

COMMENT ON THE RESULT OF THE LITTLEMOOR AND PRESTON DORSET COUNCIL ELECTION

Actual result of the DC by-election in Littlemoor and Preston

Conservative	1,237
Lib Dem	833
Labour	232

Unfortunately Preston and Littlemoor do not have a new councillor representing them. The Conservative Party called the election, despite the all-out elections due in May, and then put up an ineligible candidate. The rules are very clear about eligibility and this mistake cost at least £10000 of your money and still left you without further representation. Dorset

Council are desperately short of money but the Conservative Party are happy to waste your money in this way.

Simon commented, 'This is a clear sign that Dorset's Conservatives are completely out of touch with the pressures facing residents. Whilst they're playing political games with council tax money, residents here in Littlemoor and Preston, and across Dorset, are crying out for serious action on the cost of living crisis.'

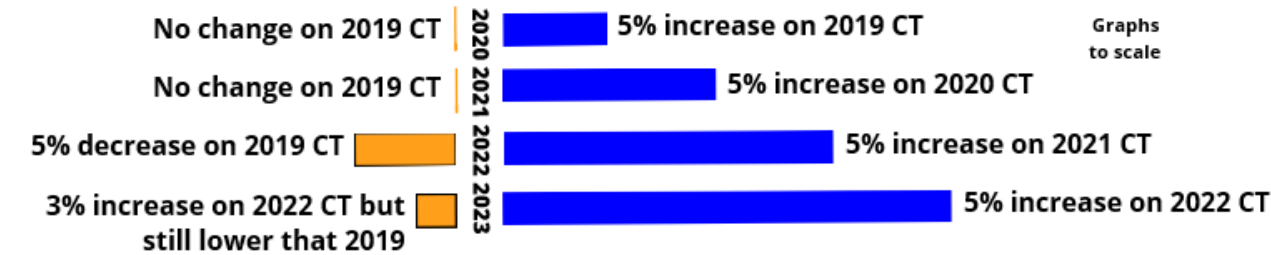
A By-election can only take place if one is asked for (called); (and there is an option not to call for one); or if it would be less than 6 months until an all out election. This is done to save money. As the earliest this election could be called was just one day outside of the period to this May's elections, there is the option to not call an election at all in which case the seat would remain vacant. Our view is that this election need not have been called and was a waste of money. A question to be asked of the Conservatives Councillors would be why call an election when it was not needed?

We need to ensure that Dorset Council loses its Conservative majority on May 2nd when these all out elections will be taking place. Help us in making this happen. There are lots of ways this help can be given; delivering our regular newsletters, helping us understand the issues locally, knocking on doors to find other people's views, putting news on social media sites, or helping us in local campaigns. Contact details are below.

COUNCIL TAX CHANGES SINCE 2019

LIB DEM led Weymouth Town Council

Conservative led Dorset Council



LIB DEMS have REDUCED Weymouth Town Council council tax overall by 2% since 2019

While Conservatives have INCREASED Dorset Council council tax overall by a whopping 21.5% since 2019

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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. This will give us more time to help you. Just give us a ring.

PUTTING COMMUNITY BEFORE POLITICS

FOCUS On Littlemoor

Early Spring 2024



Thank you



ESTIMATE OF VOTING IN LITTLEMOOR

Conservative	278
Lib Dem	233
Labour	132

A message from Simon

I'd like to thank everyone who voted for me and took the time to speak to me and get involved with my messages and leaflets,

This was always a big ask, to win the only Conservative stronghold in Weymouth. We have closed the gap enormously moving from fifth place at the last Dorset Council elections in Littlemoor and Preston to second place, having grown our vote share by over 8% which bodes well for the full council elections in May.

The Lib Dems have shown they are able to fight in the Conservative heartlands, and we have the people, ideas and energy to overturn the Tory majority at Dorset Council. We have also shown that in Littlemoor we are now the best alternative to them and we will be working hard for all of you- it is time for change, a change Dorset deserves!

Simon Clifford

These votes are obtained by taking the Preston Weymouth Town Council result away from the DC result.

NEW HOUSES NORTH OF THE LITTLEMOOR ROAD

Your Weymouth Town councillor, Ann Weaving, who has joined the Lib Dems from the Labour Party, is of the firm belief that this is just the beginning of a healthy partnership between Littlemoor and the Lib Dems.

