

Dear Resident

On Thursday, 20th June, local residents get to choose a new county councillor for Whippingham & Osborne ward.

Like many people I have spent the last few years disillusioned with politics.

Nationally the Conservatives and Labour have lurched away to the right and left.

And I don't like what I see happening in County Hall. The Conservatives who run the council have lost touch – the floating bridge fiasco, cuts to services for vulnerable people, grandiose regeneration plans. The list goes on.

When I thought about it, I realised that if I wanted to get things done then I should stand for the council!

I'm new to politics. I've never been a councillor. I hope that means I can bring a fresh approach to the issues that affect us in East Cowes, Osborne and Whippingham.

A little bit about me ... I live locally in Adelaide Grove. I'm a full-time specialist foster carer. Before that I worked for many years as a family support worker and before that as a social work assistant for Bournemouth's disabled children's team.

I'm standing for the Lib Dems because the party is firmly rooted in the centre ground – like the vast majority of us. The Lib Dem approach is to take a fair and balanced approach – engaging with residents and listening to all points of view before taking a decision. And the party has stuck to its principles just as others seem to be all over the place. It seems to me that's why recent elections show that people are turning to the Lib Dems again.

Above all, I want to hear from you. What matters most to you? I hope to speak to you soon as I'll be knocking doors with the Lib Dem team. But if you want to get in touch before then please ring me on 07769 508768 or email me at julieburridge74@icloud.com .

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Best wishes,

Julie Burridge

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Let Julie Burridge know what matters most to YOU

● **FLOATING BRIDGE FIASCO**
“The Conservative council has badly managed this fiasco,” says Julie.

“Ideally, there would be a new fit-for-purpose bridge. But that’s seems very unlikely. The least the council could do is to drop the prices to help long-suffering residents and businesses.”



“It’s vital that councillors listen to local people,” says Julie.

“That’s why I want to hear what matters most to you - it doesn’t matter how big or small the issue. Phone or email me - or if you see me out walking my dog, stop me for a chat!”

● **CROSSWAYS DEVELOPMENT**
The Conservative Council’s draft planning strategy confirms that Crossways is earmarked for development.



“Losing this green field will be a real blow for our community,” says Julie.

“New development will put even more pressure on our roads and local services. If development must go ahead then housing should be genuinely affordable for local people.”

● **WE NEED BETTER BUS SERVICES**
“Many people rely on buses, to pop into town, get to work, go to school or have a day out,” says Julie.



“We particularly need a service along Saunders Way and Beatrice Avenue.”

● **SPEEDING TRAFFIC**
“Speeding traffic has been raised in local roads including

Alverstone Road, Victoria Grove, and Whippingham Road,” says Julie. “We need to find ways to reduce speeding to support local police in enforcing limits.”

These are just a few of the issues raised with Julie at the start of her campaign. To raise a matter that worries you, contact Julie on:

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● **DOG FOULING**
Dog fouling is a problem in roads such as Beatrice Avenue, Adelaide Grove and the footpath to Whippingham.



“As a dog walker, I know the vast majority of dog owners act responsibly,” says Julie. “We need strong enforcement to tackle those who don’t, and plenty of regularly emptied bins for those who do.”

LIB DEMS ON THE UP!

The recent election results have seen a boost for the Lib Dems as people look for a fairer alternative.

If you agree that the Isle of Wight deserves better, why not join the Lib Dem team as a volunteer or a member? For more information, visit our web site at: www.libdems.org.uk

