

## 7 New Lib Dem Councillors - THANK YOU!



From left: Elaine Woodard, Steve Hunt, Paul Wigman, Suzie Burns, Trevor Maroney, Ginny Boxall, Richard Platt

### Lib Dems Act On Climate Change

East Hampshire District Council voted for the Lib Dem cross-party Climate Emergency motion. Lib Dem Cllr **Ginny Boxall** has been appointed as the EHDC Climate Champion. Ginny will be leading the Lib Dem input to EHDC on two new panels set up to advise the District Council on practical steps to be taken locally. The panels also include environmental concerns, for example eliminating single-use plastics.

Meanwhile, the Lib Dem majority on Alton Town Council has led the way with a climate forum at the Town Hall. This included all parties, as well as Alton Climate Action Network and Energy Alton to put forward achievable ideas.

Cllr **Ginny Boxall** says, "After years of inaction on their last Energy Policy, East Hampshire is now taking the first steps on the Climate Emergency. Actions will be graded by effectiveness and deliverability, so we plan to make a quick start on our part in saving our planet."

Cllr **Elaine Woodard** adds "We face an enormous challenge, but we are glad to be working together across different groups and parties to do the best for East Hampshire."

### Lib Dem Councillors - making waves

Your team of Lib Dem Councillors on East Hampshire District Council have taken up their new positions on the Council and are quickly making a positive impact. Council meetings previously renowned for lasting just 30 mins or less now have *real* debates on issues that concern local residents. Lib Dems have already initiated the Climate Emergency motion passed by EHDC and raised concerns over the scrapping of Community Forums.

We have Councillors on all the Committees except Cabinet. EHDC Lib Dem Group Leader Cllr **Steve Hunt** is now Vice-Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Cllr Steve Hunt said "EHDC now has an *effective* opposition. Lib Dems are now influencing the District's policies and behaviour for the better."

Deputy Leader Cllr **Trevor Maroney** added, "Any attempts by the Conservative-run Council to keep things of public interest to themselves are now on notice. We'll be keeping a close eye on financial matters, *including their controversial investments in retail properties.*"

### New Lib Dem Leader - Jo Swinson

**Voters don't have to choose between Johnson or Corbyn for the next Prime Minister. They can demand better and back the Liberal Democrats to win.**

Latest polls show the Liberal Democrats ahead of Labour and within a few percentage points of the Conservatives. The recent European Election showed that the Liberal Democrats have the ability to beat the old parties in a national election.

Lib Dem Leader Jo Swinson MP said, "Millions of people are frustrated with the direction of the country. They can see that neither Boris Johnson nor Jeremy Corbyn is the answer to this. The Liberal Democrats offer a brighter future. We will stop Brexit, change our broken politics and tackle the big issues facing our nation."





## Lib Dem councillors elected to Petersfield Town Council



Lib Dem Town Councillors, from left :  
George Watkinson, Peter Clist, Phil Shaw.  
Happy to hear from you.

## EU election - LD 16 times more MEPs

UK wide, Lib Dems now have **16** MEPs, up from one: a measure of our clear message. Of the identifiable Leave and Remain parties, the share was 40% Remain, 34% Leave, - thus 26% unknown. For East Hampshire the numbers were 46% Remain, 38% Leave.

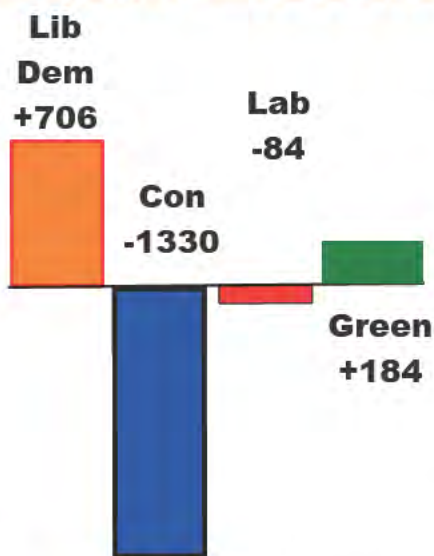
## A message from Brecon!

A great win for Jane Dodds in Brecon. Another message for Boris.

**LD: 43.5% (+14.3)**  
**CON: 39.0% (-9.6)**  
**BREX: 10.5% (+10.5)**  
**LAB: 5.3% (-12.5)**



## Local Election results 2019



## Lib Dems winning

The fantastic election results in the local elections with Lib Dems gaining 702 seats.

*Local election results for English district & unitary councils May 2019. Change in number of seats since 2015.*



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## LOCAL ISSUES

### Festival Hall Refurbishment

The last major refurbishment of the Festival Hall was carried out over 30 years ago. Some areas are in need of repair and others of modernisation. The Town Council thought that there needed to be a long-term plan for the Hall.



The "temporary" kitchen from the 1970's

A public consultation at the beginning of 2018 resulted in a Concept Design for a refurbished Festival Hall, with an overall project cost estimated at £8.3 million (the plan can be viewed on the Petersfield Town Council website). The Town Council will be making the major decision soon as to whether or not to move on to the next more detailed stage, and what should be included.

The Town Council will be carrying out a public consultation over two weekends in August & September. Your Lib Dem Town Councillors are keen to hear your views.

### Education Matters!

There's a school funding emergency hitting schools throughout East Hampshire. Many schools can no longer afford basic equipment or enough qualified teachers to ensure a full curriculum is taught. Teachers are being offered a long overdue pay rise but this isn't properly funded by the government. Most of the money must be found by the schools which are already short of cash.

Money has been found for opening new schools, where they are not required and for academies without enough scrutiny. The Liberal Democrats are demanding better for our children, ensuring no-one is left behind.

The Liberal Democrats are campaigning for a significant cash injection into our schools.

### No-deal Brexit

The Boris government seems intent on a No-Deal Brexit, regardless of the problems affecting movement of goods, trade tariffs, farmers or Ireland.

If you are running a business have you information on tariffs and export documentation? Just in case.

Now that the real effects of Brexit are known there should be a People's Vote.

Can you help with our campaigning?

I can display a window poster

I can help deliver FOCUS occasionally in my area for 1-2 hours