

Julie Smith

Julie has the experience, respect and credibility to hold Cambridge for the Liberal Democrats in 2010

Julie Smith at a glance...

Experienced

Julie Smith has been a national campaigner and played an active role in the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party, negotiating with sister parties on the Euro manifesto and on climate change issues. She will hit the ground running.

Respected

Everyone knows that Julie has the energy and enthusiasm to get the job done. She has combined a successful academic career with senior responsibilities on the Council while holding many positions within the party nationally

Credible

Julie is used to speaking on radio and television, and talking to the press. She has spoken at regional, national and international conferences. She has lived in Cambridge for the last 12 years.



Julie is passionate about ensuring everyone has access to high-quality arts and leisure facilities



Julie is a successful campaigner. Here she led a campaign which saved a much valued local bus service



Julie is committed to fighting climate change. She's signed up to the 10:10 campaign and cycles everywhere

Three things to remember...

Julie Smith will be a credible MP for Cambridge - her professional experience and extensive policy work with parliamentarians mean she understands how parliament works. She can campaign full time next term so she can hit the ground running.

Julie Smith gets things done. Her experience as a councillor and portfolio holder means she has worked closely with residents, officers and councillors. She has improved the quality of our parks and open spaces in Cambridge.

Julie Smith's experience and ability combined with the strong local Liberal Democrat team will be a powerful combination to hold Cambridge for parliament.

Julie Smith - The winner for Cambridge

Julie is a Senior Lecturer in International Relations in the Politics and International Studies Department at Cambridge University and Fellow of Robinson College. She was Deputy Director of the Centre of International Studies for five years

She is a City Councillor for Newnham and Executive Councillor for Arts and Recreation, with responsibility for sports, open spaces and arts in the City.

An expert in European politics, she ran the European Programme at Chatham House from 1999 to 2003 and has helped draft the Party's European policy.

At Chatham House, Julie gained experience of managing people and of working with major companies, typically as project sponsors, so she is very happy to lead on fundraising.



Julie discussing the impact of the recession on businesses with a stall holder in Cambridge market

Julie is an enthusiastic member of the the Federal Policy Committee and chaired the Party's working group on Security in 2007/08

Julie comes from Crosby (where she first got involved in politics at the historic by-election), moving to Oxford as a student and then to Hamburg and Budapest before coming to Cambridge in 1997.

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In conversation with a sixth-former about student finance

Dear Colleague,

As your PPC, and then MP, I want to work closely with both the city and county council groups: the best campaigns are fully integrated and work well for everyone. We need to challenge the Tory county administration on their failures, including the Guided Bus, as well as county's general failure to offer sustainable transport solutions that work for Cambridge residents and businesses.



I believe that the key campaigns that we will need to fight on are the economy, on which Labour has clearly failed the country, education and the environment. In a City with two universities and many schools it is vital that we argue the case for adequate funding for education. I understand the challenges facing Higher Education and will be a powerful advocate in Westminster. The education sector does not exist in a vacuum - the universities are closely linked to the IT sector which is vital to the success of the Cambridge economy. On the natural environment I believe that our national Liberal Democrat policies offer innovative ways forward that are likely to resonate powerfully with residents of Cambridge, who are quite explicit about their desire for higher standards for our open spaces.

I believe that Cambridge needs an MP who can fight for the local residents, who has the stamina and energy to combine that to ensure that Cambridge's voice is represented at Westminster.

I hope you will give me the chance to be that voice, and select me to fight Cambridge. Together, I believe we can build on the success, and hold Cambridge for the Liberal Democrats.

Best wishes,

Julie Smith

