

HERNE HILL BY-ELECTION, MAY 1 2025

Friends of Carnegie Library has NO political affiliation.

We have fact-checked the information being sent out by all candidates...

CONSERVATIVE, JAGO BROCKWAY: online: “your priorities, like protecting Brockwell Park and Carnegie Library”.... leaflet: “constant threats to Brockwell Park & Carnegie Library”.

CORRECT. *As far as it goes.*

GREEN, PAUL VALENTINE: leaflet: “PROTECT OUR LOCAL PARKS AND LIBRARIES - Labour announced cuts of £1 million - 25% to the library budget - across Lambeth. Again our local Carnegie Library is being targeted. Paul says: ‘Libraries are an essential service. Lambeth cannot claim to be a child friendly or age friendly borough if they cut the funding and undermine the library service. So many people rely on the services, support and spaces they offer. Green councillors will work to support the librarians who want their service run directly by the council and brought back in-house.’ ”

CORRECT. *He is the ONLY candidate to mention the new, disastrous budget cut by the (Labour) council. It will severely damage all libraries.*

INCORRECT. *The Greens assume the library service is not run by the council. It is. The damage to the library service comes from elsewhere...*

LABOUR, STEPHEN CLARK: online main statement: “Last year I campaigned to keep the Carnegie Library Hub open and helped secure the new lease and additional investment.” Also tweeted.

WRONG. *The Carnegie Library Hub is an unelected body that occupies nearly all the building. It runs no community events. It does nothing but rent out rooms commercially, and takes the money. Yet the library service has to pay all its running costs. This might recently have been stopped, but for an ill-informed campaign to keep it going... With Lambeth’s new, drastic £1m cut, the library needs more than ever the income it had before the “Hub” arrived.*

OTHER PARTIES: We have no information from the LibDems, Reform, Socialist Party of Great Britain or Trade Union & Socialist Coalition.

Going by previous by-elections, this will be a two-horse race between Greens & Labour.

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