

# Valley Ward FOCUS



*Serving the community - Keeping you informed*

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## Tories Massive £33m Cuts

The newly elected Tory County Council have announced plans to cut a massive £33m from next years budget. These are some of their planned cuts:

### Hitting the Elderly

A large part of the Tories money saving plans are targeted at the elderly. They plan to:

- Increase home meals service charges by a staggering 68%
- Increase Home Care charges by a whopping 36%
- Introduce charges for day services
- End the Dial-a-Ride Service
- Sell off 13 residential care homes
- Close 4 Day Centres

Andrew and Paul are outraged that these cuts are hitting some of the most vulnerable people in the area. The Tories are effectively using the elderly to subsidise other Council Tax payers.



Andrew outside one of the residential care homes in Valley Ward

### Closing Gedling Tip

The Household Waste Centre on Arnold Lane is to close along with two other centres.

This tip is one of the best used in the County. The nearest alternative is near Calverton - a six mile drive each way!

Paul and Andrew are also concerned that this will lead to an increase in fly tipping locally. This bill will be picked up by Gedling Council tax payers of course.

Do you want to keep Gedling tip open? Sign our online petition at [www.gedlinglibdems.org.uk](http://www.gedlinglibdems.org.uk)

### Why so many cuts?

Mainly so they can introduce a 0% Council Tax increase! Did **you** vote Tory last time?



Paul outside Gedling Tip which may close soon

### Support Electrification

Lib Dems are campaigning for the Midland Main Line to be electrified. This will mean faster journey times from Nottingham to London and will help the local economy. Sign our online petition at [www.gedlinglibdems.org.uk](http://www.gedlinglibdems.org.uk)

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# Lib Dems Fair Tax Plans

The next General Election is now only months away... So what are the main parties saying about tax? The economy is in a dreadful state and we will need to repay the enormous borrowing at some point to balance the books. But many are worried that the Tories will use the state of the economy as an excuse to make big cuts - and leave poorer people worse off. Liberal Democrats believe that it is essential that our tax system is fair and seen to be fair.

**We will abolish council tax.** This tax, invented by the Tories to replace the hated poll tax, is unfair and needs urgent reform. The Labour Party have dithered about this for years and refused to do anything about it.



**We will raise the income tax threshold.**

We will take those who earn less than £10,000 out of income tax altogether. Millions of people will be better off. People on the minimum wage or state pensions will pay no tax.

**The super rich will have to pay tax just like everyone else.** By closing loopholes on Capital Gains Tax and offshore trusts everyone else will pay less.

**The Liberal Democrats are the only party who will make tax fairer.** The Conservatives are not interested in making life fairer for ordinary people. Their main tax proposals benefit dead millionaires.

And the Labour Party have had 12 years to reform tax to make things better for ordinary people. They have failed. Their main contribution in recent years has been to abolish the 10p tax rate - making many Gedling people worse off!

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