

# Hounslow Liberal Democrats Chairmans report 2018

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From your local Lib Dem Team

I Carl Pierce was re-elected Chair on a central promise to recruit more activists from our record membership.

Get involved and help us make 2019 even better.

## 2018 Highlights

We fought the local elections under an improving climate for the Lib-Dems. Doubling our vote share across Hounslow with a record number of 47 candidates.

Richard Clark - Hanworth Park 27%  
Helen Cross - Turnham Green 25%  
were our best results positioning us as credible alternatives in both.

This year's highlight for me was the people's vote march with 700,000 people on London's streets.

## Officer appointments

As usual we appointed officers at the AGM for 2019.

We held a vote for Chair and I was re-appointed for 2019.

I'm pleased to say that all other officers were reappointed except Paul Rustad is standing down as membership officer to be replaced by James McConnell and Hina Malik is our new diversity officer. John James has kindly offered to continue as honorary president.

## Brake on Brexit - Chiswick townhall.



On stage behind camera is Helen Cross hosting Tom Brake and Nacho Morais.

You can also see Caroline Pidgeon front row right.

## Fighting Brexit

The 'Brake on Brexit' event held in Chiswick townhall was a great success. Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. It was a fine attendance packed out with at estimated 130 coming to listen to Tom Brake MP and Caroline Pidgeon from the LibDems and Nacho Morais of West London for Europe.

## Thanking you

Thank-you for supporting our party with your membership ! Thanks to Hina for an incredible effort organising F&H council candidates. Thanks to the Phyllis for phoning members, Guy most shoe leather in local elections, Alice & Alex who managed social media, ChrisG who has revolutionised our data management and JamesT PR/Video.

**Lib Dem action all year round**

## PPC selection

We will hold elections shortly for our parliamentary candidates in both our seats. All members will be invited to vote once we short list candidates.

## Annual accounts

Treasurer's report 2018 in brief.

Total income	£2569.29
Total outgoings	£5070.60

The large difference reflects the fact we invested £2,468.50 on the Turnham Green local election campaign in April.

At 31 December 2018 our balance was £1525.63.

We will seek to increase this in 2019 ahead of a possible general election.

I would like to offer our thanks to accountant Joe Bourke for agreeing to conduct an independent examination of the accounts.

A copy of the accounts for 2017 was filed at Liberal Democrat head office in March of this year.

A copy of accounts will be available for inspection by members once they have been completed. Any member who would like a copy please contact Syed Ali our treasurer at [ali\\_sm99@yahoo.com](mailto:ali_sm99@yahoo.com)

Thank-you to Syed for providing me with our financial numbers over the holidays at short notice.

## Next social event

You are invited to our annual fish and chips quiz at 7pm 30<sup>th</sup> March at St Pauls church (Brentford). Lib-Dem guru Dr Mark Pack will be speaking plus Easter prizes and a raffle !

## Membership trends

We have experienced a recent tripling of our membership due to Brexit. But we need more of you to get involved and be active !



The Brexit effect has dwarfed the 2010 'Cleggmania' membership bounce. Brexit has massively increased our numbers and this level is holding steady.

Our new membership secretary James McConnell has agreed to contact all new members to welcome them and invite them to be active.

I would like 2019 to be the year when we convince more members to become active. We need a stronger campaigning team to start winning for Hounslow.

A warm thank-you to Paul Rustad our out-going membership officer for his many years of service.