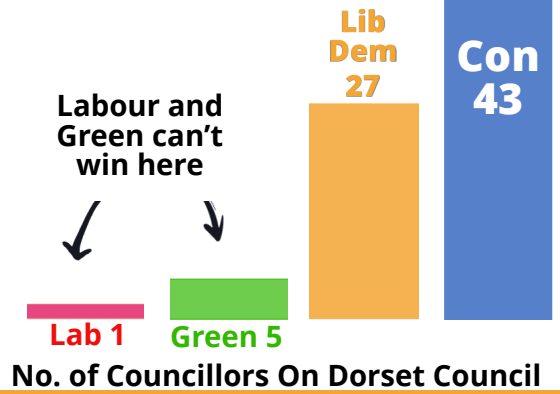


FOCUS

On WORTH 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



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 into holiday homes so that villages like ours do not become like ghost villages outside the Summer.



Community land trust development for locals in Worth Matravers



Improved bus services are important for our area

Public Transport:

Although Harman's Cross had bus services in the Summer this year, it has been over 6 years since Harman's Cross and Worth Matravers lost their year round bus service due to funding cuts by the Conservative run Dorset Council. After residents raised this with us, the FOCUS team have asked Dorset Council to work with local bus operators to reinstate an all year round bus service. Despite receiving almost £1M per annum extra from the government to fund bus services, the Conservative run Council has refused!

Local Lib Dem campaigner and Worth Matravers resident Ben Wilson commented, "This isn't good enough. Residents, and for once the government, have said funding bus services is a priority. Conservative run Dorset Council should listen and act on it."

Road Safety:

Residents told us that they are particularly concerned about road safety in Harman's Cross. The lack of a continuous pavement means that pedestrians often have to cross the road several times to get to the children's play area and the village hall. There needs to be an investigation into creating a pedestrian crossing near the junction with Haycrafts Lane and the garage as well as better pavements, with the overgrown vegetation cut back.

There is also a need to ensure that the speed limits are adhered to in Worth Matravers. We have raised these issues with Dorset Council and the police.



A pedestrian crossing is needed in Harman's Cross

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Potholes:

Residents tell us that road surfaces in our area are particularly bad. Roads which have been mentioned include Haycrafts Lane and the Langton to Worth road.

Let us know if there are particularly bad potholes and we will report them to the Council for you. Alternatively you can report issues yourself on:

dorset-self.achieveservice.com



Let us know of any bad potholes like this one 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

☐ I would like to help the Lib Dem campaign.

Name

☐ I will put up a poster at election time.

Number

☐ I would like to join the Liberal Democrats.

Email

Can we keep you updated on our campaigns activities?

Address

☐ Yes

☐ No