

Lucy Allan's diary

Conservative Councillor for Southfields Ward, Wandsworth

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➤ Different worlds



I was canvassing on the **Alton estate** this morning. The way to do these blocks efficiently is to take the lift to the top and work your way down, crossing each landing and alternating the stairwells - (there are two stairwells either side of the landings).

Today a young, grey faced looking hoodie followed me down. Every time I crossed a landing to go down a stairwell there he was. It was 10:00am no-one else about. The lift wasn't working, the smells, sights, sounds can be intimidating. On 23rd floor I took fright and ran all the way down and went and did a different block. But I knew I had to go back and finish the one I hadn't done.

I came back via the basement walking through foul smelling leaking sewage and there he was again, the grey faced hoodie. Then I realised why. He'd been looking for quiet place to shoot up. On every stairwell he tried there I was with a wadge of Boris leaflets, preaching the good news, pink cheeked with the exertion of running up to the top (no lift), getting in the way of him finding a quiet spot to do his business.

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