



Cllr Tony Cox West Shoebury Ward

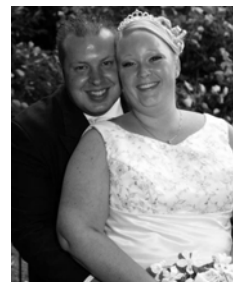
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Dear Resident

You will have recently received an Election Address from Independent Party candidate Evelyn Assenheim, much of it in the form of a personal attack on me and my record as your local Councillor. Whilst I do not wish to stoop to that level, I feel that I must correct some of the misinformation she has circulated.



Previous Independent Party Literature

Evelyn Assenheim has claimed that her previous leaflet has sparked lots of encouraging feedback from residents. What Mrs Assenheim will not tell you is that in an email exchange with an angry West Shoebury resident she claimed that no Independent Party councillor can get anything done, claimed that West Shoebury residents are cranks and that she will only meet with residents if they show Government ID and come with a chaperone at a mutually agreed location. The full transcript can be found on my blog at: www.shoeburyblogger.blogspot.com.



East Beach

Planning permission was **NOT** required for the creation of a restricted parking area. Following a complaint made by a small group of residents, supported by Evelyn Assenheim, the Local Government Ombudsman investigated and ruled that no planning rules had been broken. The High Street Residents Group, The Shoebury Residents Association, The East Beach Mobile Homes Group, The Kite Surfers and the Police have all given their support.. What we now have is a 2 acre car park and 12 acres of open land where families can enjoy themselves in safety. Why not visit and see the improvements for yourself.



Warrior Square Swimming Pool

Unlike some authorities, Southend is investing in Leisure. I supported the refurbishment of Shoeburyness Leisure Centre and the decision to let U16's and



Tony Cox: A record of delivery, a promise of more

Tony Cox: local man, local resident, local campaigner

Over 650's swim for free in the Borough. The new swimming and diving facility at Garons was always intended to replace the aging Warrior Square Swimming Pool and will open next year. To keep Warrior Square open as well would mean a council tax rise of 17% which I am sure, Evelyn Assenheim, would, quite rightly, object to. I have also pledged to fight for more investment in Shoeburyness Leisure Centre.

New PCT Health Centre on Gunners park

In 2008, proposals were published by the Primary Care Trust for a new health centre on Gunners Park. Over 70% of residents that attended the public consultations were against the development. I have been on record, stating that I am also against this development yet Mrs Assenheim supports this development. If this development goes ahead, Shoebury House, Shoebury Health Centre, Thorpedene Clinic, Cambridge Dental Practice, Dee Jay Pharmacy and the Ambulance Station will all be closed and left derelict. I am not prepared to leave Shoebury like a ghost town. Interestingly, what Mrs Assenheim won't tell you was that in August 2008, she was photographed on the front page of the Southend Echo waving the consultation document like an excited child opposing the development and the closure of Shoebury House. Apart from the sheer hypocrisy, by wanting this development Mrs Assenheim now wants to loose more green space in Gunners Park to more development despite public opinion.

Street Lighting

During a recent survey distributed to over 4,000 homes, hundreds of local residents felt that poor street lighting in certain roads were a real issue and made them feel less safe at night. Many parts of West Shoebury still have very old street lights where the parts are now obsolete. Before roads are plunged into darkness I will continue to make the replacement of these street lights a priority as local residents have asked.

As this may be the last opportunity to communicate with residents before polling day, I would like to thank residents for their survey returns and pledges of support. Throughout this campaign, I have asked residents to judge me on my record of hard work, the record levels of investment that I have brought to Shoebury and my priorities for Shoebury over the next four years. I don't believe in asking residents to lend me their vote, I expect residents to give me their vote through my sheer hard work!

Yours faithfully

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Tony Cox - working all year round, not just at election time