

# FOCUS On Littlemoor

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Liberal  
Democrats

## Your **LIBERAL DEMOCRAT** Candidates for Dorset Council May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024

### ANN WEAIVING



**Ann Weaving** joined the Lib Dems from the Labour Party because she thinks that they will give the residents of Littlemoor a chance of being a real part of

Weymouth Town council which will bring serious benefits to the area. Working alongside a very experienced councillor, who many of you may know, she believes Littlemoor will take its place as a thriving community in the town and be supported in the difficult times ahead.

### HOWARD LEGG



Howard has represented the "Birds" estate between the Railway and Relief Road for the last five years. As the new ward boundaries for Weymouth Town Council have now included this area within the Littlemoor ward, Howard is seeking re-election here to both Weymouth and Dorset councils.

**Howard Legg** is an effective campaigner having overseen the Olympic preparations when the sailing came to Weymouth a decade ago and takes up issues that particularly effect the local community. Howard is a retired teacher having taught locally and after retiring he was an Advisor with the Citizens Advice from 2012 to 2019, and has since served on both councils.

### STANDING UP FOR LITTLEMOOR RESIDENTS

Another person who has already started to work with the Littlemoor residents is **Matt Bell**, our candidate standing against Richard Drax when the general election comes. He is helping the football club, using the field at Top Club to try and get some mobile lights for the football ground so that more training can be done in the evenings. As a teacher of many of your children at a local school he is keen to help them have opportunities to keep fit and healthy.



### HOW DORSET COUNCIL DECISIONS ARE MADE:

For the past 5 years, the largest political group on Dorset Council has been the Conservatives, so they are responsible for the decisions taken during this time. They have operated a Cabinet system with the decision-making Cabinet made up of only Conservative councillors, whose policies are then generally 'rubber stamped' by their other councillors.

**THEY CAN'T BLAME THE LIB DEMS FOR ANY OF THIS: ONLY THE CONSERVATIVES HAD THE POWER TO CHANGE IT AND DIDN'T: LOCAL OPINION WAS IGNORED**

**This means the Conservatives who represent you are responsible for:**

- Car park charges in Weymouth (we wanted an immediate review, not in a year's time.)
- Cuts to support for cost of living payments
- 24% increase in council tax since 2019
- All building development within Littlemoor
- Park and Ride not being effectively used
- Lack of litter bins.

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# WORKING FOR LITTLEMOOR RESIDENTS



Can this piece of land at the Finches be managed for residents as well as wildlife?

When the relief road was built, some of the land purchased was left to support wildlife but it should also be able to be appreciated by local residents as well. The land by the Finches is looking a mess so **Ann and Howard** want to work with the council to see how this can be made into a real asset for the residents of Littlemoor and wildlife at the same time.

**Why aren't these houses part of Littlemoor?** If they were that could help you have some funding for facilities and have a say in what you want for the whole community.

**We will be trying to get the review of this decision on boundaries and so give Littlemoor a say in what happens in Littlemoor.**



Since at least October 2021, residents in Littlemoor and the surrounding areas have been calling for a new or redeveloped skatepark in Littlemoor.

## CAN YOU TRUST THE CONSERVATIVE'S TO REPRESENT YOUR COMMUNITY? CLEARLY NOT.

A petition was launched by a Conservative Dorset Council Councillor, in February 2022. However this matter has never been presented to Weymouth Town Council and there are concerns about what has since been done with the personal data collected.

In response to the residents' calls; **Cllr Ryan Hope, Lib Dem Group Leader for Weymouth Town Council, supported by Cllr Matt Bell**, moved a motion about this issue at Full Council. As a result; a report on options and costs for a new well-designed skateboard park for Littlemoor is to be presented to the Environment and Services Committee of Weymouth Town Council after the elections.

## CAN THE LIB DEMS MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

**We certainly think so.** We are not like the other two main parties who make promises

they can not keep and just shout at each other across the dispatch box. We try and work with communities first and then build up an agreement. The fantastic NHS workers would not have had to go on strikes to get a fair wage had we been in charge.

## SO WHAT ARE WE PROMISING FOR DORSET?

- **£2million was taken from next year's budget that had been supporting the Cost of Living issues.** It will be a priority for us to find that money and put it back into the budget so that it can be used with charities to help those most affected by the increases in energy costs, fuel costs and the massive inflation the Conservative Government has imposed on us.
- We will be asking why **Dorset Council has the largest number of people, in any SW council, earning over £100,000.** We think that the restructuring, that should have taken place soon after DC was created in 2019, can save us money, without damaging services.

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