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## [Ensuring there is access to justice for all](#)

Our justice system is failing the vulnerable, and we should all be embarrassed about it.

Legal aid spending in England and Wales has been cut by £933 million in the last eight years. And as a direct result, we've seen huge reductions in support.

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## [Saving our town centres](#)

Across Britain, you can't have failed to notice that our high streets and town centres are run down.

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## Let's act on knife crime

No parent should have to bury their child.

It's crushing to see it happening so much the news.

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## Liberal Democrats say NO to unpaid internships

The Sutton Trust estimates **40% of young interns are working for free**. Many of them are probably entitled to the National Minimum Wage. **But a loophole in the law lets employers pass their roles off as "voluntary" unpaid internships.**

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