

FOCUS

ON SOUTH EAST PURBECK



Ben Wilson: Lib Dem candidate for South East Purbeck

A STRONGER VOICE FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES



The Lib Dems are fighting to ensure that rural communities aren't forgotten or ignored ever again.

Rural communities and businesses are being neglected and let down by this out of touch Conservative Government.

The cost-of-living crisis is hitting rural areas hard, but the Conservatives have rejected Liberal Democrat calls for a cap on the cost of heating oil and an expansion of the rural fuel duty relief scheme.

The Conservatives are letting ambulance delays and GP waiting times soar out of control, and are allowing thousands of criminals to get away with stealing farm equipment, heating oil and lead from roofs.

Meanwhile, across Dorset, more and more second homes sit empty, while people cannot afford to buy homes in their community.

And rural areas are falling behind urban ones when it comes to superfast broadband and 4G.

Lib Dem Candidate for the South East Purbeck ward, Ben Wilson said:

"This Conservative neglect has to end. It's long past time the Government recognised the importance of rural communities and started tackling the challenges they face."

Leader of the Liberal Democrats Ed Davey MP added: "I'm calling on the Prime Minister to appoint a cross-departmental Minister for Rural Communities, to make sure that rural communities aren't forgotten or ignored by any part of government ever again."



Find out more online: www.LibDems.org.uk/plan

Road Safety Victory For Residents

After a long campaign by local residents and the Parish Council a 20mph speed limit has been agreed for Langton Matravers by Dorset Council. The limit should come into force in April.

Lib Dem candidate for the South East Purbeck ward, Ben Wilson said "Congratulations to all those involved in this campaign to improve road safety in Langton. Our survey, backed up that of the Parish Council, and showed strong support for a 20 mph limit. But it should not take so long for road safety improvements to be implemented.

Whether it is the need for pedestrian crossings in Studland or Harmans Cross or lower speed limits through several of our villages, if elected, I will be working to ensure that Dorset Council takes action far more quickly than it has in the past."



Ben Wilson is campaigning for road safety in our villages

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Matt Bell: Liberal Democrat
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Matt is campaigning to ensure flood risks are taken seriously in South Dorset

Matt Fights Flooding and Sewage Discharge

The impact of climate change and sewage dumping has been felt across South Dorset. Matt has been **speaking out** and **acting**. He launched a petition in Weymouth which has resulted in the authorities working together to resolve a flooding issue around Radipole Lake. Matt takes the issue of climate change and its impacts seriously, whilst understanding the need to provide affordable, secure electricity.

Clean bathing water is also on Matt's action plan. He is calling for a ban on bonuses for sewage bosses so these profits can be used to clean up the filth dumped into our rivers and beaches. Matt says, 'This money is better spent elsewhere, **why should bosses receive a bonus while their companies aren't effectively carrying out their responsibilities?**'

MATT'S POSITIVE PLANS FOR SOUTH DORSET

► Affordable homes for local people:

Fight for affordable housing to enable young people and families to remain in the area.



► Protect our natural environment:

Take the necessary action to ensure our beautiful surroundings are properly cared for and conserved. Campaign for clean rivers and beaches.



► A growing economy:

Fight for all year-round innovative employment opportunities, which will encourage young people to stay in South Dorset.



► Proper funding for all schools:

Campaign to ensure schools have the resources to support pupils who have special educational needs or disabilities.



► Seek major improvements in health care:

Including mental health care, dentistry provision and adult social care.



Matt Bell; 'I will continue to champion the needs of the community in which I grew up, live, teach and raise my family.'

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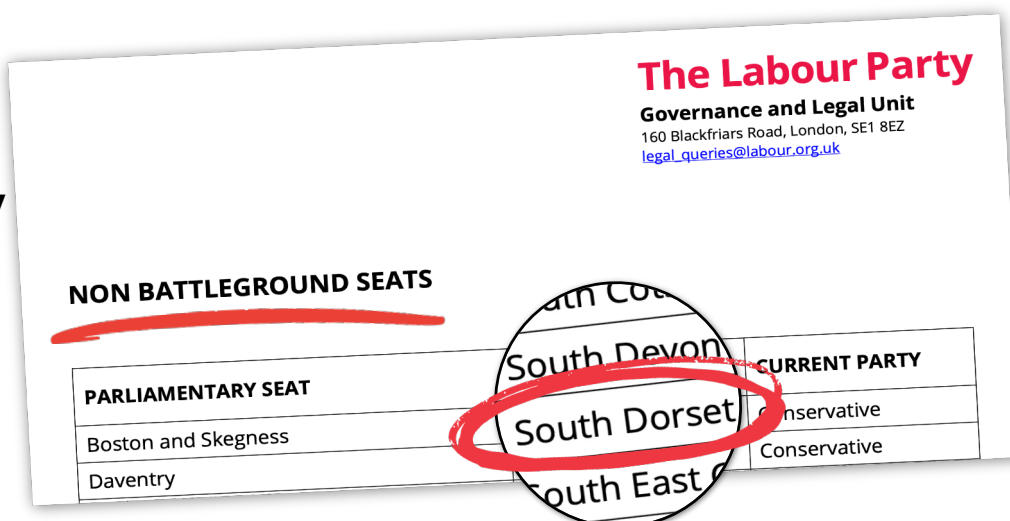
LABOUR GIVE UP IN SOUTH DORSET!

South Dorset is on the official list of places Labour say they can't win.

The Labour Party have given up on South Dorset at the next election.

It is no surprise as recent Parliamentary by-elections in rural areas of the South West have shown that only the Liberal Democrats can beat the Tories in areas like ours.

THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR: Vote Lib Dem to beat the Conservatives.



IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE

People in our communities are struggling due to the cost of living crisis - we have all faced increases in gas, electricity and council tax bills.

What does our current Conservative MP do?

- Shows no support for a windfall tax on energy companies.
- Sides with the water companies polluting our rivers and seas.
- Votes against proper funding for local councils who deliver essential services. Local people have had enough.

VOTE Matt Bell for positive change in South Dorset