

ASHLEY RIDLEY

PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE

BRIGHTON PAVILION CONSTITUENCY



My name is Ashley Ridley. I am 22 years old and have had an interest in current affairs and politics from a very early age. I have lived in Brighton for 17 Years where I stood as a Liberal Democrat candidate in the May 2019 and 2023 Council Elections. I also stood for the party in the 2019 General Election in Shoreham where I got 4,127 votes and increased the vote share by 3%. Standing in the 2019 General Election was an amazing experience.

During the elections, I loved talking to voters and getting to know the issues that are important to them. This is one of the many reasons why I want to stand again in my home town as a parliamentary candidate for Brighton Pavilion.

I feel that in Brighton and Hove we have sadly seen what can happen under a Green led council, and this is clear for all to see with mismanagement of money and poorly thought out environmental policies that have actually made the city less green.

It's now time to send a real message to the residents of Brighton & Hove and make sure that the Greens are not re-elected in Brighton Pavilion so we can start to build a green and liberal Brighton with its first ever Liberal Democrat MP in the constituency. So how do we do this? I have 9 key policies that I feel will benefit Brighton and the whole country.

My 9 Policies

1. I am a strong supporter of the UK rejoining the EU Single Market. I see this as an essential step in getting the UK's economy back on track and in reducing the price of foodstuffs and other essential imports from the EU.
2. Reform the voting system by changing to a PR voting system and reduce the age of voting to 16.
3. Repeal the police, crime and sentencing bill 2022 so that we can make sure everyone has the fundamental right to protest.
4. Invest in renewable power, so that at least 80 per cent of UK electricity is generated from renewables by 2030, and ban fracking for good.
5. Help young people into the rental market by establishing a new Help to Rent scheme to provide government-backed tenancy deposit loans for all first-time renters under 30.
6. I am in favour of reform of the tax system to address the inequalities between tax on income and tax on wealth. I believe that it is wrong that an NHS nurse can pay more tax, as a percentage, than the wealthiest in our country.
7. Create a new "start-up allowance" to help those starting new businesses as having capital is so important to get them up and running.
8. Reverse the cuts to school funding under the Conservative government and employ 20,000 more teachers, and make sure all schools are safe and all unsafe concrete is repaired.
9. Raise 7 billion pounds by adding 1p to every pound of income tax into the NHS so it gets the funding it needs.