

Hertsmere Lib Dems

Chairman's Report

2023 has been a busy and successful year.

We began with the selection of our candidate to challenge Oliver Dowden for the parliamentary seat. After a keenly fought contest with 3 excellent candidates, the membership chose Emma Matanle who has vigorously worked to prepare the ground for, hopefully, a successful campaign in 2024.

In May 2024, all the seats for Hertsmere Borough Council were fought. We had a first rate set of candidates and they, assisted by enthusiastic volunteers made a breakthrough. We tripled the Lib Dem representation from 3 to 9, winning 3 of the 4 wards in Bushey and reducing the Conservative representation by 6. Labour gains in other parts of Hertsmere left the Conservatives as the largest party but without a majority. Labour and the Lib Dems came to an accommodation to run the Council together, with the Lib Dems holding some important portfolios.

After a successful Summer party, Emma and the membership have been assiduously preparing the ground to take the fight to the Conservatives at the General Election. To fight a General Election is an expensive business and this dinner is one way we are seeking to raise finance to maximise our reach. Please support or raffle and auction and any contributions would be most welcome.



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