

**Demand Better - for better services**

## *Campaigning for better services*

It's now four years since Bulmer House closed and new 'Extra Care' units were promised, but nothing has happened. **Louise Bevan** has been pursuing this since before it closed. A development with a target finish date towards the end of 2021 is now being proposed. The project seems to have slipped about 18 months in the last 18 months. This development will need planning permission and we will keep a close eye on that.



**'Louise Bevan says "Nothing has happened in the last 4 years"'**

Now, to make matters worse, the Day Centre has closed as well. HCC says there was a lack of demand. If this is so, it is no doubt due to increased restrictions on who qualifies for adult social care as a result of inadequate national funding. Many people in and around Petersfield would benefit from a local day care centre and there must be many carers who would also welcome the respite it could provide.

**Louise** says: "I believe that people of Petersfield and surrounding areas are suffering through a lack of funding for adult social care from central government. This then affects the local decisions made by HCC."

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## *Louise Bevan*

**Your Liberal Democrat candidate on 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

I have deep connections with Petersfield and its environs – I was at school here, and married in Steep Church. There were frequent visits to my parents during the 1980s, and caring for them until the 2010s. My husband and I moved back to Petersfield 7 years ago and we are both now actively involved in the community and watching our

grandchildren thrive and grow in local primary schools. My many years of experience as an economist, working on rural and community projects, have made me a team-player, contributing skill and energy. I believe in investing resources wisely for the future, protecting services that support the young, the elderly and vulnerable people, and taking care of our environment.

I would work hard as your councillor to ensure that good quality local and rural services are provided and our environment is properly protected. I have actively campaigned for better social care in our area. I am treasurer, fund raiser and gardener for Petersfield Community Garden in Sheet.

**I'd like to be your new district councillor.**

**Please vote for me. It's time for a real change.**

**It's a clear choice between community champion Louise Bevan and the Conservatives.**

# Your East Hampshire - Your Issues

## Education - a priority



**Our children are our future.**

Nationally, schools and parents are having to raise cash for school improvements. Liberal Democrats believe in proper education funding.

**The Government** states that school budgets have been protected, however few teachers or

headteachers believe that when struggling with ever increasing costs.

Small rural schools are having a particularly hard time. We believe **every** child matters.



**Louise at the Community Garden in Sheet, where she treasurer, fund raiser and gardener.**

## "Affordable" Homes

Conservatives have claimed 40% new affordable homes in the Petersfield area, but planning for those developments has been handled by the National Park. Elsewhere in East Hampshire it's been as low as 15%.

Nationally house building companies are making huge profits, while claiming they cannot afford to build affordable and sustainable homes. These affordable homes need to stay affordable.

**Liberal Democrat Eastleigh Borough Council builds houses for affordable rent. We need to follow their example.**

## Local Decisions



**Some of the Lib Dem team standing for better local decision making.**

The existing local community forums have no powers, and are therefore poorly attended and frequently cancelled.

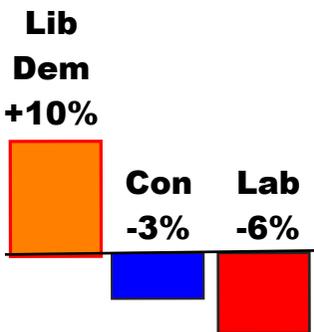
Most councillors aren't on the planning committee for their ward's applications. This means that many decisions are made by council officers or councillors who don't know the area.

We believe that Local Area Committees with real powers should be reinstated. These worked well here until the Tories abandoned them, and are still successful elsewhere.

LACs should have responsibilities covering any item which can be devolved from Penns Place. Planning and licensing should be decided by local councillors. Real decisions with real budgets, allowing a high level of meaningful public participation.

**Councillors will be both responsible and accountable to their local electors.**

## 2019 Local Elections



English local by-elections this year involving Lib Dems, Conservatives and Labour.

Average change in vote share, Jan to Mar 2019

## Open Space Champion

I have campaigned to protect local green spaces in and around Petersfield from inappropriate development, most recently the Water Meadows by Tesco's store.