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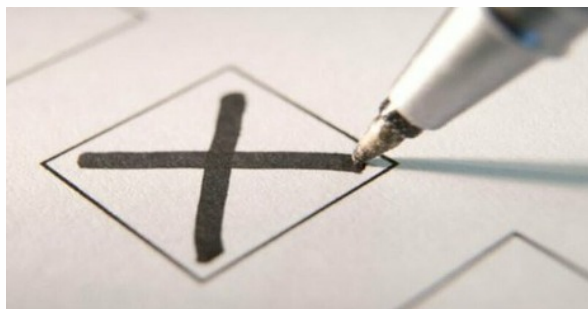
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Your vote is at risk



The Conservative Government is making it harder for you to vote.

A new law means that for the first time ever in the UK, you will not be allowed to vote if you don't have the right type of ID, or you forget to take it with you.

In the United States this sort of law is called "voter suppression" and it has been deliberately introduced to stop minorities from exercising their right to vote.

Act now to ensure your voice is heard

"There is one easy action you can take right now to protect your vote," says **Cllr Nick Ireland**, "get a postal vote!"

It's free and easy. A postal vote will guarantee you have your say. Your ballot paper arrives straight to your door and can be returned by Freepost. in the weeks before an election.

You can get an application form from www.westdorsetlibdems.uk/news or write to us at Dorset Lib Dems, 11 Alfred Road, Dorchester, DT1 2DW.

Boost for our villages



Lib Dem Councillor Nick Ireland and the local Lib Dem Team have been working hard to achieve better facilities for local cyclists. They plan to enable more school children, and other residents, to cycle from their village in to town, to school and to work, by active travel.

National Cycle Route 26 starts from Portland Castle and leads to major tourist attractions, such as Glastonbury and Bristol.

Such routes can create substantial opportunities for local businesses along the way. Other local routes link to the Jurassic Coast and popular attractions and historic sites, such as Maiden Castle and Corfe Castle.

"This project will bring green, rural, car free tourism into the county which is nonpolluting and good exercise for those taking part!" added Nick. "It means good news and increased trade for local pubs, shops and other enterprises."

Working for You All Year Round



Making Our Roads Safer

Back in 2018 Lib Dem **County Councillor Nick Ireland** persuaded DCC to reduce the speed limit on Osmington Hill from 60mph to 40 mph and also make permanent the temporary 50mph limit from Broadmayne to Dorchester. Since then Nick has been working on road safety improvements elsewhere in the area and has now obtained the agreement of Dorset Council to make further changes in the Poxwell/Osmington area.

Dorset Council have agreed to:

- i) Move the 30mph speed limit sign at the east of Osmington to the location of the existing white gateways/welcome to Osmington sign and reduce speed into the village at the Osmington Mills turn and provide a new SID (Speed Indicator Device) location.
- ii) Move the 30mph speed limit sign at the top of Osmington Hill further down the hill towards Preston, reducing the speed into the village and at the turn to Eweleaze farm, and also provide another new SID location.
- iii) Move the 40mph limit at the West of Poxwell to 150 metres **past** the turn to Upton/Ringstead, protecting traffic at that junction and
- iv) Reduce the now shorter 60mph section from Poxwell to Osmington to 50mph.



"Brewery Square is the centre of Dorchester's night time economy. People park in Fairfield to visit the restaurants and bars, but there is little or no street lighting," says **Cllr Ireland**.

"There is also a lack of safe pavements and one of the pedestrian crossings in Weymouth Avenue is clearly in the wrong place," he added.

The good news is that Dorset Council has agreed to work with residents, businesses and the Town Council to make significant improvements.

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