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Winter 2023/4

On Upwey and Broadwey

ANNOUNCING YOUR CANDIDATE FOR DORSET COUNCIL

We would like to introduce you to our candidate for the Dorset Council elections in May next year. Our candidates for Weymouth Town Council will be featured later.

DAVID NORTHAM



I have lived in Weymouth since 1977 and love all that it offers. We have been fortunate to live in Preston, Upwey, Littlemoor and Broadwey. In my last job I grew our business from forty employees to over a hundred and twenty. My children grew up in Weymouth, and loved it, but, like so many, left to find homes and employment.

When I retired in 2019, I was elected onto Weymouth Town Council to represent residents in

the Wey Valley Ward. I am the current Chair of the Steering Group of residents and councillors progressing the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan. The Policies in the Plan reflect residents views on what development is needed in Weymouth.

I helped get the Tumbledown Farm Project up and running. Tumbledown provides outdoor activities for many of our most vulnerable residents through growing, harvesting and cooking food and, in the process, learning social and life skills. Thanks to the many residents who have volunteered at Tumbledown.

To give that stronger voice for Weymouth, I am standing as a candidate for Dorset Council in the Upwey & Broadwey ward and look to play an active role in promoting services for residents and improving health, education and the local economy as part of a Lib Dem led council.

Upwey and Broadwey roads update:

Church Street: Work has been completed to prevent flooding. Howard and local residents have been involved. Let us know if there are any problems.

Springfield Road: Upper length to be resurfaced next year. Howard has a commitment that all white lines will be replaced at not cost to residents



Message from Howard

I am not seeking re-election to Dorset Council because David Northam lives in the ward and has done a superlative job as a Town Councillor as well as chairing the Local Plan steering group which for Weymouth is much needed. I have enjoyed representing Upwey & Broadwey and made many new friends in doing so. I hope I have done a good job in representing local residents and shall continue to follow progress locally with a considerable interest. However, I remain your councillor until early May, so do please contact me with any issues you may have."



SEE OVER FOR FEEDBACK FROM OUR SURVEY

REPORTING BACK

Thank you to everyone in Upwey and Broadwey who took the time to fill in the survey we sent out to households recently. From your responses we've identified some key areas below that your local Lib Dem team will be working to see improved on your behalf.

YOU LIKED OUR PARKS

Generally residents were really pleased with our parks, the main item that people were asking for was more trees and nature trails. Residents also asked for more benches and bins.

David said 'I'm glad that you were generally pleased with our open spaces. They are so important and must be maintained. Weymouth Town Council is committed to tree planting and I will make sure



some are in our area.' Howard said that he had managed to get an additional bin in the Westmacott Play area and that he would see what could be done in other areas.

YOU WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NHS

Our NHS was by far the highest priority on the national issues. The Lib Dems believe in high-quality healthcare, free at the point of use. This is essential for both individual freedom and national prosperity.

Nationally we will :

- Reform NHS dentistry so that no

one is forced to pay hundreds of pounds for private care.

- Put mental health on the same footing as physical health.

Locally we will use our influence at Dorset Council through our seats on Health Boards to improve the services for Dorset.

YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

Residents were concerned with all aspects of our Environment.

Nationally we continue to campaign on water quality. Locally both Weymouth Town Council and Dorset Council declared climate emergencies when the new councils were formed. Weymouth Town Council have a sound plan which they are



working through. Dorset Council unfortunately is not making good progress on their plans. There is so much that could be done that is not being done.

YOU WERE CONCERNED ABOUT DRUG TAKING AND ASB

Crime came fairly high both nationally and locally with residents being concerned about antisocial behaviour and drug use and dealing.

David said that he has regular meetings with the police about drugs and commented 'What residents don't realise is that the police do a lot of undercover work in the area so just because you don't see them doesn't mean they are not there.



Howard added that 'It is important that residents keep reporting incidents to the police.' He added that he was pleased that there were not too many people who were afraid of crime.

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