



# Our Village Deserves Better

**After 30 years living locally, Penny Davis says it is time for residents and businesses to finally be heard.**

Many of us care passionately about our high street because it reflects the pride, safety and spirit of our community. Yet year after year, so many residents in Cheadle and Gatley feel they are watching a visible decline, while the same concerns are raised and too little changes.

Traffic worsens, pressure on local roads grows, and our village centres have lost much of the variety, character and independent business that once made them places people wanted to spend time in.

Penny Davis, who has lived in Cheadle for more than 30 years, says she finds that deeply sad. "I love this area and care about our community. I believe in

Cheadle and Gatley, and I believe we can once again have thriving, safe village centres where the whole community wants to spend time. But it is becoming harder for honest traders when decline on the high street is so obvious. Last year, around 14,000 independent shops were expected to close, and 366 pubs closed for good.

When Didsbury and Wilmslow can thrive, people here are right to ask why we do not. What is our leadership doing to attract the kind of honest traders and independents that help a village centre thrive?"

Cheadle and Gatley deserve stronger local leadership, a clear plan, and village centres we can all feel proud of again.



Residents say they want a clear plan to support independent businesses and restore a thriving village centre.



### Penny Demands 'Free After Three'

Penny Davis is calling for 'Free After Three' parking in our village centres to help local trade and make life easier for residents. After the school run or after work, many people want to pop to the shops, grab a coffee, meet friends but parking costs can put them off. Penny says 'Free After Three' would be a simple, practical way to encourage more people back into Cheadle.

## More Council Tax Rises 5.8% More for Less?

Residents across Cheadle and Gatley are asking how much more they will be expected to pay while watching visible decline instead of improvement. With council tax rising again and parking charges increasing, many feel they are paying more and getting less.

Stockport Council has approved a 4.99% council tax rise plus the extra Mayoral Precept at 19.4%. What next, brown or blue bin taxes to go with last year's outrageous green bin tax?

Penny Davis says "People work hard, pay more year after year, and can see things are not improving. They are tired of the slow drip of decline and of being expected to accept the bare minimum," she said.

It is time to demand more and not tolerate mediocrity from the Lib Dem controlled council.



Listen & Talk session at the Red Lion, Cheadle

## Fighting for Our Local Pubs

In 2025, 366 pubs closed for good across England and Wales, roughly one every day. Our local pubs matter. They bring people together and give real character to Cheadle and Gatley. When good businesses struggle, something is wrong. Penny Davis says she has spoken to local hospitality business owners who can no longer make a living and are leaving the trade. What is Stockport Council doing to help and support?

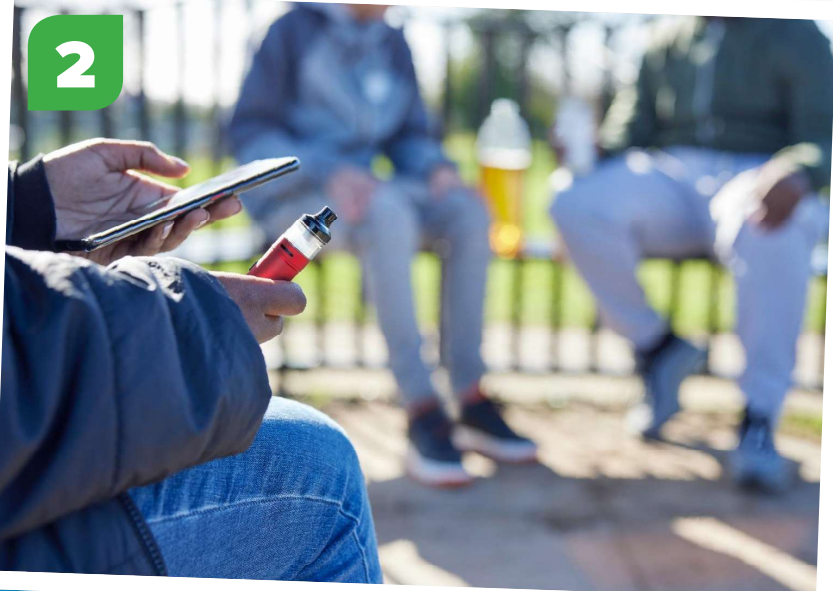


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**Penny Campaigns for Better Transport Links**  
Penny Davis is campaigning for better buses to connect our communities. Until the train station issue is resolved, she wants a circular electric bus route linking East Didsbury Metrolink, Gatley station and our village centres. We need solutions now.

