FOCUS April 2024 Liberal Democrats **On Portland ELECTION SPECIAL**

DORSET COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2ND MAY

An opportunity for the people of South Dorset to show the Dorset "Local Conservatives" what we think of the way we have been treated for the last five years.

Portland and Weymouth have been ignored by the ruling party, who have had a cabinet making all of the decisions yet no-one living anywhere near the South Ridgeway conurbation serves on this critical body.

Are our "local conservatives" so afraid of being associated with the present government that they have to hide behind another name?

As well as removing them from running Dorset Council we need to remove them from parliament when the time comes later this year. That needs to start in May by making the Liberal Democrats the largest group on Dorset Council and voting for your candidates.

YOUR CANDIDATES **HOLLY HOPE GILLIAN PEARSON** LEE HARMSWORTH

The Labour Party cannot find candidates to challenge many of the Dorset Council seats therefore will not have a significant voice on DC. Plus a Lib Dem led Dorset Council is the most effective way to challenge Mr Drax at the general election.

Having Lib Dems representing you in a Lib Dem led council will really get Portland's voice heard.



VOTE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT ON 2nd MAY TO **START THE REAL CHANGE FOR DORSET**

Radipole Lake Flooding

Matt represented residents by petitioning Dorset Council for action on flooding: Success - There is now a group of those with responsibilties for the lake meeting regularly to explore the possibility of de-silting it.



A snapshot of how our parliamentary candidate, Matt Bell, fights for local residents.

Bibby Stockholm



Liberal Democrats are fighting for a fair, effective immigration system that treats everyone with dignity and respect. The Lib Dems are the only party looking to radically change the system, in the ways necessary to create the circumstances in which the barge becomes redundant as quickly as possible. See Matt's social media for more info.



Portland Pharmacies

MATT is also actively involved in supporting the campaign for a second pharmacy on the Island and bringing his expertise into the action. More details about the petition can be found by going to www.change.org/fight4pharmacies portland

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VOTE LIB DEM AND BECOME PART OF THE REAL CHANGE FOR DORSET

LIBERAL DEMEMOCRAT CANDIDATES: SPEAKING UP FOR PORTLAND

Holly HOPE



Holly works within health care at a local GP surgery. She sees daily the struggles local residents have in receiving access to medical care. 50% of the health burden across the country is lifestyle induced and there are things Dorset Council can

do to improve residents lives here in Portland and across Dorset. Holly said 'If elected I will work within Dorset Council to improve care for our residents; this can be done by using the council's influence to support our current NHS staff and encourage health professionals such as nurses, doctors and dentists into Dorset. Allied to this, I will work to bring better employment opportunities to Portland and Dorset by using Dorset Council's resources to support and create local employment for local residents; ensuring they can afford a better life for themselves and their families.'

Gillian PEARSON

Gillian is a retired teacher who takes an active interest in that issues are important to her community. She campaigned to 'Keep Portland Hospital' and serves on the



'Portland Hospital Development Group', battling to ensure the hospital continues to provide a valuable medical service to the Island and to one day regain its beds. She has campaigned against the waste incinerator, speaking out at the Public Inquiry last December, and has protested against the Bibby Stockholm barge in support of 'Stand up to Racism Dorset'. Gillian says, 'Portland and Weymouth have been overlooked by the Conservative-led Dorset Council. A Liberal Democrat run council would enable the changes needed to improve local lives.'

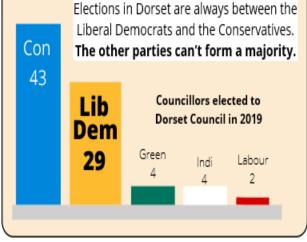
Lee HARMSWORTH



Lee was born in Dorchester and moved to Weymouth when very young. He went to local schools a n d Weymouth College. He is currently emploved in the electrical industry. Lee

said, 'I am honoured to be one of your candidates for Portland in the Dorset Council elections. I have recently joined the Liberal Democrats as, like an ever increasing number of people, I am truly fed up of this awful out of touch government and feel there is the need for a real change not only at parliamentary level but at Dorset Council as well'

Only the Lib Dems can beat the Conservatives on Dorset Council



For all queries, comments and requests for ward work please email us at info@sdlibdems.org.uk

On May 2nd Dorset residents have the chance to change the direction of Dorset Council and send a message to the Conservative government that enough is enough. In Dorset the only clear alternative to the Conservatives is the Liberal Democrats.

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