



# LEADING WILTSHIRE'S RECOVERY

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**Wiltshire Liberal Democrats'  
2021 Local Election Mini-Manifesto**

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## WHAT HAVE THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS DONE IN WILTSHIRE?

- We demanded that Wiltshire Council recognise the climate emergency and commit to net-zero by 2030.
- With local residents, we led the fight to save Wiltshire's outdoor education centres, Braeside and Oxenwood.
- We campaigned for the scrapping of Sunday car parking charges.
- We are supporting the campaign to keep special schools in Chippenham and Trowbridge.



## EVERYTHING ELSE

Beyond this, Wiltshire Liberal Democrats have acted on casework, engaged with businesses and community groups, have taken part in litter picks and so much more.

# IN THE WAY THE COUNCIL IS RUN, WE WILL:



- Give communities and their representatives more say in decisions;
- Create four assemblies of area boards to bring decision-making closer to communities;
- We will seek to abandon centralised 'cabinet' governance.
- Seek to establish a charter for equality and diversity, setting out our commitment and support for all groups, cultures and needs.



# ON THE ENVIRONMENT, WE WILL:

- Promote low carbon energy.
- Fit solar power at all council-owned property.
- Invest in a tree planting scheme.
- Install air quality monitors for industry and traffic.
- Work towards zero carbon status for all new developments.





## **ON PLANNING, WE WILL:**

- We will focus on building sustainable communities rather than housing estates, with schools, shops, transport links and open spaces.
- We'll look for opportunities to create entirely new village communities on open land, avoiding overloading existing towns.
- We'll expand the council's housing investment through its Stone Circle company.





## **IN CARE, WE WILL:**

- We will pilot an 'acting early' programme for under-5s, to make sure they all have the best possible start in life.
- We will expand the Shared Lives programme that enables people who need care to live as part of a family.
- We'll investigate setting up an in-house home care service with skilled community nurses.



# IN EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES, WE WILL:



- We will work to narrow the gap in opportunity between the pupils with the most advantages and those with the fewest.
- We will review special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) education to ensure that needs are met as close to home as possible.
- We will rebuild youth services in partnership with voluntary groups.





## **IN TRANSPORT, WE WILL:**

- We will work with bus operators to make more routes viable and ensure all areas have a zero-carbon service.
- We want to reopen key railway stations: Wilton, Porton, Devizes and Corsham; and open new stations such as Royal Wootton Bassett and Hullavington.
- We will work to make roads safer, with a better response on potholes and repairs.





## **IN POLICING, WE WILL:**

- We will introduce community safety forums to exchange information and work closely with the police.
- We will take a collaborative approach to tackle County Lines drug dealing and child exploitation.
- We will institute a county wide DNA database for livestock and work with Wiltshire Police to ensure that pet theft is taken seriously.



# **WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP US WIN THIS YEAR**

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