

FOCUS

ON CRIME AND DISORDER



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Under a reactive Tory Council and a bureaucratic crime and anti-social behaviour have increased in Swindon. The Liberal Democrats believe in proactive local action and strong national policies to tackle crime and disorder where it matters the most - on the streets where we live and want to feel safe walking at night.

A Safer Swindon

In Lib Dem areas of Swindon we have pressed for a more visible Police presence on the streets, and involving local residents so they can help decide when the Police are on the streets. Our 'Crime Forum' public meetings have proactively invited all residents in these areas to meet the Police to help to decide their priorities and act fast on damage of public and private property. Residents in these areas have reported a decrease in crime and an increase in quality of life. Vote Lib Dem to bring action to your neighbourhood.

5 Steps to a Safer Britain

1. More police on patrol. Don't waste billions on ID cards
2. Compulsory work and training in prison to cut reoffending
3. Better compensation for victims paid for by prison work
4. Take back our town centres. Let communities close pubs and clubs that cause trouble
5. Make sentences mean what they say Life should mean life

CRIME & DISORDER THE FACTS

+79% 79% increase in anti-social behaviour in Swindon since 2005

300 300 calls were taken in just one day in 2006 on anti-social behaviour

+41% 41% increase in violent crime in Swindon since year 2002.

268 268 Police Stations have been closed by Labour.

The **Tory Council** cannot cope with anti-social behaviour. The **Labour government** is making crime worse.

Tory Inaction

A top Swindon Tory admits the Council is not responding to anti-social behaviour calls from residents. Another doesn't believe offenders should be made to clear up graffiti.

Labour Failure

Violent offenders are more likely to get a caution than be taken to court - no wonder violent crime has doubled in the last 8 years under Labour.