

Dentistry in Decay

Lib Dem research has revealed that fewer than one in two children saw an NHS dentist last year, while only a third of adults did in the past two years.

Some people are waiting up to 18 months for an appointment. Tooth decay is now the number one reason for hospital admission for young children.

“Dentistry is in need of urgent action,” says **Cllr Nick Ireland**. “Please sign our petition at westdorsetlibdems.uk/campaigns/dentists-petition

It’s time the Conservatives stopped taking



Cllr. Nick Ireland

for granted those of us who live in rural areas. We need to save our dental services, and vitally, our children’s health.

Our plans include:

- fixing the Conservative’s broken system that is driving dentists away from the NHS and leaving millions of patients in ‘dental deserts’.
- launching an emergency scheme to ensure children, pregnant women and young mothers can access free checkups on time.
- rolling-out supervised toothbrush training for children in early years settings, such as nurseries.

20’s Plenty



Where people are

20’s Plenty for Us campaigns for 20mph as the default speed limit for urban and village streets where people live, work, shop, play and learn.
www.20splenty.org

“In another shocking move to bin green policies the Government is seeking to make it even harder for local councils to put in place 20mph zones,” said Cllr Ireland.

Nick added, “I’m shocked and astounded that the Government should seek to make it even harder to introduce measures to make our streets safer. Don’t they realise that motorists don’t want their friends and relatives knocked down by speeding motorists either?”

Councillor Ireland hopes that local elections next year will pave the way for a Lib Dem-run council to streamline current policy and make it far easier to get 20mph zones. A change of Government would clearly help!

Working for You All Year Round

Getting gritting sorted this Winter



Ask anyone who lives in Crossways village which way they'd drive to Dorchester and you are almost certain to get the same answer - drive out past Frome Valley Road towards the West Stafford by-pass.

Yet according to Dorset Council, the 'official route' is to drive down the B3390 to Warmwell and head up the A352 via Broadmayne. The reason for this is historical, but Crossways has grown considerably to become the second largest village in Dorset.

What this means in practice is that the most used route to Dorchester hasn't been gritted routinely by Dorset Council in the Winter.

Pressure from **Lib Dem Cllr Nick Ireland** has paid dividends and Dorset Council has agreed to reclassify the C33 (West Stafford By-pass) and D21322 (West Link Road) onto the precautionary network (i.e. treated whenever ice, frost or snow is forecast) for the coming Winter in advance of an application to reclassify the West Link Road to 'C' status.

Bus services cut to the bone

"Bus operators have removed services from nearly every village in our area," said Cllr Ireland. For those who work and live in these communities, a car free lifestyle is not an option. If you become unable to drive or can't afford a car any longer, rural isolation is a very real prospect. If the Lib Dems gained control of Dorset Council next year we would work hard to resolve these problems for our rural residents.

At the next election you will have to show an accepted form of Photo ID if you want to vote in a polling station.

We would encourage you to apply for a postal vote. Voting by post is secure, free, and easy. Your ballot paper will arrive straight to your door, and you can return it for free.

You can get an application form from westdorsetlibdems.uk/news, or get in touch with us at Highbanks, Roman Road, Osmington, DT3 6ER.

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