

Lib Dems - our award winning MEPs



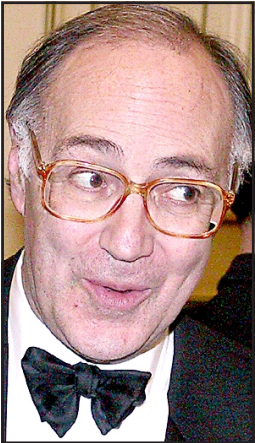
Both our Lib Dem Euro-MPs have been awarded prestigious awards for their achievements.

Emma Nicholson was voted 'MEP of the year' by more than 20,000 people across 72 countries. This 'European Voice' award was in recognition of her international human rights work and for highlighting the plight of Afghan and Iraqi refugees.

The Quoted Companies Alliance (QCA) - the leading group of small companies - made Chris Huhne their 'MEP of the year' for his work on financial services in general and on the Prospectus Directive in particular.

Chris's changes will help local small businesses. As the Financial Times said: 'The City owes Chris Huhne a debt of gratitude'.

Let down by the Conservatives



Local residents have been badly let down by our Conservative Euro-MPs.

A crucial vote to protect the interests of local small businesses was lost in the European parliament when two of our Conservative Euro-MPs **failed to turn up**. (They did turn up later in the day enabling them to collect their allowance!)

The Tories are always ready to criticise the EU for dogmatic reasons **but don't do the work when it counts**.

Meanwhile the Conservatives have proposed doubling the unfair Council Tax which Michael Howard introduced as a Cabinet Minister.

What Michael Howard said about the Council Tax:

"I think it is a fair system that tries to reflect the needs of everyone."

Lib Dems - the effective opposition

The Liberal Democrats have been the *effective opposition* to the Labour Government on issue after issue.

The Liberal Democrats **OPPOSED** the invasion of Iraq and have consistently held the Government to account on this issue. The Lib Dems have campaigned **FOR** free care for the elderly, and have already delivered it in Scotland.

The Lib Dems **OPPOSE** Tuition Fees and Top-up fees and have slammed the Government for breaking their election promises. The Lib Dems want to replace the Council Tax with the much fairer local Income Tax.



● Charles Kennedy MP, Sandra Gidley MP and Chris Huhne MEP joined the massive march against the invasion of Iraq last year.

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