



Brighton & Hove Liberal Democrats

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For Members & Supporters

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ELECTION SPECIAL

Editorial

Local Elections are the time when the opportunity for people to make their local voice heard arises. As Liberal Democrats we have a strong record of delivering what the people want from their local government. There is only one reason why we have that record and it is because we listen and deliver what they want. Good Government.

We deliver good government by not just listening but also by understanding their needs. We design our policies to meet those needs. Our philosophy is centred on values whose ethos is enshrined in recognising that individuals can only meet their full potential as human beings if as politicians we give them the opportunities to fulfil that potential.

For too long people have been treated as a play thing by over ambitious and selfish politicians who only pay lip service to the needs of the populace when it suits their purpose. Without naming names we have seen perfect examples of such behaviour from central government over the last few years. The resultant damage to our society is there for all to see. None more than in the services that we rely on from our local authority.

Potholes in roads, closed swimming pools and libraries, decimated social and education services, inadequate policing, poorly maintained parks, essential housing maintenance missed, increased homelessness, the list goes on. And why has this happened? Because Central Government has failed Local Government. Now is the time to send a message to Central Government that it is no longer acceptable. Use your vote to send a message to politicians in Westminster. **VOTE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT.**

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Brighton & Hove Liberal Democrats stand most candidates ever in city elections.

Brighton & Hove Liberal Democrats are standing in all but 2 of the City's wards with 30 Candidates.

Those standing are:

Claire Lachlan (Brunswick and Adelaide)

David Sears (Central Hove)

Martin Wooller, Jack Moxley (Coldean and Stanmer)

Andrew England, Paul Chandler, Owen Sharp (Goldsmid)

Laura Mullin, Samantha Waugh (Hanover and Elm Grove)

Ashley Ridley (Hollingdean and Fiveways)

Dominique Hall, Robert Brown (Kempton)

Marjorie Leeds (North Portslade)

Caroline Brown (Patcham and Hollingbury)

Hyder Khalil (Preston Park)

Thomas Osborne (Queen's Park)

Trevor Freeman, Lawrence Eke (Regency)

Caroline Ellis (Rottingdean and West Saltdean)

Matthew Davies (Round Hill)

Ken Rist (South Portslade)

Robert Heale, Anthony Seymour (West Hill and North Laine)

Geoff Date (Westbourne and Poets' Corner)

Simon Jardine, Andrew Harrison, Carolyn Dunn (Westdene and Hove Park)

Stewart Stone (Whitehawk and Marina)

Stamati Crook (Wish)

Ian Newman (Woodingdean)

VOTE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT ON 4TH MAY 2023

This is a marvellous showing to have so many candidates standing. Of course not all are standing with a prospect of winning but although important, it is not the most important thing. For too long we have stood back by allowing the Greens a free hand in the Parliamentary elections in Pavilion and this has sent out the wrong message to our supporters. Such a strong showing now is correcting that message. Instead we are saying that we are here for our supporters throughout the city and that by voting for us they can have a bigger say in what happens in the city.

Our Manifesto spells out what we feel is essential and what our supporters want. It was put together by talking to people and from discussions amongst our membership and so it is a document of the membership and spells out what we feel the city needs to make it a better place to live and bring our families up in.

Our Manifesto can be accessed by going to <https://www.liberalbrighton.org/en/page/b-h-liberal-democrats-2023-manifesto>. To download a copy go to <https://liberalbrighton.org/en/>

Ward Watch

Goldsmid

Goldsmid is fielding a full list of candidates and look to be putting on a good showing. They are canvassing the ward and talking to the voters. They have sent out two Focus leaflets and are getting attention from the Press.

With their candidates Andrew England, Paul Chandler, and Owen Sharp they are fielding a strong team that has worked the ward for many years.

Kemptown.

This is a new ward resulting from the Boundary Commission reorganisation last year. We have two very good new candidates in Dominique Hall and Robert Brown and are fielding a full team for this the first ward election.

They have put out a lot of material and done a great deal of door knocking as they spread the Liberal Democrat message. Robert in particular has managed to already get a very high profile with Press coverage and attention from his rivals in the ward.

