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Pelaw, Heworth, Wardley & Bill Quay



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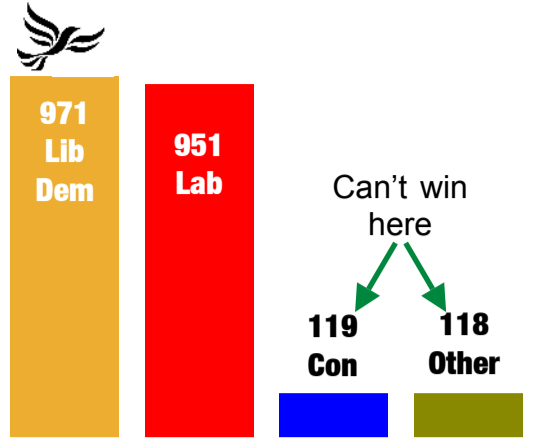
Only Paul Diston and the Lib Dem Focus Team can beat Labour here.

In 2016, Ian Patterson beat the Labour candidate by 20 votes!

This year, it could be close again, but Paul Diston is the only person who can win over Labour.

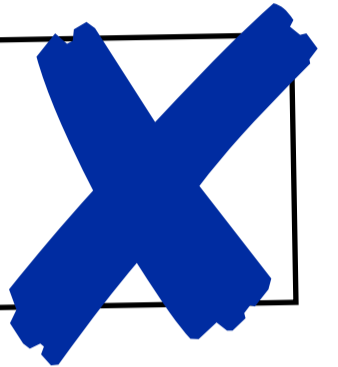
Voting for any other party could let Labour back in!

The result last time:



On May 3rd for a strong local voice vote:

# Paul Diston



Paul Diston and Ian Patterson make a strong team and are making a difference in our area, following up local issues and keeping in touch with local people.

Ian Patterson speaks up for Pelaw, Heworth, Wardley and Bill Quay at Gateshead Council and as a local Councillor has direct contact with officials at the Civic Centre.

Paul Diston is standing in the election to join Ian at Gateshead Council, together

Paul has lived in Leam Lane for the past 20 years, and works in Gateshead, for a the same firm he started with 33 years ago, when he was in his twenties.

Local Councillor Ian Patterson said "Paul is loyal and hardworking. Having him alongside me on Gateshead Council will enable us to get more done for people in Pelaw, Heworth, Wardley and Bill Quay."

Paul says "Like Ian, I want to see what is best for the people of this area. Gateshead Labour Council is too remote and we need a strong local voice to speak up for the needs of Pelaw, Heworth, Wardley and Bill Quay."

Paul is already working hard for our area, but with your support on May 3rd he can do even more.

On May 3rd, or in your postal vote, you can help get a strong local voice for our area by voting for Paul Diston:

## John Paul Diston



## Local people say "We're backing Paul Diston"

Many local people are saying they will be voting for Paul Diston in the Council election on May 3rd.

People are switching their vote to back Paul Diston, and others are voting for the first time.

Here are some of the things people have been saying:

- ★ "Ian and Paul work hard for our area"
- ★ "The Lib Dems are the only party that keep in touch and give us local news"
- ★ "We know we can get in touch with Paul & Ian"
- ★ "I don't normally vote, but this year I will be voting for Paul Diston"



Tammy & Shaun from High Heworth are backing Paul Diston



John & Jean from St Cuthberts Estate are backing Paul Diston

# Why are Labour still wasting our money?

Labour councillors have said they will continue their £1 million Civic Centre makeover. It wasn't that long ago that they spent £45,000 refurbishing the Labour Leader and Labour Cabinet's offices.



Some Labour councillors chose to spend £13,000 on a new miners' banner - and then some more on the room to keep it in!

Labour councillors agreed to spend £40,000 on a new Mayor's car.



**It is time Labour woke up and stopped wasting our money**

## It is time for a change

Voting for **Paul Diston** on May 3<sup>rd</sup> will send a strong message to Labour at the Civic Centre - and get a strong, local voice fighting for us.

## School improvements needed



Liberal Democrat Councillors in Gateshead have called on the Council to set up an independent commission to look at how to improve secondary schools in Gateshead, especially those which inspectors have reported need improving.

**Councillor Ian Patterson** said "This really is urgent. We know there are difficulties at Thomas Hepburn, and Ofsted have raised issues at Heworth Grange. Too many schools in Gateshead are doing less well than others in similar areas. We need to find out why, and then deal with this."

# Local news and action



Paul Diston and Ian Patterson have asked Nexus to speed up repairing the sets of double doors on the ticket concourse at Heworth Metro, as they are either permanently open or closed.

## Litter & Rubbish

Paul Diston has also called for the embankments at Heworth Metro to be cleared of the extensive and unsightly litter.

Ian and Paul would like to thank residents who have reported incidents of fly tipping. The Council can and does prosecute the culprits wherever possible.



Paul Diston has asked if a waste bin can be placed at the end of Henderson Gardens.

## Flooding & Ground Maintenance

As many regular users of Pelaw Metro know, the Dilly Line path at Kirkwood Gardens becomes flooded even after moderate rainfall and it was unusable during the recent winter weather. Ian had asked for this issue to be looked at. The Council is now looking to adopt the path so that the problem can be dealt with.

Ian has asked for the gaps between the posts at Dunn Court/Kirkwood Gardens to be reduced as motorbikes and other traffic are crossing the open ground from Green Lane, Pelaw, causing deep ruts in the ground.

Ian has also asked that the perennial wet section of the path between Lansbury Gardens and Ennerdale be looked at by the Council, as there is now an accumulation of decayed vegetation matter.

## Policing

Residents on both sides of the Sunderland Road Villas underpass have contacted Ian recently about incidents of Youth Disorder and petty arson in the tunnel. Both the Police and Council are aware of these incidents. Ian Patterson and Paul Diston are hopeful that the matter can be tackled to prevent repeat incidents.



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**John Paul Diston**  