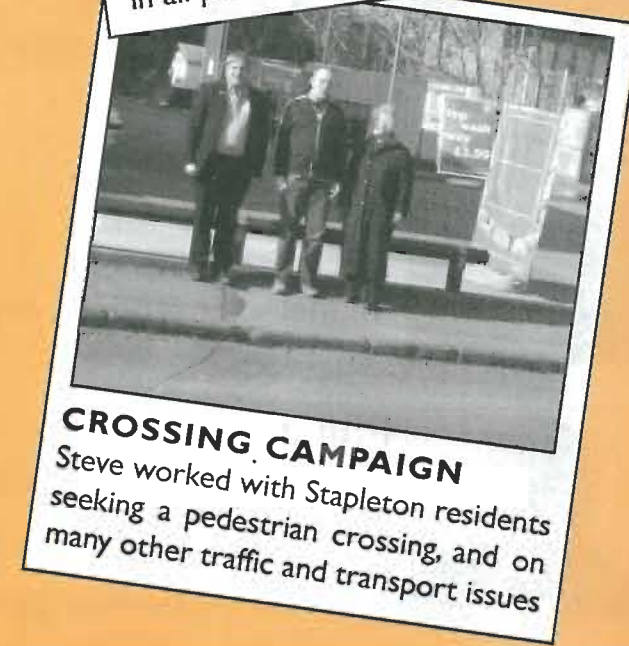
# Steve Comer



# The Best Person for the Job



**PAVEMENTS & PATHS**  
Steve has got many of these repaired in all parts of Eastville Ward



**CROSSING CAMPAIGN**  
Steve worked with Stapleton residents seeking a pedestrian crossing, and on many other traffic and transport issues

# "WE NEED A STRONG TEAM OF LOCAL COUNCILLORS" | AXE THE COUNCIL TAX!



Steve Comer & Muriel Cole

**Steve Comer, your Liberal Democrat candidate lives in Eastville Ward, and he is the only candidate of the three main parties who does. Being part of the local community you seek to represent may not be required, but it does help. Steve Comer uses local shops; he travels on local buses, walks along local pavements and paths, and drives down local roads.**

**When local people talk to Steve, and Lib Dem Cllr Muriel Cole, they understand their problems and concerns.**

**The Tory candidate (who has no chance of winning) lives in Brislington, and the Labour Party's choice is from Henbury.**

**That's right, a full SEVEN MILES away from here across the other side of the City! How can someone who lives so far away have any real idea of the needs of local people? Labour's man stood in Cabot ward in 2003, and lost to the Liberal Democrats. Does he really want to work for you, or is he just looking to get himself elected to Bristol City Council, to toe the Labour line?**



Steve Comer - a local man



Phil James with Lib Dem MP Ed Davey in Bristol recently

Council tax is now the most unpopular tax in Britain today - because it's so unfair. Your home's council tax band is totally unrelated to your income. People on low incomes can pay more than many top earners. Nationally, the poorest 10% pay over 4 times more of their income in council tax than the richest 10%. The poorest 20% of pensioners pay nearly 6 times more than the richest wage earners, as a proportion of their income.

**Phil James**, Liberal Democrat candidate for Bristol East talked to Ed Davey MP about the party's campaign to "Axe the Tax" and replace it with local income tax. This would be fairer, more efficient, and more democratic; and has been tried and tested in other countries. 70% of households would be better off if the Council Tax was axed.

Local Liberal Democrat candidate, **Steve Comer** said "Many people told me they first heard about Government plans to 're-value' properties through Focus. People are concerned that they could face huge increases in the tax after the elections". Steve and Muriel Cole recently joined Phil James in campaigning to scrap Council Tax. If you would like to know more about this issue check out: [www.axethetax.org.uk](http://www.axethetax.org.uk), on the internet, or contact one of the Focus Team (details below).

Steve Comer and Muriel Cole, campaigning to "axe the tax"



**Remember: you have TWO votes this time!**

Your 1st vote to elect a City Councillor  
Vote on the PEACH ballot paper

Steve **COMER** X



Your 2nd vote to elect a Member of Parliament  
Vote on the WHITE ballot paper

Phil **JAMES** X

# DO YOU NEED A POSTAL VOTE?

If you think you may be away from home on Thursday May 5th, for any reason, or if you have difficulty getting to the Polling station, apply for a postal vote NOW. Postal votes are now available on request for all who want them. To apply for a postal vote, ring **electoral services** on 0500 901 108 (09:00 -16:00) e-mail: [registertovote@bristol-city.gov.uk](mailto:registertovote@bristol-city.gov.uk), or contact Steve Comer, at the address below.

**LAST DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS TUESDAY 26th APRIL 2005**



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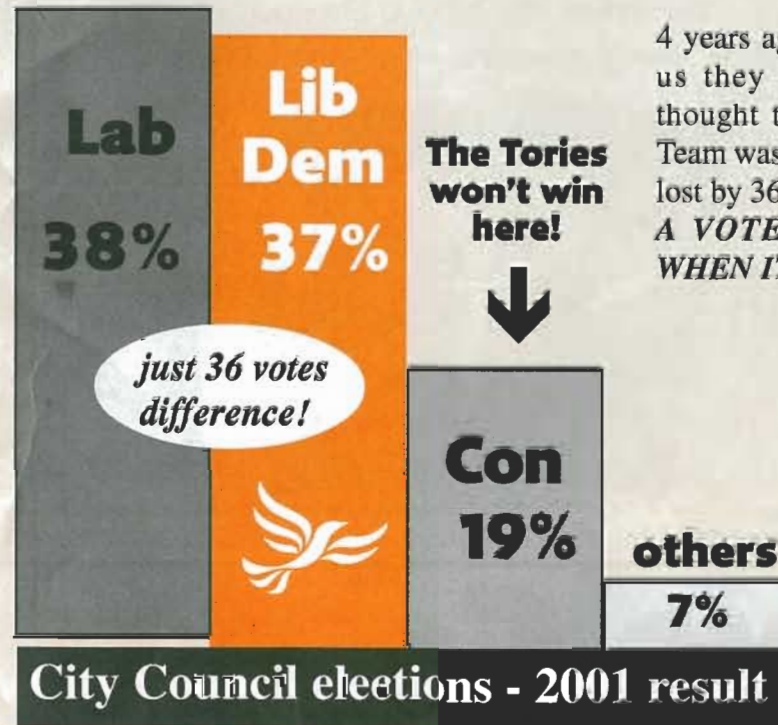


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## In this election in 2005.... YOUR VOTE WILL COUNT!



4 years ago some people told us they didn't vote. They thought the Lib Dem Focus Team was sure to win. But we lost by 36 votes. Remember: **A VOTE ONLY COUNTS WHEN IT'S IN THE BOX!**



# Lib Dems - Working all year round for you