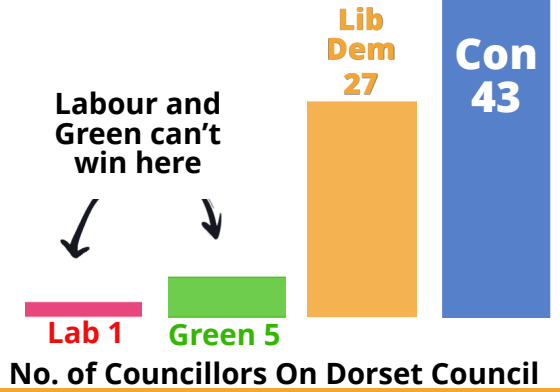


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On SOUTH EAST PURBECK

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

Residents across the area have raised with us the danger to road safety from speeding vehicles. Incredibly, villages like Church Knowle and Kimmeridge have the national speed limit of 60mph rather than the 30mph in most villages. Traffic causes danger to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders when roads like Bindon Lane have a 60mph limit. We have made representations to Dorset Council for lower speed limits in these areas.

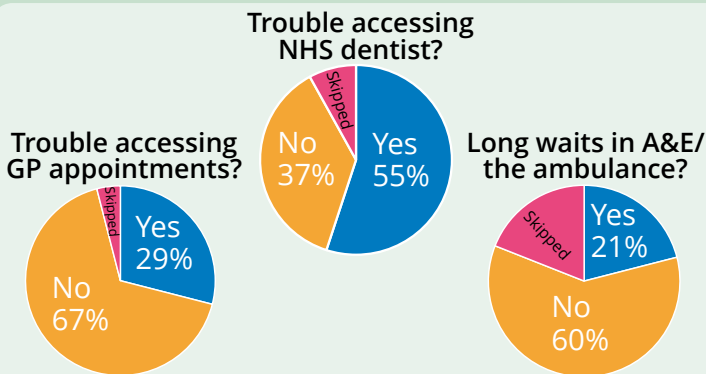
Compliance

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



Local Lib Dem Ben Wilson is seeking a review of speed limits through the centres of our villages

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



Our NHS:

Dentists

Our survey showed that access to NHS dentists is a major local problem. 55% of respondents said that they or their families and friends had experienced problems getting access to NHS dentists.

Swanage Minor Injuries Unit

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. Whilst people generally have received great care from hospitals and GPs once they are seen, too many have had long waits to get treatment.

Binnegar Hall development

Residents in Stokeford and Binnegar are understandably concerned as to what is happening with the planning application for 48 dwellings at Binnegar Hall. The planning application was first made several years ago but still has not been determined. Whilst this application offered the prospect of a new village hall for East Stoke parish, residents consider that the current proposed hall is too small and with very limited parking. This will mean that the hall will be difficult to use.

The developers are also proposing to site the SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace) on the other side of the busy A352 (Wool to Wareham Rd) making it far less likely to be used by local people. It will certainly be important that crossing this road is made safer for pedestrians.

Local Lib Dem campaigner Ben Wilson commented, "We are keeping a close eye on this application to ensure that local residents' interests are protected."

Kimmeridge Road Gritting

We have made representations to Dorset Council to give a higher priority to gritting the road out of Kimmeridge in winter as, given how steep it is, it can often be difficult to get in and out in icy weather.

Putting Community Before Politics

Housing for Local People:

A major 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 do not become like ghost villages outside the summer.



Community land trust development for locals in Worth Matravers



Let us know of any bad potholes like this one

Potholes:

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 has reported a blocked gully in East Creech, flooding in Furzebrook Road and a pothole in East Creech.

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

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