With regards to the housing development in Littlemoor, Ann commented 'Everyone is aware of the new houses now being built on the other side of Littlemoor Road. When new houses are built the town gets a 15% cut of the development pot that the builders have to pay (called CIL money). The first priority for this should be to ensure the area being developed has enough resources, such as play areas, open spaces, access to other services. Unfortunately when Weymouth's boundaries were being discussed Councillor O'Leary persuaded his Conservative colleagues to place these houses in the Upwey/Broadway ward!!! Littlemoor councillors will not be able to work effectively with these new residents of Littlemoor, because, surely that is who they will be, and help us fight for your community as a whole with some of these new funds.



LIBERAL DEMOCRATS : keeping in touch



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MATT BELL

The Local Champion who will stand up for South Dorset



South Dorset Liberal Democrats are very pleased to announce **Matt Bell as your Parliamentary Candidate** for the next general election.

Matt said 'I am extremely proud to be standing as the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Candidate. **I want to champion the needs of the community in which I grew up, live, teach and raise my family. I want to provide South Dorset with a listening ear and a loud voice!**

I am looking forward to meeting many of you over the next few months and, with your support, representing you in Westminster.'

MATT'S POSITIVE PLANS FOR SOUTH DORSET

- ▶ **Economy.** Fight for all year-round innovative employment opportunities, which will encourage young people to stay in South Dorset.
- ▶ Take all necessary action to ensure we protect and conserve our **natural environment**. Campaign for clean rivers and beaches.
- ▶ **Seek major improvements in health care** including mental health care, dental provision and adult social care.
- ▶ Campaign for **proper funding for all schools**, ensuring they receive full support for pupils who have special educational needs or disabilities.
- ▶ **Support our military heritage** by ensuring that military personnel are sufficiently equipped and enabled to live with the respect and dignity they have earned through their service to the nation. Work to ensure there is always a strong moral and ethical basis for military action.

YOUR CHOICE AT THE GENERAL ELECTION

**A FRESH START
WITH
MATT BELL**



MATT BELL
Working for South Dorset



Matt at Radipole Lake earlier this year showing the obvious effect of flooding on local businesses.

MATT FIGHTS THE FILTH

Swanage, Corfe Castle, Weymouth, Portland, all have felt the impact of climate change and / or neglect by water companies; with flooding, polluted rivers and beaches.

Matt has been speaking out and acting. A petition launched by Matt in Weymouth has resulted in the authorities now working together to resolve the issue in the River Wey Valley and Radipole Lake areas.

Clean bathing water is also on Matt's action

plan. He is calling for a ban on bonuses for sewage bosses and would like profits made by water companies to be used to clean up the filth that is found in our rivers and on our beaches. **Matt takes the issue of climate change and its**

impacts seriously, whilst balancing the need to provide secure and cheaper electricity, unlike our current MP.

**LIBERAL DEMOCRAT PLAN
TO CLEAN UP OUR WATER**

- ABOLISH OFWAT AND REPLACE WITH A MORE POWERFUL REGULATOR
- BAN BONUSES FOR SEWAGE BOSSES
- ADD A COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT CHAMPION TO EVERY WATER BOARD
- TRANSFORM PRIVATE WATER COMPANIES INTO PUBLIC BENEFIT COMPANIES



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STANDARDS MATTER

Over the last few years standards in public life have plummeted as MPs have been thrown out of the commons because of their behaviour. Chaos and confusion have reigned, money has been poured down the drain with dodgy deals. This is not good government.

MATT'S PLEDGE

"I will always stand up for and maintain the seven principles of public life (commonly known as the Nolan Principles). The standards concerned are:

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Selflessness
- Objectivity
- Openness
- Leadership

No matter the policies, if these principles are lacking, we will not get better government."

ONE THING IN DORSET SOMETHING ELSE IN WESTMINSTER

People in our communities are not immune to the cost of living crisis, we have all faced increases in gas, electricity and council tax bills.

Sadly, we have an MP who utters words of sympathy in Dorset but who has shown no support for our windfall tax on energy companies and hence chooses to support them to increase profits rather than to cut the costs paid by all consumers including local small business.

He has also used his vote against proper funding for local councils who must deliver essential services.

**DORSET DESERVES BETTER
THAN THIS LACK OF
SUPPORT FOR THE GENERAL
PUBLIC**

BACK MATT'S CAMPAIGN TODAY

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Let Matt know if you can help by:

- ▶ delivering leaflets in your area.
- ▶ donating to the campaign.



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