

FOCUS

Summer 2023

On SE Purbeck

(Isle of Purbeck Villages)

Liberal
Democrats 

DORSET NHS WAITING TIMES AMONGST WORST IN ENGLAND

Research by the Liberal Democrats has revealed just how bad NHS waiting times are in our area.

DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS

In May 2023, 8.3% of GP appointments in Dorset had been booked more than 4 weeks previously compared to less than 5% nationally. Those waiting more than 4 weeks for a GP appointment has increased by 50% in the last year alone and the rate for Dorset is the 4th worst in the country.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT

Patients waiting more than a year to be treated in hospital has increased by 15% in the past year and in Dorset the number of those waiting is 16% worse than the national average.

AMBULANCES

At Poole and Bournemouth Accident and Emergency Depts (which serve most of our area) 55% of ambulances waited 30 minutes or more to hand over patients to A&E staff compared to a national average of 27% and a target of 15 minutes.

LOCAL LIBERAL DEMOCRATS ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR ACTION TO TACKLE THE POOR HEALTH SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS LIKE SOUTH EAST PURBECK BY:



- Training and recruiting more GPs and give patients the right to see a GP within 7 days
- Increasing the minimum wage for care workers so we can get quicker discharge of many of those who are in hospital who can be cared for in the community so freeing up hospital beds.
- Launching a drive to retain, recruit and train paramedics and other ambulance service staff.

Rural areas have been neglected for far too long by this Conservative government.

LIB DEMS SECURE MASSIVE ELECTION WIN

Sarah Dyke converted a 19,000 Tory majority into an 11,000 Lib Dem majority to win the Somerton and Frome Parliamentary by-election. This follows on from the big wins in Tiverton and Honiton, North Shropshire and Chesham and Amersham in the last couple of years .

It shows that in many rural constituencies, such as we have in the South West, only the Liberal Democrats can beat the Tories.

Lib Dem leader Ed Davey highlighted that in Somerton and Frome, people had voted for stronger local health services, better access to GPs and a fair deal for rural communities after years of Tory neglect.

These are the same issues which you are telling us are important in our area.



Liberal Democrats working for you

CUT IN OPENING TIMES AT SWANAGE HOSPITAL MINOR INJURIES UNIT

Local residents have reacted with shock to the news that over the Summer, the busiest time of the year with the influx of holidaymakers, the opening hours at Swanage Hospital Minor Injuries Unit (which serves many in our area) have been reduced to 9am to 6pm from 8am to 8pm. This will put further pressure on local A&E departments at a time when they are already unable to cope.

This can't go on!



SEWAGE SPILLS - REPORTING BACK



W e s s e x Water have promised your Liberal Democrat F O C U S team that s e w a g e monitoring equipment

will be installed at the Harmans Cross outfall before the end of this year. However, they say that they will only undertake to stop sewage outflows into the Corfe River by 2030 and will make no promise about when they will stop sewage spills at Worth Matravers. Liberal Democrats say this is not good enough. After all the profits made by the water companies the government and regulator OFWAT should force them to boost their investment to stop them polluting our rivers and seashores.

ONLY THE LIB DEMS CAN BEAT THE CONSERVATIVES ON DORSET COUNCIL

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Elections in Dorset are always between the Liberal Democrats and the Conservatives.

**The other parties
can't win here.**

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The numbers of councillors elected to Dorset Council by party in the 2019 election.

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Lab
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Please get in touch if you have an issue which you would like us to tackle or tell us your views on any of the issues raised in this FOCUS.

And we always welcome residents who want to help us by distributing a few of these leaflets in your local area.

PUTTING COMMUNITY BEFORE POLITICS