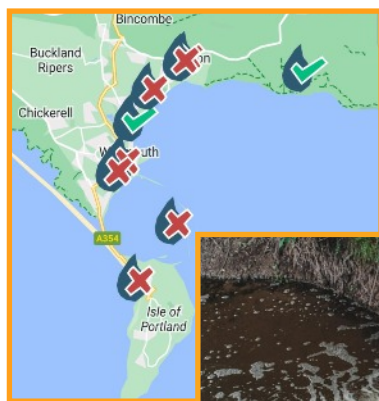


FOCUS On Chickereall

Summer 2023

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SEWAGE SHAME CONTINUES: In 2022: 47 sewage spills into Radipole Lake and 59 off Chesil Beach.



Surfers Against
Sewage safe
bathing beaches
data: 21 June
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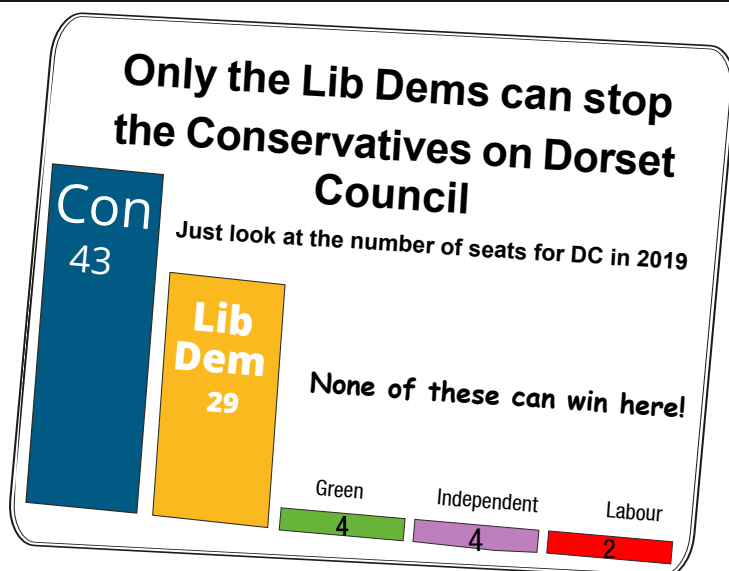
Local Liberal Democrats are calling on Wessex Water to stop the sewage spills which are blighting our beaches and rivers.

Data from the Rivers Trust show that, in 2022, there were 130 recorded sewage spills across our local area which included 414 hours (or approx. 14 days) of discharging from the overflow off Chesil Beach and 39 hours of discharging from pumping stations into Radipole Lake; a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Liberal Democrats have been calling for the Government to legislate so water companies are obliged to stop these sewer spills and for the water companies themselves to foot the bill rather than pushing up bills for consumers. Water Companies have been paying out billions of pounds in dividends instead of investing to stop these sewage spills.

Let us know what you think (see contact details on the back)

LIB DEM LOCAL ELECTION SUCCESS - DORSET COUNCIL NEXT



combined only got ten Councillors. If you don't want five more years of Tory cuts to local services then the Liberal Democrats are the only logical choice."

Liberal Democrats in neighbouring Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council made dramatic gains in May's local elections gaining fifteen seats to become the largest party on the Council with more than twice as many Councillors as the Conservatives who lost well over half their existing Councillors. Local people turned to the Liberal Democrats as the party with a clear focus on improving local services and the only credible challenger to the Tories.

Cllr Nick Ireland, Leader of the Liberal Democrats on Dorset Council said "In Dorset next May (just as in BCP Council this May) it will be a clear choice between a Tory or a Liberal Democrat Council. Twenty nine Liberal Democrat Councillors were elected at the last elections in 2019 and Labour, Green and Independents

If you would like to help us defeat the Tories in Dorset next May get in touch via the contact details on the back page.

Liberal Democrats working for you

BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM FOR CHICKERELL?

There is currently a planning application on the edge of Chickerell for a Battery Energy Storage System which is basically a very large bank of batteries. (Planning app P/FUL/2023/T02446).

All councils in the area have declared a Climate Emergency which means that they are doing what they can to address this issue. Although battery storage for energy ticks a lot of boxes for the environment, both Chickerell Parish Council and Weymouth Town Council have opposed it. Also many local residents are against it and there is a local action group opposing it. They are all concerned about the potential fire risk from these facilities as there have been instances of large fires involving battery storage which in addition to the fire risk in the local areas has released toxic fumes. This facility is quite simply too close to houses.

Cllr Peter Barrow (DC member for Radipole) is a former fire fighter and sits on the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Authority. He says 'BESS have to go somewhere but this is not the right place. The risk of putting this facility here far outweighs the benefits'



DORSET'S CAR PARK CHAOS

Conservative-run Dorset Council has just implemented another major increase in car parking charges breaking their promise of 2019.

One of the Conservative priorities in 2019 when they were elected, was to have the same charges across the whole council, which they did, but then they broke their promise this year and decided to raise those in seaside towns whose residents can least afford it. This was carried out by the cabinet with no consultation either with the local Parish or Town Councils or even with their own councillors.



Additionally this comes despite the fact that the car parking system is still plagued with problems. Car parks are often in a poor condition, without adequate lighting, and charging machines are often broken.

Lib Dem Dorset Council Group Leader, Nick Ireland said: "It's totally unreasonable for Dorset Council to hike prices while these issues remain."

"Yet again, we see the Conservatives ignoring local people's concerns. Dorset's residents have been taken for granted for too long. The Lib Dems say Dorset deserves better than this Conservative Chaos."

Let us know what you think:



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Please get in touch if you have an issue which you would like us to tackle or if you have 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.

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