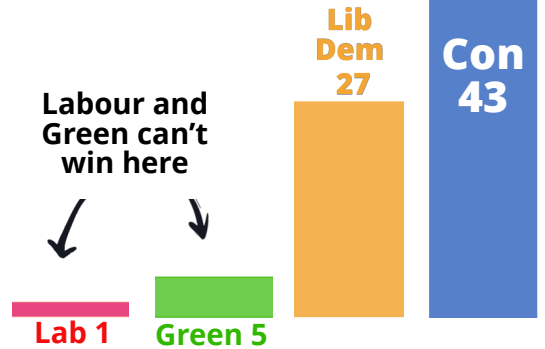


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## On STUDLAND PARISH AREA

Many thanks to all those who spoke to us 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:

#### 20mph Zones and compliance

There was support from residents for having a 20MPH zone on the main road - but as this is part of the main road from the ferry to Swanage and Corfe Castle that it might not get support from the Conservative run Dorset Council and that without enforcement it would not improve matters. Several residents pointed out the lack of compliance with the existing restrictions from cyclists as well as motorists. Measures need to be put in place to help deal with this.

#### Pedestrian crossing

Residents raised the need for a pedestrian crossing across the main road near Studland stores. We have raised this with Dorset Council and they have said various options are being investigated.



**Suggested location for a pedestrian crossing, Main road near Studland Stores**



**The 50 bus - A vital service for our area**

### Transport:

#### Public Transport

Residents are generally happy with the 50 bus service, although some feel that in the Summer, the bus service should be more frequent as they get very crowded.

#### Parking

Whilst parking has caused problems in the village, it is hoped that the new restrictions all year round will help alleviate this issue.

### Repairs:

We have reported the water leak in the road by the old telephone exchange to Dorset Council. More generally, the safety of pedestrians on the main road because of the lack of pavements needs to be

### Sewage in rivers and seas:

Residents tell us they are very concerned about the state of local rivers, Poole Harbour and the sea.

Concerns are justified with frequent recent outfalls of sewage into Poole Harbour and the sea in Swanage. The Environment Agency categorise the local Isle of Purbeck rivers Swanbrook and the Corfe River as of poor ecological status (the second lowest of five categories).

Liberal Democrats locally and nationally are campaigning for the water companies and their regulators to give a higher priority to cleaning up our local rivers and sea.



**Liberal Democrats are campaigning against Sewage outfalls**

# Putting Community before Politics

## Housing for Local People:

The biggest local concern raised is the need for affordable housing for local people.

There is a need for new small developments for local people, which are sympathetic to the character of the area, as well as controls on the number of second homes. 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 ensuring developers stick to their undertakings for affordable housing. Currently the Purbeck area has far fewer affordable homes being built than other parts of Dorset.

Liberal Democrats agreed at their recent National Conference that local authorities should have greater control over the use of houses as second homes in areas such as Studland where they risk the village becoming a ghost village outside the Summer.



Community land trust development for locals in Worth Matravers



Swanage Hospital

## Our NHS:

Survey responses showed that access to NHS dentists is a major local problem. Over 60% of respondents said that they or 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 there is a concern whether this situation can continue when 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.

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