

Dear Member/Supporter

As we draw towards the end of a year that no-one could have predicted, I hope that this finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

Over the last six months, the Arundel and South Downs Lib Dems have regrouped, organised and planned for the future. So, whilst we have all felt despondent at times, be it about Brexit, the pandemic, or the worst government in living memory, we also know that we have a responsibility to provide an energetic liberal voice in West Sussex.

We have county council elections scheduled for May 2021, and this is driving our activities right now. The only way that we will hold the Conservatives to account nationally is by having a strong base in local government. At present Arundel and South Downs has just one Liberal Democrat county councillor – the wonderful Kirsty Lord who was also my campaign manager during the General Election. We MUST get Kirsty re-elected in May, but we need to get other Liberal Democrats elected so that we have a strong voice at county hall.

In the Storrington, Washington, and Ashington area, I'm delighted that Ian Miles is standing for election. Ian was one of our fantastic team last winter and also stood in the District elections in 2019 and is well placed to represent us and our concerns.

**WE MUST NOT GIVE THE CONSERVATIVES A FREE RIDE IN MAY.**

We want to understand what you think we should be doing and campaigning on right now. I would be very grateful if you could spare five minutes or so to [complete this online survey](#).

If you have other ideas and/or would like to get more involved, please contact us by emailing [info@arundelsouthdowns-libdems.org.uk](mailto:info@arundelsouthdowns-libdems.org.uk).

With my very best wishes,  
Cllr Alison Bennett  
Arundel and South Downs Parliamentary Spokesperson