

## Tory Leaflet – More Fairy Tails From “The Brothers Grimm”

The current Tory Leaflet circulating in Stourport at the moment is the most appalling, shameful, misleading piece of political fantasy seen in Wyre Forest for many years. The joint editors should be ashamed of themselves for producing such factually inaccurate tosh ! . . . It is insulting to you !

Tory Claim –

*“Under Health Concern.... Council tax increases were 10%, 12% and 7.5%”*

**Not true!** – Health Concern only ran the Council for 2 years (from May 2002 – May 2004) and in both cases the WFDC element of Council tax was below 5%. (Source - WFDC Council Minutes)

In 2004 it was just 4.94% adding £7 to the total Council Tax bill which went up by £88. The other £81 was added by the Tory Controlled County, Fire and Police charges – the quoted Tory figures relate to their County Council increases, not the District Council bit!

Tory Claim – *“Health Concern committed to close Stourport Community Centre in their final months in office.”*

**Not true!** – From 1999 until May 2002 WFDC was run by the [Rainbow Coalition](#) - Liberals, Health Concern, Tories & Lib Dems - working together under the Leadership of the Liberal, the late Mike Oborski. It was that Tory supported group that took a decision in 2001 to make spending cuts to save over £1m. - which included closing the Community Centre.

In 2002 Health Concern deferred the closure whilst seeking more funding and fully restored it to the budget in 2003. (Source – WFDC Council Minutes.)

Tory Claim – *“Health Concern closed a number of public lavatories around Stourport.”*

**Not true!** – Again the [Rainbow Coalition](#), of which the Tories and Health Concern were part, sensibly closed the Coopers Lane toilets through drug use and vandalism in 2001. This year Health Concern proposed an amendment to the Tory Budget to put in £200,000 to build a new toilet block in Stourport Town Centre.

The Tories, supported by the Liberals, rejected that proposal! (Source – WFDC Council Minutes) Instead the Tories spent £90,000 refurbishing the Riverside toilets, which have to be closed when the river floods!

*Seems the Tories like water – they want to sell off YOUR Civic Centre, with no firm plans to replace it, and centralise all Council offices on land in Kidderminster, between Sainsbury’s and Puxton Marsh, that was a foot under water in the July floods! Cost to YOU? £15 million!*

We have provided the truth – our statements are a matter of public record. Regarding the Tory leaflet - It is sad that those who aspire to high office should be party to such appalling misrepresentations of the truth. If they cannot be trusted to check the accuracy of statements that appear designed to damage Health Concern, how can they be trusted to be your representatives?

**Independent Health Concern**

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