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On Westham

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ANNOUNCING YOUR CANDIDATES FOR DORSET COUNCIL

It may seem a little early but we wanted to introduce you to our candidates for the Dorset Council elections in May next year. Our candidates for Weymouth Town Council will be featured next year.

Ryan Hope

Restanding for Dorset Council Westham (and for WTC). When asked why he wants to stand; he said:



'I was 20 years of age when I first stood for council. I joined the Liberal Democrats because they were the only political party I saw working for my community all year round (something that is still the case to this day). I wanted to stand up for our community and work to make it a better place, plus there needs to be young voices in local decision making.

Away from the council chamber I'm a 31 year old, father of two with a puppy, Rocket, who many of my residents will know from our walks.'

Alex Fuhrmann

Dorset Council Westham (and WTC in Westham East again). When asked why he wants to stand; he said:

'I have loved serving Westham East on the WTC and would now relish the opportunity to take this to the next level. I live in the heart of Westham with my family and am proud to be a teacher at Beechcroft. Alongside my fellow candidates, I feel we are best placed to understand our area and the issues that effect us all. I adore Westham and love to hear from local residents and help where I can.'

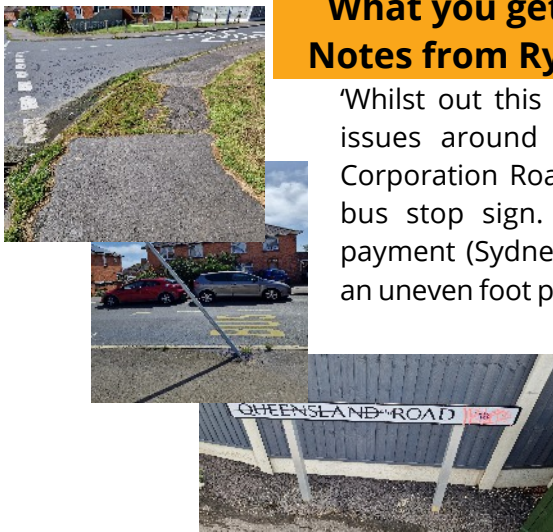


What you get with a LD Councillor: Notes from Ryan during the summer

'Whilst out this morning I took note of several issues around Corporation Road, graffiti on Corporation Road street signs and a damaged bus stop sign. There was also a collapsed payment (Sydney Street/Adelaide Crescent) and an uneven foot path (Corporation / Sydney Street)'

These were all reported in to Dorset Council Highways team and have been sorted!

It's just what we do



Only the Lib Dems can beat the Conservatives on Dorset Council

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

Con
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The other parties can't win here

Lib Dem
29

Councillors elected to Dorset Council in 2019.

4 Independent and 2 Labour Councillors were also elected

Green 4

Gill Taylor is not standing in Westham at the next elections. Gill said 'I have met some lovely people and really enjoyed representing you. However, I live in Chickerell Ward so am going to be standing there. I want to thank the residents of Westham and know that they will be well represented by Alex and Ryan so I would like to ask you to support them please.'



SEE OVER FOR FEEDBACK FROM OUR SURVEY

REPORTING BACK FOCUS

Thank you to everyone in Westham who took the time to fill in the survey we sent out to households recently and spoke to us when we were knocking on doors. From your responses we've identified some key areas below that your local Lib Dem team will be working to see improved on your behalf.

YOU LIKED OUR PARKS

Generally residents were really pleased with our parks, the main item that people were asking for was more benches and bins. Interestingly a lot of residents asked for an outdoor gym on the Marsh.

Ryan said 'The Marsh is really looking up and is getting used more than it was a few years ago. I have



requested more benches and they should be going in soon and we will look at a long term aim of getting outdoor gym equipment to compliment the rest of the facilities we have on the site'

YOU WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NHS

Our NHS was by far the highest priority on the national issues. The Lib Dems believe in high-quality healthcare, free at the point of use. This is essential for both individual freedom and national prosperity.

Nationally we will :

- Reform NHS dentistry so that no

one is forced to pay hundreds of pounds for private care.

- Put mental health on the same footing as physical health.

Locally we will use our influence at Dorset Council through our seats on Health Boards to improve the services for Dorset.

YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

Residents were concerned with all aspects of our Environment.

Nationally we continue to campaign on water quality. Locally both Weymouth Town Council and Dorset Council declared climate emergencies when the new councils were formed. Weymouth Town Council have a sound plan which they are working through.



Dorset Council unfortunately is not making good progress on their plans. There is so much that could be done that is not being done.

YOU WERE CONCERNED ABOUT DRUG TAKING AND ASB

Crime came fairly high both nationally and locally with residents being concerned about antisocial behaviour and drug use and dealing.

Alex said that he has regular meetings with the police about drugs and commented 'What residents don't realise is that the police do a lot of undercover work in the area so just because you don't see them doesn't mean they are not there.



Gill added that 'It is important that residents keep reporting incidents to the police.' She added that she was pleased that there were not too many people who were afraid of crime.

BOOT HILL JUNCTION

This was mentioned a lot of times; and understandably so. It would be very expensive to do anything with this for the next few years however it will be due for a redesign in the next few years and it will be a high priority for change.

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