**2**

I attended the recent PACT police update and raised increasing anti social behaviour in our area, but hardly anyone was there. With police resources already stretched, the Lib Dems should be promoting these meetings properly. Where is the community input? People deserve better communication, stronger local leadership.



**3**

Standing up for local tradespeople and pressing for stronger action on van theft and tool theft.

Van crime hits local tradespeople hard, costing time, money and peace of mind. Penny Davis is working with tradespeople on van security to action to protect livelihoods.



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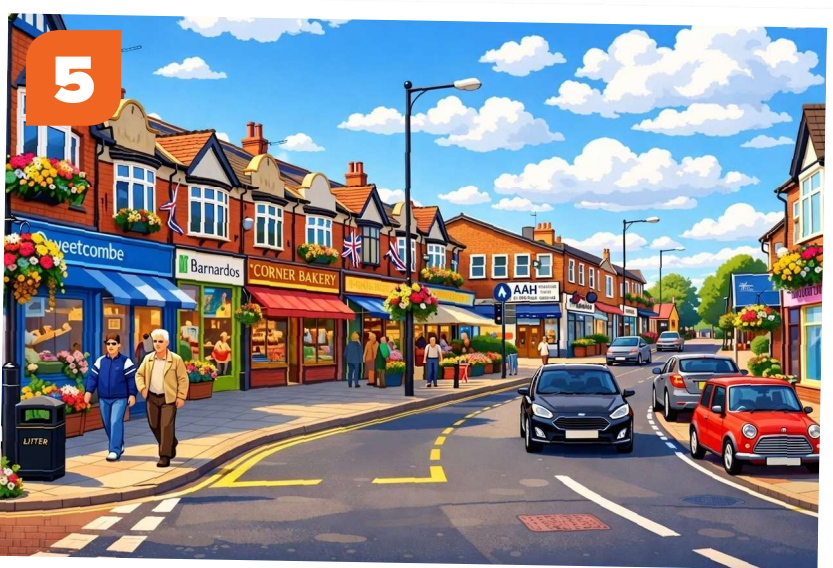
Illustrative image of a pothole

For all the Lib Dem claims about how much they are doing, the reality on our streets tells a different story. Under our Lib Dem controlled council, roads have deteriorated year after year. Penny Davis knows that first hand after a huge pothole in Cheadle left her with a flat tyre.

Penny Davis said: "It brought home just how dangerous and unnecessary this problem has become, and I will hold the council to account. Residents deserve better."

## Action around our area

Penny is keen to work with local businesses in both Cheadle and Gatley to help our village centres look cleaner, smarter and more welcoming. If we want people to visit, stay and support local trade, we need high streets that feel cared for and inviting.



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Residents have raised growing concerns about the former Gatley Golf Club site. Bellway Homes has now acquired the site with permission for 278 homes. People are asking what this will mean for local roads, traffic and the character of the area. They are also asking where the services are to support these homes, with pressure already growing on schools, doctors and dentists to name but a few. Penny Davis says local people deserve to be heard.

# Your choice at this election...

**Conservatives fighting for Cheadle and Gatley**

**OR**

**More of the same with the Liberal Democrats**

- Fighting for common sense solutions** – Tackling traffic, potholes and anti social behaviour with practical action on the issues
- Standing up for residents** - Holding the council to account for visible decline and residents paying more for no improvement.
- Backing our village centres** – Working with local traders and residents to support cleaner, safer and more welcoming high streets

- More traffic and frustration. No clear plan for local new homes, roads and the growing pressure on our streets.
- More paying more for less. Higher charges, higher council tax and too little visible improvement
- More visible decline. Less pride in our village centres and less support for local traders

**On Thursday 7 May, vote Penny Davis**

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