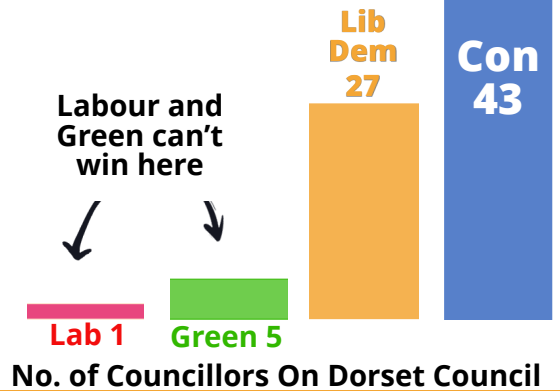


# FOCUS

## On LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH AREA

Many thanks to all those we spoke to and who responded to our Residents Survey. This is the report back from your local Lib Dem team.

Only the **Lib Dems** can beat the **Conservatives** on Dorset Council



### Road Safety:

#### Speed Limits

About 80% of responses were in support of a 20MPH zone through the village. Dorset Council has recently consulted on this. Residents also raised concerns about enforcement, including ensuring that cyclists follow the speed limit. We have advised Dorset Council that monitoring of compliance will be critical and that additional measures may be needed.

#### Signs & Visibility

Concerns were raised about safety for vehicles coming out of Steppes due to limited visibility. Dorset Council has promised to repaint signs on the High St requesting traffic to slow down and also look at cutting back vegetation on the High St to improve sight lines. Our team has also been in touch with Aster, the developers of Spyway Orchard, to improve signs and markings at the junction with Durnford Drive.

20's Plenty



Where people are

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The 40 bus - A vital service for our area

### Public Transport:

#### General

Residents are mostly happy with the 40 bus service. Some feel they should be more frequent during the Summer due to crowding. There were requests for a bus serving Harmans Cross all year round. Your local Lib Dem team is pressing the Conservative run Dorset Council to consider this. We have also asked for the graffiti on the bus stop opposite Steppes to be removed.

#### The 40 Bus Service During Wessex Water works

The High St will be closed for a few weeks for Wessex Water main works in the New Year. We have been in touch with Wessex Water and Morebus to find out more about the proposed shuttle service from Langton to connect to the 40 bus route during this time. At the time of printing, Morebus don't know any of the details including frequency or days of operation! We are continuing to pressure them to ensure the service is adequate and let residents know as soon as possible.

### Repairs:

#### Roads and Pavements:

The local Lib Dem team reported the need for pavement repairs on the High St just north of the Kings Arms. Dorset council has carried out minor works and further works have been proposed to be carried out when possible.

We have also asked for road repairs at:

- Junction of Capston Field and the High St
- Junction of the road to Worth Matravers and the High St.

In all cases Dorset Council has promised that repairs will be carried out.

#### Children's Play Area, Nine Barrow View

The Lib Dems have contacted the Housing Association about the broken swing and poor upkeep of the play area. They have promised to do remedial work.



Broken swing in the children's play area, Nine Barrow View

# Putting Community Before Politics

## Housing for Local People:

The biggest local concern raised is the need for affordable housing for local people. Residents see the need for new small developments for local people, but feel that they need to be sympathetic to the character of the local area. Many also believe there should be controls on the number of second homes. Currently the Purbeck area has far fewer affordable homes being built than other parts of Dorset.

Liberal Democrats locally support the use of Community Land Trusts for new developments to ensure housing is for local people. The local planning authority needs to take a more robust line to ensure that developers, such as those at the Old Malthouse, stick to their undertakings for affordable housing.

Nationally, Liberal Democrats at their recent conference agreed that local authorities should have greater power to control the conversion of houses to be used as second homes so that villages like Langton do not become like ghost villages outside the Summer.



**Community land trust development for locals in Worth Matravers**



**Swanage Hospital**

## Our NHS:

Our survey showed that access to NHS dentists is a major local problem. Over 60% of respondents said that they or their families and friends had experienced problems getting access to NHS dentists.

Residents are also concerned about the reduction in hours at Swanage Hospital Minor Injuries Unit and whether this means the long term future of the hospital is under threat. Whilst people generally have received great care from hospitals and GPs once they are seen, too many have had long waits to get treatment.

## Environment:

Most residents put a very high priority on tackling climate change and improving the environment with dumping of sewage in our rivers and seas a particular concern.

## Crime & Policing:

We are pleased that most residents do not feel that crime is a major issue in our area, with anti-social behaviour and fly tipping being the most mentioned issues. However residents are concerned that this situation may not continue as police are seen so rarely in the area.

## Other Issues

The main other issues raised were the need for activities for young people and children, as well as care for the elderly.

**This wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers. If you would like to join us or help in any way, please return this form via our Freepost address, Mid Dorset Lib Dems. Alternatively, call us on: 07570291838 or email: libdemssepurbeck@gmail.com**

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Can we keep you updated on our campaigns activities?

**Address**

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