

Press Release

**From Councillor Barry Stamp
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Police Called To Investigate Poster Theft

Stafford Liberal Democrats are appealing for witnesses after dozens of their election posters were stolen.

Cllr Barry Stamp the Liberal Democrat Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Stafford said he was appalled that with a few days of the recent Euro elections being completed, over 100 posters had been stolen from lamp posts in the north of the town.

“During the election campaign Stafford Lib Dems put up over 400 posters right across the Stafford constituency. After the election finished we took down over half and had only the area around the north of Stafford town to clear. You can imagine our surprise when we discovered dozens of posters had been stolen. During an election every party expects to lose the odd poster but no one would think this many would go. At first I thought it was either the County or Borough Council who had taken them down but they have both denied being involved. This only leaves the only option that they have been stolen. At the election both the Labour and Conservative share of the vote tumbled while the Liberal Democrat vote went up. As a party we are going to report this theft to the police but I would ask anyone who saw posters being taken down especially from either the Parkside or Bistol Street Motors traffic islands to get in touch with me. The posters themselves are of little value, but it is the principle involved that matters. This is a case of theft and we would like to find out who has carried it out,” said Barry Stamp

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Notes to Editors: A photo opportunity can be arranged with Cllr Stamp and the remaining posters. Please ring 01785 822723 or 07771688331 to arrange.