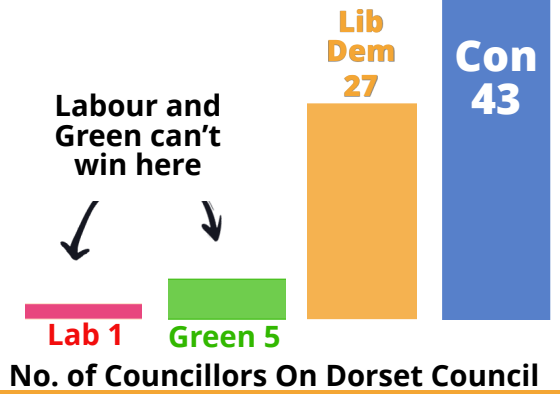


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On CORFE CASTLE PARISH AREA

Many thanks to all those we spoke to and who responded to our Residents Survey. This is the report back from Ben Wilson and your local Lib Dem team.

Only the **Lib Dems** can beat the **Conservatives** on Dorset Council



Road Safety:

Speed Limits

There was significant support for a 20MPH limit through Corfe Castle with some residents less sure and wanting a full consultation - which would be required before any proposal was agreed by Dorset Council.

Compliance

Over 70% of respondents also said that speed limit compliance should be a priority and several residents pointed out the lack of compliance from motorists with the existing restrictions. Measures such as speed limit cameras should be considered for tackling this issue.

20's Plenty



Where people are

www.20splenty.org



Liberal Democrats are campaigning against sewage outfalls

Sewage:

Over 80% of residents tell us they are very concerned about the state of local rivers, Poole Harbour and the sea. Local Lib Dem, Ben Wilson commented, 'The state of our local rivers and seas is worrying. Sewage can have devastating effects on local wildlife and can make people who swim in these waters unwell.'

Concerns are justified with frequent recent outfalls of sewage into Poole Harbour and the sea in Swanage. The Environment Agency categorises the local Isle of Purbeck rivers, Corfe River and Swanbrook as of poor ecological status (the second lowest of five categories).

Liberal Democrats locally and nationally are campaigning for the water companies and their regulators to give a higher priority to cleaning up our local rivers and seas.

Our NHS:

Our survey showed that over 70% of respondents reported difficulties accessing some form of NHS care, the major local concern being NHS dentists. 55% of respondents said that they or families and friends had experienced problems getting access to NHS dentists.

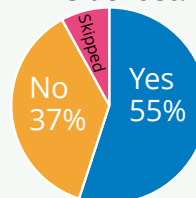
Nationally the Liberal Democrats would:

- Use the £400m that was underspent on NHS dental services for an emergency programme of support.
- Reform and increase funding for the NHS dental services contract to incentivise dentists to take on NHS patients.
- Increase the number of dentist training places.

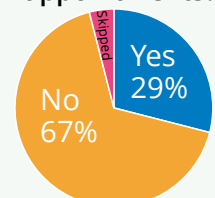
Residents are also concerned about the reduction in hours at Swanage Hospital Minor Injuries Unit and whether this means the long term future of the hospital is under threat. Local Lib Dem campaigner Ben Wilson says, 'Whilst people generally receive great care from hospitals and GPs once they are seen, the long waits to get treatment are unacceptable.'

We asked residents if they or someone they know has had problems with accessing various sectors of the NHS. Here are the survey results:

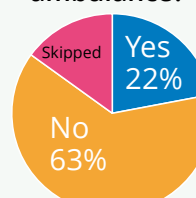
Trouble accessing NHS dentist?



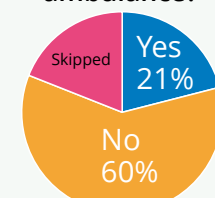
Trouble accessing GP appointments?



Long waits for an ambulance?



Long waits in A&E/ the ambulance?



Putting Community Before Politics

Housing for Local People:

The biggest local concern raised is the need for affordable housing for local people. Residents see the need for new small developments for local people, but feel that they need to be sympathetic to the character of the local area. Many also believe there should be controls on the number of holiday homes. Currently, the Purbeck area has far fewer affordable homes being built than other parts of Dorset.

Liberal Democrats locally support the use of Community Land Trusts for new developments to ensure housing is for local people. The local planning authority needs to take a more robust line to ensure that developers stick to their undertakings for affordable housing.

Nationally, Liberal Democrats at their recent conference agreed that local authorities should have greater power to control the conversion of houses to be used as holiday homes so that villages like ours do not become like ghost villages outside the summer.



Community land trust development for locals in Worth Matravers

Potholes and Pavements:

Residents tell us that road surfaces in our area are particularly bad. Recent heavy rain has highlighted how many of our drains and gullies are blocked causing huge puddles in the road. The Lib Dem Focus Team have already reported several in our area.

If you notice any particularly bad potholes or blocked drains in your area, please let us know and your local Lib Dem team will report them to Dorset Council for you. Alternatively you can report issues yourself on: dorset-self.achieveservice.com



Let us know of any bad potholes like this one in Worth Matravers

Environment:

Most residents put a very high priority on tackling climate change and improving the environment, with dumping of sewage in our rivers and seas a particular concern.

Crime & Policing:

We are pleased that most residents do not feel that crime is a major issue in our area, with anti-social behaviour and fly tipping being the most mentioned issues. However residents are concerned that this situation may not continue as police are seen so rarely in the area.

Other Issues

The main other issues raised were the need for activities for young people and children, as well as care for the elderly.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers. If you would like to join us or help in any way, please return this form via our Freepost address, Mid Dorset Lib Dems. Alternatively, call us on: 07570291838 or email: libdemssepurbeck@gmail.com

I would like to help the Lib Dem campaign.

Name

I will put up a poster at election time.

Number

I Would like to join the Liberal Democrats.

Email

Can we keep you updated on our campaigns activities?

Address

Yes

No