

There is a clear choice in the Local Election in May

Lib Dems: A fresh, sustainable vision for Bath

Homes people can afford where the community wants them



We will build houses of the right size in places that make them affordable, only where the community wants and needs them

Easier travel and cleaner air



We will improve public transport, reduce traffic where people live and use bold measures to tackle deadly air pollution

Listening to residents, putting you first



Tourists and students are important to Bath, but we will make sure that Bathonians are given a strong voice

OR

Four more years of Conservative Cuts and Waste

CUTS



Public Transport
Public transport is being slashed just as the Tories are proposing a flawed Clean Air Zone that makes better public transport vital.

CUTS



Litter & Fly-tipping
Our city is being blighted with litter and dumped rubbish. Like you we have pride in Bath and want it to look its best at all times.

CUTS



Green Recycling
Cutting 3 months of green recycling at just the time leaves fall and Christmas trees need recycling is a failed policy we want to reverse.

WASTE

Flawed and failed Park & Ride = £1.2m

Expensive new Regional Mayor that few have ever heard of = £2m

Extra Spin Doctors to help them cover their mistakes = £70k

Unpopular, ongoing library reorganisation plans = £? The Council won't confirm how much was wasted

Every pound WASTED by Tory B&NES is a pound CUT from your services.

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Twerton, Whiteway & Southdown

FOCUS



March 2019

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

May Local Elections

Local Council elections for Bath & North East Somerset are due to be called this month and are scheduled to take place on Thursday 2nd May 2019. This is your opportunity to vote for the people you want to represent your views on local issues. There have been some changes made this year, such as the number of Councillors that will cover the whole of Bath and North East Somerset which has been reduced from 65 to 59 and the areas these Councillors cover have also changed.

Tim Ball and Sarah Moore have been selected to stand for election in Twerton and Whiteway Ward (this will now include Haycombe Drive, Rosewarn Close and Blagdon Park) and Dine Romero and Paul Crossley have been selected in the Southdown Ward (which includes a number of roads from the previous Westmoreland Ward as well as the whole of The Hollow and Cotswold View).

Please remember you have 2 votes in this election and you should use both your votes to elect the candidates you think will work hard for you and represent you on LOCAL issues and LOCAL services. The Liberal Democrat candidates standing in the South West of Bath have not only carried out a large amount of personal casework, but have all got a considerable amount of issues resolved out in the community.

Make sure you are registered to vote and have your voice heard. The last date for you to register to be able to vote in these elections is Friday 12th April 2019. You can register on-line <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>, or by calling 01225 477333.

Council Budget and Funding - latest update

Bath and North East Somerset Conservative run Council have again increased council tax, costing local families more money they can ill afford to spend whilst cutting services that people need.

This budget has more hidden cuts and vague savings that makes it hard to believe that it is workable".

Next year we see parks and street cleaning set to be reduced further, whilst residents are being threatened with fines for dropping litter.

Whilst there is a small amount of funding being made available for work we have been asking to be carried out for a very long time, there is so much more that is not going to benefit the residents of Bath including our area.



Councillor Tim Ball said: "The Conservatives have wasted millions of pounds on ill

advised Park and Ride sites and expensive consultants whilst raiding council balances.

Do you want more of the same or a team that will work with you to make our communities better and provide the services we need?



IN OUR AREA

Innox Park

We are pleased to see the long awaited changes at Innox Park have started. Tim Ball and Sarah Moore joined a large number of local residents as well as BANES Parks team and Bathscape in February at the initial event,



planting a large number of trees and shrubs.

The work in this great open space will see new play equipment and improved seating being put in during this year.

Tim and Sarah are also working on securing funding to get outdoor gym equipment. This will mean the park will have something on offer for every age group in our community.

Down your street

Langdon Road/Ivy Avenue - We have asked that the moss is removed from the footpaths.

West Close/East Close/St Michael's Road - We have again asked that the road surface is re-covered.

Priddy Close/Rooksbridge Walk - We have had discussions with Curo to regularly check this area and keep it clear of flytipping.

Day Crescent - We are working with Curo and More Trees BANES to make some improvements in this area.

You have 2 votes in Twerton & Whiteway. Make sure you use them for a team that will work hard for you all year around. Vote for Tim Ball and Sarah Moore.

The Brickfields

This field is increasingly being used by professional dog walkers who are parking in King George's Road. This is causing an issue for a number of residents in this area. We believe these parking bays belong to Curo and we are in conversation with them about the use of their land for parking.



We are also planning to meet with dog owners at the park to discuss ways in which all user groups can get the best from this valuable open space.

Numerous suggestions have already been made including fencing off certain areas or creating a better walking area through the wooded space.

If you use this great open space or have any views on how this can be improved to serve a wider group of people, please do get in touch. Your input is vital to ensure the best outcome is achieved for everyone.

Bath City Farm

Bath City Farm is set to have a more secure future since a long term lease for the land has been secured by a Community Asset Transfer from the Council.



Councillor Tim Ball said "Locally the Liberal Democrats have supported the creation of the Farm and have lobbied to have its long term future secured. We are delighted that we have been listened to".

The Farm will now be secured for the enjoyment of many families from across our area and the whole City.

Bus Services

We have raised concerns with First Bus that many residents in Coronation Avenue, Sladebrook Avenue, Lymore Terrace and Claude Avenue have raised with us about the double decker buses now using this route and the impact that it is having on peoples homes with vibrations and on the roads.

We continue to raise the issue of buses not switching off their engines when they stop for a layover and also the use of inappropriate stops for laying over.



No 12 - whilst we are delighted that the no 12 continues with First several residents have asked if it can be made half hourly service instead of hourly.

The Bath Studio School

Further to our article in last month's Focus, we are sad to say the Regional Schools commissioner has agreed to the closure of The Bath Studio School at the end of August 2020.

Your Local Liberal Democrat team will not stop fighting for all the children in our city to get fair access to top quality education.

Not all children thrive in large schools or excel at academic subjects. We will be fighting for a vocational offering in the area to help those that are more "hands on" in the way they work.

Tim, BALL	Liberal Democrats	X
Sarah, MOORE	Liberal Democrats	X

You have 2 votes in Southdown. Make sure you use them for a team that will work hard for you all year around. Vote for Paul Crossley and Dine Romero.

Paul, CROSSLEY	Liberal Democrats	X
Dine, ROMERO	Liberal Democrats	X

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