

Focus



*News and
views from
your local
Lib Dem
team*

What matters most to YOU?

The local Lib Dem team is delivering this leaflet as part of our campaign to find out what local issues matter most to people across the Isle of Wight - and then to get action!

You might want to raise issues which affect nearly all of us every day - topics such as street lighting, road and pavement repairs, dog fouling, or parking problems.



Local Lib Dem campaign coordinator, Andrew Garratt

Or it could be about crime and antisocial behaviour, or helping the local economy and creating jobs, protecting our NHS, or making sure affordable housing is available to rent and buy.

Whatever the issues you want to raise, we look forward to hearing from you.

Your local campaign coordinator is local resident, Andrew Garratt. You can contact Andrew as follows:

Email: andrewcwgarrratt@btinternet.com

Phone: 01983 524623

Write: 78 Worsley Road, Newport PO30 5JD

Thank you! We'll report back to you in future Focus leaflets.



Conservatives take council leadership and start cuts

Isle of Wight Council now has a Conservative leadership following a vote at the last council meeting.

One of the Conservatives' first acts as the new leadership has been to push through cuts in benefits for disabled people.

Next year's council budget is to be set soon. There are fears that key services face more cuts under the new Conservative leadership.

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Lib Dems call on Conservatives to give our NHS an urgent cash boost

Isle of Wight NHS Trust has been one of the worst hit by this winter's demands on the NHS.

It is one of fifteen trusts in England that repeatedly issued alerts in the early part of January because its services were under pressure.

The Liberal Democrats in Parliament have called on the Conservative government to provide an extra four billion pounds in funding for NHS and care over the next year to help cash-strapped services cope.

Can you help the local Lib Dems campaign for our area?

Join, donate or volunteer!

If you agree that the Isle of Wight deserves better, why not join our team as a volunteer or a member?

Or make a donation to help cover the cost of printing leaflets and posters?

For more information, either get in touch with our local campaign coordinator, Andrew Garratt - contact details overleaf - or visit our web site at:
iowlibdems.org.uk



Hunnyhill traffic lights

Two suggestions have been raised about the traffic lights at the bottom of Hunnyhill:

- * the pedestrian crossing phase should be more frequent and provide more time
- * a special 'right turn' filtering phase should be included for those turning up Hunnyhill

What do you think? Please get in touch. Contact details overleaf.

Winter potholes

The very cold and wet winter weather is taking its toll on our roads and pavements.

Potholes can be a problem for all of us whether on foot, on bikes or in vehicles.

The local Lib Dem team is keeping a watch out for potholes.

You can report potholes directly to Island Roads using their online service:

islandroads.com/23-report-it-online.html

Or let the Lib Dem team know and we'll take up the issue for you. Contact details overleaf.

* It's also vital that gritting and salting is effective. Are there any areas that you think are being missed out?

