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# Have your say!

Can we help you? Your comments:

### Can you help us?

- □ I can help by delivering a round of Focus in my area
- □ I can help by displaying a poster in my window or garden at election time
- ☐ I would like to become a member of the Liberal Democrats (www.libdems.org.uk/join)

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# Twerton, Whiteway & Southdown



January 2019

Community newsletter from your local Liberal Democrat team Cllr Tim Ball • Sarah Moore • Cllr Paul Crossley • Cllr Dine Romero

# Welcome to 2019

# We demand more funding for our Schools



Schools in Bath are struggling to deliver due to lack of funding. Bath Community Academy was closed due to low numbers which resulted in under funding of a much needed education facility for the South West of Bath. The Bath Studio School is also now looking likely to close.

However, despite the issues at the Bath Studio School being known prior to the closure of Bath Community Academy, the Conservative administration in Bath & North East Somerset and the Conservative government failed to work with both Academy trusts to find a solution that would enable a single school to be maintained in this area to serve our children.

Councillor Tim Ball raised the issues faced by our children at the last Council meeting, he said "The lack of a coordinated approach to resolve the problems of education in the South West of Bath is causing irreparable damage to our children's education. It's time the governments foul up that allows Schools to fail is sorted once and for all."

Special needs education is in crisis. Some of the needlest children who have official education, health and care (EHC) plans are still awaiting provision.

Wera Hobhouse MP is also fighting the Conservative government's cuts to school funding. Wera said: "Our headteachers are being forced to make very difficult decisions on how to spend their shrinking budgets. Schools are being put into the position where they are having to choose between support staff and teaching staff."

"More and more children are being permanently excluded. It feels like the safety net for the most vulnerable children is full of holes. We cannot allow this to continue. I will be using my voice in Westminster to hold ministers to account."

# IN OUR AREA

# What has your Local Liberal Democrat team delivered for you?

Over the last 4 years your local Liberal Democrat team of Councillors and Activists have been working hard to ensure local issues are dealt with. Local Councillors are elected firstly to represent specific communities and then the wider Bath & North East Somerset Council area, they have very little impact on National policies other than to request changes are made. Despite not being in control of the local council, Councillors Tim Ball, Paul Crossley, Dine Romero and Local Activist Sarah Moore have achieved a lot of positive changes for our communities, whilst at the same time working with individuals in the community to improve their lives. Below are just a few of the community achievements, please do get in touch if you would like to hear what else they have achieved or are planning for the coming year.