Hollingdean & Fiveways.

This is another new ward resulting from the Boundary Commission reorganisation and in Ashley Ridley has a strong candidate. He has already hand delivered Canvass Cards to all the electorate on more than one occasion and is looking to do much more canvassing before the election on 4th May.

He is achieving a high profile in this ward and is making a strong showing with his boundless energy and enthusiasm.

Regency.

This is a ward that we held a seat in during the early part of the century and is a ward that desperately needs lots of love and attention to recover our position there.

That love and attention is being ably supplied by Lawrence Eke and Trevor Freeman who are both long term campaigners in the ward.

Lawrence has already sent out a personal letter to every elector in the ward and along

with Trevor is actively seeking to get posters displayed around the ward.

Westdean & Hove Park.

This is another ward fielding a full list of candidates with Simon Jardine, Andrew Harrison, and Carolyn Dunn, It is a new ward that resulted from the Boundary Commission reorganisation. This is a difficult ward to call as it spreads over a large area and for the first time includes areas from both parts of the city. Westdean representing the Brighton segment and Hove Park that of Hove.

West Hill & North Laine.

Another new ward with a full slate of candidates, Robert Heale and Anthony Seymour. In Rob the ward has a very experienced campaigner who has stood in the ward many times and has a very extensive knowledge of the ward, easily the most profound of all the candidates standing in this ward. Rob has a deep interest in the housing problems of the city and his expertise has been called upon many times.

Coldean & Stanmer.

A new ward on the North East boundary of the city and yet another in which we have a full team with Martin Wooller and Jack Moxley. This ward is the home of Sussex University and has a great deal of student living accommodation and so is expected to be highly influenced by the younger vote. It will be interesting to see if the current turmoil enveloping the country affects the turnout in this ward.

Hanover & Elm Grove.

Although we have not managed to achieve a full list of candidates for this ward in Laura Mullin and Samantha Waugh we have two members who are ably suited to make a good showing.

In these and all the other wards we have fielded an excellent group of candidates who we are proud to see representing us. We offer them our best wishes in their campaigns and our heartfelt thanks for stepping up to the mark. It is an honour to have them within our ranks.

Events

Courtesy of the Events Committee.

Post-Election Event.

An event will be held at 7 North Gardens to thank Candidates and Volunteers for their efforts in help in the election. Details will be announced by email and through the website.

Curry Nights.

Our Chair is arranging a get together for those partial to a curry. He is hoping to make it a regular occurrence.

Events Group.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact our MDO. The contact details can be found on the front cover.

Coffee mornings are held every month, one in each constituency.

Locations and timings are;

Hove: 10:00 am on the first Wednesday of the month at Big Beach Cafe, Hove Lagoon, BN3 4AX. It is hosted by Simon Jardine.

Kemptown: 10:00 am on the first Saturday of the month at Laughing Dog Cafe, 31 Waterfront, Brighton Marina Village, BN2 5WA. It is hosted by Simon Jardine.

Pavilion: 11:00 on the second Friday of the month at Café Aldo, 77 Trafalgar Street, BN1 4EB. It is hosted by Frances Lindsay-Hills.

All are welcome and it is quite OK to attend those outside your constituency. **Note change in venues for Kemptown and Pavilion.**

Our New Website

Our website will be undergoing a number of changes. We are moving to a new platform and adopting a new content management system. Everything is still under construction and that includes the content construction tools as well as the design and actual content. Please bear with us as we attempt to maintain our old website whilst building the new one. The new website is due to come online towards the end of May 2023.

WE NEED YOU



CAN YOU JOIN ONE OF OUR WARD TEAMS?

Do you want to make a difference?

With elections coming up on 4th May 2023 we need all hands on deck as we carry our messages to the electors. We need deliverers, canvassers, envelope stuffers, backroom support workers. You name it and we have a need for it.

Do you have skills that could help us?

Are you good at social media, copy-writing, photography, information technology, and design. Or soft skills sets such as talking to people, listening to them, and helping them.

Contact our MDO, trevor.freeman@liberalbrighton.org.