

Nick's To-Do list

Over the last few weeks, Nick Stuart has spoken to hundreds of local people and reported back. If elected as our new local councillor, the issues raised will be Nick's to-do list for getting action.

Brighstone, Limerstone, Brook, Mottistone and Hulverstone

- end Council neglect of West Wight
- support and maintain the local school
- speeding traffic along the narrow lanes and the problem of a 60 limit that stretches well into the northern edge of Brighstone
- better public transport with greater frequency and better timetable adherence
- dog fouling
- overgrown hedges
- a lack of local housing for the younger generation
- road cleaning in part of Moortown
- a need to back local efforts to support Brook and Hulverstone
- concerns about lack of planning enforcement in Limerstone

Shorwell and surrounds

- speeding into village
- particular concerns over the limited dialogue between large landowners and some village residents
- dog fouling
- concerns about over-development at Atherfield
- access to dedicated cycle ways

Chillerton, Gatcombe and surrounds

- problems with drainage
- lack of coordination on road cleaning so people can't move cars to ensure everything is cleaned
- road safety and lack of parking, especially at school times
- cars speeding through the village
- finish the resurfacing of the Gatcombe road
- protect wildflower verges
- road problems in Roslin

Rookley

- need for better pavement and disabled access
- road sweeping
- concerns at the level of local crime
- problems with commercial selling of cars on roadways
- worries about the interaction between vehicles and horses
- speeding on main road

Military Road

The Military Road runs the length of the ward. Residents want a sensible Council policy to protect it.

Island-wide and council-specific issues

- preserving the environment while providing housing for local people rather than new executive homes
- opposing oil and gas extraction that could threaten the outstanding beauty of the Isle of Wight
- lack of adult social care
- insufficient respite care
- a need for good jobs for local employment, based on inward investment to the island
- prioritising good education to raise local skills
- cost of access to mainland and ferry timings, especially for those needing treatment at hospital in Portsmouth or Southampton
- floating bridge farce
- protection from over development or inappropriate industries
- need for proper planning regulations enforcement

More and more people are saying...

Nick Stuart deserves to win!

This Thursday is polling day in the by-election for a new local councillor to succeed Bob Seely.

Nick Stuart has shown the commitment we will need from our new councillor. He has worked hard to listen to what matters most to local people.

That's why more and more people are saying Nick deserves to win.

CAMPAIGN SNAPSHOTS

Nick Stuart has listened to local residents' concerns across the ward. If there is an issue you'd like to raise, or a question you'd like to ask, contact Nick:

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• *ABOVE: As with many of our villages, Chillerton needs action to calm speeding traffic.*



• *Pedestrian safety on roads with little or no pavement is a concern across the ward - such as on Niton Road in Rookley (above), and crossing the road from the bus stop next to The Crown in Shorwell (right).*



• *The minimal bus service through Shorwell, Brighstone and Brook isolates many local people who rely on public transport. A more frequent service would make a big difference.*



• *The priorities given to resurfacing our roads has left many residents puzzled. This pothole on the Military Road (pictured left) has been filled and re-filled more than once. As an important south-west route the Military Road needs comprehensive resurfacing not constant patching.*

**For a local councillor who'll listen to local people
and work hard for our area ...**

Nick STUART



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Thank you, writes Nick Stuart ...



Dear residents,

Thank you!

Thank you to all the people I have spoken to on the doorstep. You showed me great courtesy in giving up your time to talk to me.

Thank you to everyone who returned my residents survey. You have provided many valuable insights into the issues that matter most to local people.

Thank you to everyone who has read my leaflets. I hope that you have found them useful as you make your decision about who to vote for as our new councillor.

Finally, apologies to everyone I haven't yet met or visited. I've made the most of the daylight hours – and even though the days are just starting to lengthen there have not been enough.

Over the last few weeks I have travelled all around Central Wight ward. It's been a privilege to meet so many new people and to learn so much more about the fantastic place we live in. I have met some lovely welcoming people, and some real characters! It shows why so many people make this beautiful, quiet corner of the UK their home, as my family and I have done for many years.

Lots of local issues have been raised with me by local people. If you didn't see my previous leaflet reporting back, the (long!) list is reproduced overleaf.

Even in the last week, other issues have come to light. There is repeated concern in Brighthstone over the minimal bus service. In Rookley, several residents told of worries about the interaction between vehicles and horses. In Shorwell, there are particular concerns over the limited dialogue between large landowners and some village residents. In Yafford, I heard several times of the strong concern about over-development at Atherfield. In Roslin there is a continuing road issue. Not forgetting issues previously brought up from Brook Green to Rookley Green.

My fundamental belief is that dialogue between various different groups and people can help produce an outcome that works for most people. Even development can take place if done sensitively in cooperation with local voices.

Whatever the outcome of this election it has come home to me how one person as a committed councillor can help a whole community. We all feel frustrated and irritated if our voices are ignored. I hope, if elected, that I can provide a catalyst for some small changes with a distinctive voice for our area.

People who have met me know I listen. I'm not a tribal politician focused on fighting other parties, who all try very hard. I'm motivated by my strong belief in fairness for the individual and transparency from our public and private institutions. This is why I am standing for the Liberal Democrats. I hope that people will see that these values and my local knowledge, experiences and capabilities make me well suited to influence the Isle of Wight and its Council as our new county councillor.

Best wishes,

Nick

Nick Stuart

PS Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Whatever your political preference I do hope you will vote. Remember one vote can make a difference and it could be yours!

By-election called: Don't lose your vote!

Nick Stuart, picked for Lib Dems

What matters most to YOU?

What are the most important issues for you in the ward? Please list them in order of priority.

What do you think the council should do about these issues?

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Nick Stuart - listening to local people ...

Nick Stuart lives here - in our ward

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Shorwell and surroundings

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Roslin

Brook Green

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"We need action!"

Residents fear for local services as Conservative CUTS set to hit hard

Liberal Democrats are a strong challenger

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Nick Stuart makes the running in by-election

A CAMPAIGN focused on listening to what matters most to local people, has seen local resident Nick Stuart make the running in the by-election for a new Isle of Wight councillor for Central Wight ward.

By highlighting residents' concerns, Lib Dem candidate Nick Stuart has positioned himself as the strong challenger to the Conservatives, who held the ward till the resignation of Bob Seely late last year.

"My campaign has identified a lengthy to-do list," said Mr Stuart, who lives in the ward.

"My promise is to take that list to the heart of the council if elected. I'm committed to getting residents the action we so clearly need."

● Polling stations are open 7am to 10pm on Thursday, 25 January.

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