

FOCUS

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On Preston and Littlemoor

PARKING CHARGES - A BROKEN PROMISE

Conservative-run Dorset Council broken its promise over car parking. Charges have been raised substantially in the seaside towns, after promising in the last election to keep them the same across all their car parks. This was a decision taken by the all - Conservative Cabinet which actually included a member from Weymouth at the time. Unfortunately he did not warn the Town Council that this was being proposed.

Our town centre has now been priced out of the market for local people and so we helped raise a 5000 people petition and asked for a debate at the full council meeting in July to get this changed.

PARK AND RIDE - A CHEAPER OPTION



We are looking for alternative options. Lib Dems on both councils have been pressing for the Park and Ride to be used effectively. Dorset Council adopted our ideas for the site and submitted our plans to the government, without telling us, of course, but there was no positive response from HMG. However we worked with the Weymouth Active Travel Group

which has a bus representative on it and they came to a really positive solution and so a proper P&R scheme will operate from 22nd July until the end of August. Parking is free and if you have a bus pass you can use it. The most a car full of people could pay for all day in town is £6, which compares rather favourably with the £15 all day parking in DC town car parks. Please see websites for further information. Additionally we hope that maps of some of the good walks and cycle routes from the P&R will be available at the site and also on the Weymouth Town Council website,

HOWEVER WE PAY MORE FOR POOR CAR PARKS!

Despite this improvement, the car parking system is still plagued with problems. Car parks are often in a poor condition, without adequate lighting, and charging machines are often broken. Lib Dem Dorset Council Group Leader, Nick Ireland said: "It's totally unreasonable for Dorset Council to hike prices while these issues remain."

"Yet again, we see the Conservatives ignoring local people's concerns. Dorset's residents have been taken for granted for too long. The Lib Dems say Dorset deserves better than this Conservative chaos."

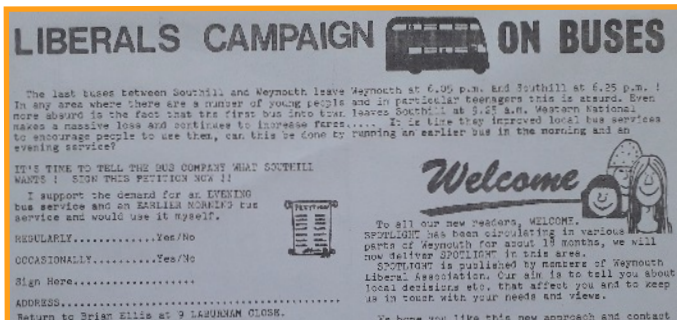


LIBERAL DEMOCRATS : keeping you in touch

WORKING HARD FOR WEYMOUTH

SOUTHILL BUS! SO WHY NOT PRESTON?

We gather that many residents in Preston are unhappy with their present bus service. As you can see



from the cutting, **Lib Dems** have been campaigning for better bus services in Weymouth since Brian Ellis started his first challenge back in 1980!! We know that Sutton Poyntz would like its service returned and more buses at the weekends would be appreciated. Lib Dems have never finished campaigning for better bus services and would prefer them to be run locally so they can return to providing a service and not just be making profits at the cost of service delivery.

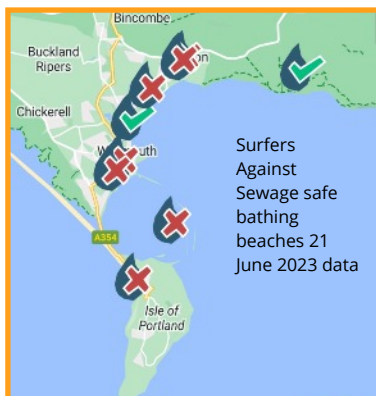
During his recent campaign for Southill, Cllr David Harris, spoke to the bus companies and our MP, Richard Drax. Richard asked all residents interested in improving their service to press him to get the government to increase the grant they give for journeys. He could then press the government Minister for action as he would have evidence of need to increase the grant they give for bus passes journeys.

Dorset Council just said they had no money however you might wish to go back to your DC councillors and see if they can get some of the new money the Council has just received (almost £1m for buses) and they might have better luck getting some of that spent locally. Cllr Harris negotiated with the Company and persuaded them to retain Route 3, and bring a bus back into Southill on a three month trial, so things can be done by your councillors if they put their minds to it.

David Harris said 'It appears to me that, now no Dorset cabinet member lives west of Blandford, this side of Dorset is being ignored. £2m was recently allocated to improve cycling but it all went to the East of the county.'

SEWAGE SHAME CONTINUES

In 2022: 47 sewage spills into Radipole Lake and 59 off Chesil Beach.



Local Liberal Democrats are calling on Wessex Water to stop the sewage spills which are blighting our beaches and rivers.

Data from the Rivers Trust show sewage spills across our area in 2022, including 130 spills totalling 414 hours including for about a total of 14 days from the overflow off Chesil Beach and 39 from pumping stations into Radipole Lake; a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Liberal Democrats have been calling for the Government to legislate so water companies are obliged to stop these sewer spills and for the water companies themselves to foot the bill rather than pushing up bills for consumers. Water Companies have been paying out billions of pounds in dividends instead of investing to stop these sewage spills. **Let us know what you think.**

Contact your local Lib Dem Team:



We are always keen to hear from you.

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And we always welcome residents who want to help us by putting a few of these leaflets out in your street or who might like to help in a more active way.

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