

FOCUS on Crossways

News from your local Lib Dem team
and Councillor Nick Ireland



CROSSWAYS DESERVES A FAIR DEAL ON HOUSING

New homes must come with the roads, buses and GP services Crossways needs



Many people in Crossways are worried about the scale of new housing being proposed for our area. It's important that residents know the facts: the housing targets driving these proposals are set by national government, not Dorset Council. Local councils must plan for the numbers they are given, even when those numbers put real pressure on rural communities like ours.

As the Liberal Democrat Dorset Councillor for Crossways, Nick Ireland's priority is to stand up for the village:

"I will continue to challenge any development that is inappropriate, unsustainable, or damaging to the character of our community. Crossways should not be expected to absorb large-scale growth without the services and infrastructure to support it.

If government-imposed development does come forward, I will fight to ensure it genuinely benefits local people. That means homes that are truly affordable, cheap to heat, and healthy to live in, not high-cost estates that fail to meet local needs.

It also means securing the infrastructure our community has been promised for far too long: a new GP surgery, significant road improvements, and much better bus services that actually meet residents' needs.

I continue to represent Crossways with determination and ensure the village's voice is heard loud and clear." Councillor Nick Ireland

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EXTRA FUNDING FOR BETTER ROADS

You might have noticed just how tough the weather was back in January and February. All that rain led to flooding and, unfortunately, a lot more potholes than we'd usually expect. Our road teams have been kept very busy tackling the damage as quickly as they can.

To help things along, the Liberal Democrat-led Dorset Council stepped in with an extra £5 million in February to support road repairs, plus £250,000 for an additional gully-cleaning crew to help prevent future problems.

There's already some progress to see, with Bingham's Road and Mount Skippet Way in Crossways newly resurfaced. And there's more on the way — roads in Warmwell, Poxwell, Osmington and Owermoigne are all scheduled for resurfacing over the next few months.



Extra road repair funding is already making a difference, with Mount Skippet Way newly resurfaced.

SAFER SPEEDS FOR LOCAL VILLAGES

The lower speed limits Nick campaigned for and introduced by Dorset Council in and around Osmington last year are working well.

Residents have noticed the difference, and the two Speed Indicator Devices Nick manages and moves between four approved locations show improved speeds.

Nick said: "I'm continuing to work with Crossways and Owermoigne Parish Councils to help deliver the reduced speed limits they have requested.

I'm also supporting Warmwell Parish to slow traffic through the village and introduce a weight limit, to cut the number of HGVs and help prevent further crashes."



Nick Ireland is working with local parishes to make village roads safer.

WESSEX WATER AGREES FULL ROAD RESURFACING

Nick secured full resurfacing after raising poor repairs directly with Wessex Water.



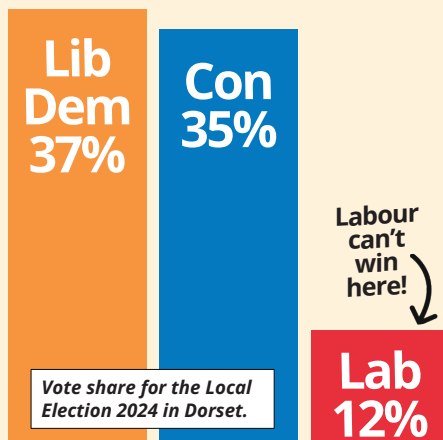
By the time this Focus is delivered, the Wessex Water roadworks should be finished. However, there will still be full resurfacing works carried out between Poxwell and Osmington over several days in late May.

NICK'S UPDATE:

"The quality of the initial repairs has been disappointing, so I raised this directly with Wessex Water and pushed for the road to be fully reinstated once the water main replacement is complete. I'm pleased to say they have agreed to do this.

While the road was completely closed, I also arranged for a Dorset Council team to come out and clear the pavement between Lower Poxwell Dairy and the Ringstead turn, which has made a noticeable difference for pedestrians."

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