

# FOCUS

## on Upwey & Broadwey

Local News from your Lib Dem Councillors  
David Northam, Tim Young and Beverley Day



## LIB DEMS INVEST IN OUR ROADS

Dorset Council Budget is Protecting Services and Investing in Dorset's Future



Dorset Council has set out plans for the coming year, including major investment in roads after pressure from Liberal Democrat councillors. Its main priority is protecting essential services and supporting residents who need extra help across Dorset now. The Council Tax rise reflects the strain on local government finances and continued underfunding from the Labour government.

The budget provides extra funding for Adult Social Care, Children's Services and support for young people moving into adulthood.

Lib Dem councillors have also made roads and highways a major focus. The council is putting more money into urgent repairs, flood recovery work and a new gully-cleaning team to reduce the risk of further problems after recent flooding. Altogether, this amounts to a record £50 million investment.

The council also plans to work more efficiently by cutting waste. Residents should see progress on local projects over the year ahead, including flood protection, road and car park resurfacing, and regeneration work in Weymouth and South Dorset.

Cllr David Northam said:  
"Weymouth has a future for our children, with big strides being taken to secure the area's long-term economic prosperity, town centre regeneration and support to local community groups."

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Cllr David Northam

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**WORKING FOR WEYMOUTH ALL YEAR ROUND**

# RENTERS' RIGHTS AND HOUSING REGISTER CHANGES



**FIND OUT MORE**

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/renters-rights-2025](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/renters-rights-2025)

- » **New rights on damp, mould and no-fault evictions**
- » **Some Housing Register applicants may need to reapply from April**

Big changes are coming for renters, landlords and some people on Dorset's Housing Register.

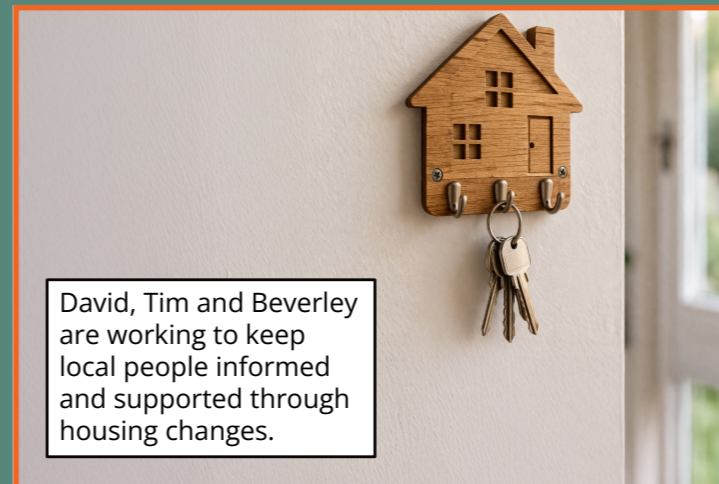
New rights will help renters challenge problems such as damp, mould and unfair treatment. Planned changes also include ending so-called no-fault evictions.

Cllr Gill Taylor is the lead for Housing on Dorset Council and has introduced changes to Dorset's Housing Allocation Policy for people applying for low-cost social housing through the Housing Register. The updated policy came into effect in April, and some applicants may need to reapply.

Please take a look at the new guidance - make sure you understand your rights and do reach out if you need support. If you are on the Housing Register, or are in Private Rented Housing, and your

circumstances change, contact Housing for advice. ([www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/renters-rights-2025](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/renters-rights-2025))

We are keen to make sure local people understand these changes and get the help they need.



David, Tim and Beverley are working to keep local people informed and supported through housing changes.

# Pride in Place

**£20 Million over 10 years**



Funded by UK Government

The new independent chair of the PIP Neighbourhood Board, Kevin Hodder

Briefings and drop-ins have been held in parts of Littlemoor & Broadway; at Redlands Community & Leisure Park, Wey Valley Academy, and the Reynolds Community Centre. 6 candidates came forward as potential chair for the Neighbourhood Board which decides how the £20M grant from the government will be spent over the next 10 years.

Kevin Hodder has been appointed as the new independent chair of the Pride in Place programme for Littlemoor and Broadway (Weymouth), which will see £20 million invested in the area over the next decade. Kevin is a lifelong resident of Weymouth attending Broadway school (now Wey Valley) and Weymouth College. He is now Director of Partnerships & Commercial Estate for Aster, which has c. 700 rented homes in the Littlemoor and Broadway area. He brings decades of experience in leadership including as chair of the Hampshire and Solent Housing Partnership and Non-Executive Director of the South West NHS Primary Care Trust.

Kevin said: "I was delighted to be selected for the role of chair and it is an absolute privilege to lead this important programme. I'm really looking forward to working alongside local people to help deliver lasting change, making Littlemoor and Broadway an even better place to live and opening up new opportunities for future generations. This will very much be a team effort, and I would encourage anyone who lives or works in the area to get involved — whether by joining the neighbourhood board or sharing their ideas for the future."

Please scan the QR Code or follow the link if you would like to get in contact.



<https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Pride-in-Place>

## Radipole Primary School Crossing

Residents raised concerns that school crossing service was being withdrawn and expressed road safety concerns.

Cllr Northam wrote to Dorset Council and has received reassurance that there is no cause for concern – Ann Henderson was off work for a short while but she is now back on the job helping the children across the road.

Cllr Northam also met with the Road Safety Team and has proposed new warning lights, double yellow lines and will be discussing with the headteacher, safer ways for parents to get their children to school.



# TESCO UPWEY CROSSING SAFETY

## Residents asked to back safer crossing near Upwey's new Tesco store



A resident has raised concerns that crossing Dorchester Road to visit the new Tesco in Upwey is dangerous because of limited visibility, the speed of traffic, and the lack of a refuge or crossing.

Cllr Northam arranged for the area to be assessed. The report acknowledges the issues, but no work is currently planned within the existing budget.

However, if there is sufficient support from residents, a more detailed assessment can be undertaken. Cllr Northam has suggested that a central refuge, similar to those on other parts of Dorchester Road, including Broadwey, could make crossing safer and be more affordable.

Please express your support by responding to one of your Lib Dem councillors by email, or FreePost (See below), headed Tesco Pedestrian Crossing, and answering the following questions:

- » Do you support the need for improved pedestrian safety near the new Tesco store?
- » Should traffic speeds be reduced to 20mph or remain at 30mph?
- » Should a chicane be introduced, as in Broadwey, to narrow the road and limit traffic speeds?
- » Would a central refuge be sufficient for safer crossing?



## Wessex Water Briefing in Upwey

Steve Shine, the new Chair of the Upwey Society, attended the briefing and provided an update to David on the ongoing drainage problems.

He reported that, despite Wessex Water re-lining the sewers, heavy rain still results in too much water entering the drainage system, causing it to escape from manholes.

Over the next two years, Wessex Water said they will work with Dorset Council and the Environment Agency to disconnect rainwater downpipes from some of the larger roofs. This will involve significant work in the carriageway, as well as work to a number of homes.



The **Lib Dems** are winning here



Result at the last local election in Upwey & Broadwey

## How can the Lib Dem team help you?

Let us know your issues and concerns below:

The Lib Dem team rely on support from local volunteers to help deliver our regular newsletters.

Could you help out with delivering leaflets like this in your local area?

Yes  No

Please leave your contact details below, so that the team can get in touch about the issues you've raised.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we keep you updated about the Liberal Democrats' campaigns and ways to get involved?

Yes  No

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