

## PRESS RELEASE

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### IoW LibDems announce further tranche of strong, local election candidates

Nick Stuart Chair of the Isle of Wight Liberal Democrats stated:-

"With the 12 Liberal Democrat Council Candidates and Richard Murphy as the Candidate for Police & Crime Commissioner everyone on the Island has the opportunity to vote for a Liberal Democrat.

"The Island Public have seen the Liberal Democrat Councillors, Andrew Garratt and Reg Barry, show a professionalism in pushing for fairness and representing their voters. Holding the Conservative to account for their many failures, unfair actions and inability to deal with Island issues. They demonstrate how Liberal Democrats can hold those in power to scrutiny and work towards an effective Council for the whole population of the Island.

"With Reg Barry BEM retiring as Councillor of Seaview and Nettlestone the Island, the local public and the Liberal Democrats owe a debt of gratitude for his long service and many achievements as a Councillor and mainstay of the local community. As the link to the successful years of Liberal Democrat control of the Isle of Wight Council he is a great example of public service and a reminder of how badly the Island has been served recently.

"With strong Candidates and a new purpose the Liberal Democrats look forward to seeing the current incompetent arrogant Conservative administration replaced."

#### Notes:

Lib Dems are urging media to highlight postal voting for those concerned about voting in person due to Covid. Electoral Services can be contacted by email to [electoral.services@iow.gov.uk](mailto:electoral.services@iow.gov.uk) or by phone 01983 823380. Completed and signed forms should be returned to: Electoral Services, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1UD.

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### New Candidates:

Julie Burridge - Osbourne

Julie has a successful background in social care and education and is currently a Shared Lives Carer supporting adults with learning disabilities and mental health needs. She is keen to support her community to get much needed infrastructure, jobs training and community development. Including fighting for an environmentally friendly future for Osbourne, East Cowes and the Island.



Patricia Packham - Fairlee & Whippingham

Patricia is a retired fruit packer and has lived in East Cowes for nearly 10 years. She is a keen gardener, and artist and creates cards. Working with Beavers youth group she is keen to support the educational of children and job creation on the Island while preserving the environment of the Island from excessive development.



Steph Burgess – Cowes South & Northwood

Steph grew up on the Island, and now lives in Northwood. She has been a teacher for over 20 years, 14 of those on the Island. As a mum of two girls, and stepmum to one boy, she is passionate about what wider society can do to ensure young people get the best opportunities. In recent years she has fundraised for various cancer charities; she completed the London Marathon in 2018, and has organised charity balls at Northwood House. She is a life-long sailor and lover of beach-meandering, as well as being a – somewhat reluctant – runner she can be seen pounding local streets or out walking with her cockapoo,



Mike Locke - Totland & Colwell

Mike works in the internet industry and has been a Totland and Colwell resident since 2017. He is part of West Wight Social Club, West Wight Sports & Community Centre the West Wight Help Hub, Friends of Freshwater Library, Feline Welfare and other local initiatives such as Beer & Buses. He believes that as the island rebuilds after Covid-19 the benefits of recovery are available to all residents and to fight to keep the unique character of the Isle of Wight.



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Richard Murphy - Police & Crime Commissioner

We also have a first-rate candidate for PCC for our island: Richard Murphy. He has been talking with people across Hampshire & the Isle of Wight over the last 6 months, using a mix of online video and socially-distanced real-life contact. He has heard about the hard work done by so many people supporting their communities and also the challenges we face following years of Conservative cuts to essential public services, including policing.



Richard has visited our island many times and is meeting our candidates in this campaign to make sure he is fully across island issues and how he can help improve the quality of police work for all islanders. Wherever you are on our island, you can vote for him so take this opportunity to make sure all LibDems have their voices heard.

The complete list of candidates by Electoral District is:

Brading and St Helens - John Graney

Brighstone, Calbourne and Shalfleet - Nick Stuart

Cowes South & Northwood - Steph Burgess

East Cowes - Bob Packham

Fairlee & Whippingham - Patricia Packham

Haylands and Swanmore - Malcolm Ross

Newport West - Bob Blezzard

Osborne - Julie Burrige

Parkhurst and Hunnyhill - Andrew Garratt

Ryde South East - Tracy Mikich

Sandown South - Mark Voller

Totland & Colwell - Mike Locke

Further information and links to candidate pages can be found at <http://iowlibdems.org.uk/candidates>

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