

FOCUS

on Hemingford and Houghton

From David Priestman and your local Lib Dem team

Liberal Democrats

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Government's SEWAGE 'U-TURN'

After voting for water companies not to have a legal duty to reduce raw sewage discharges, Tory MPs have now bowed to public pressure to make water companies clean up their act.



David Priestman at the weir between Houghton and Hemingford Grey

David Priestman has welcomed the announcement of a U-turn by the government but said, "It can't be over-stated just how important protecting our rivers from untreated sewage is. Our local rivers and waterways are so important for our health and well-being. This is not just a problem for local wildlife but it is all of us who suffer through the disgusting dumping of raw sewage and untreated human waste. Last year, the sewer storm overflow at RAF Wyton spilled 53 times for a total of 724 hours - and there were 400,000 incidents nationally!"

Lib Dems have called for a Sewage Tax of 16% of the pre-tax profits of water companies to fund work to prevent raw sewage polluting rivers and lakes.

Liberal Democrats lead new 'joint administration' at County Hall but inherit financial problems from Tories

The new Lib-Dem led County Council has been reviewing the Council's alarming budgetary position.

An external independent review has confirmed that the Conservatives' mismanagement of the council's finances left the council with an astonishing £81 million black hole!

We are examining how to manage the situation while dealing with rising demands for services, inflation and the costs of COVID. Our population is getting older and has increasingly complex health needs and, as everyone can see, our roads, pavements

and cycle paths have been left in an appalling state.

We are trying to do the best possible for local residents despite the mess that the Conservatives have left behind. We have begun to reform the County Council's Highways Department so that the problems can be addressed over the coming years.

The new Shire Hall Headquarters for the County Council has now opened at Alconbury Weald. However, there are no viable public transport connections from most parts of the County - which is another problem the Conservatives chose to ignore.

Update on Flood Actions



Lib Dem councillors have been very vocal on flooding issues - which means there is now no excuse for problems with gullies, drains and ditches not getting sorted out as soon as they are reported.

Anyone can now report issues online at <https://orlo.uk/MBTGa>. People often don't know who to tell and this online reporting tool means that the County Council team will sort out whether the issue is the responsibility of the Environment Agency, a landowner, a water company or a public body.

And the County Council agreed at its meeting on November 9th to invest more money to support residents who live in areas which are at risk of flooding.

From Ed Davey - Leader of the Liberal Democrats

What we stand for:

- To build and safeguard a **fair, free and open society**, balancing the fundamental values of **liberty, equality and community** so that no one is enslaved by poverty, ignorance or conformity.
- Each generation is responsible for the fate of our planet and, by safeguarding the balance of nature and the **environment** for the long-term continuity of life in all its forms.
- We will foster a **strong and sustainable economy** which enables people to thrive in their communities, assessing progress by measuring people's well-being.
- Such an economy will encourage necessary wealth-creating processes, develop and use the skills of the people and their work, to the benefit of all, with a just distribution of the rewards of success.



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- I will donate to the Lib Dems
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