

Blagdon and Churchill FOCUS

Liberal Democrats

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Local Lib Dems campaign to save overnight A&E service

- Local Liberal Democrat Patrick KEATING has been fighting to protect NHS services for local residents in Weston and the Villages from Tory cuts.
- Funding cuts by the Conservative Government have led to the overnight closure of A&E services at Weston hospital.

Liberal Democrat Leader, Sir Vince Cable, has given his support to local campaigners fighting NHS cuts.

Sir Vince said: "The overnight closure of Weston-super-Mare's emergency unit is another symptom of the crisis in our NHS. Every day seems to bring yet more bad news about the state of the health service, and patients are paying the price."

"Despite talk of the fictional Brexit dividend, Ministers have no idea how they will fund the NHS to the extent top NHS officials tell us is necessary.

It's time to give the NHS and social care the extra cash desperately needed by putting a penny on income tax."

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Patrick Keating

Your local LibDem Candidate

Weston super Mare Liberal Democrats have selected Blagdon resident Patrick KEATING as their candidate for the next general election.

Patrick will also be standing in the Blagdon and Churchill Ward at the next North Somerset County Council elections to ensure local residents views and concerns are heard.

A strong believer in community action Patrick is a trustee of the Community Council for Somerset which provides services to rural communities across the county and is a non-parent governor of a local primary School.

Patrick said "I am delighted to have been selected to fight the next General Election for the Liberal Democrats. It will be a big challenge, but the Conservative Government is failing the residents of Weston and the villages as the economy and public services are suffering as a result of their policies."

"The Liberal Democrats offer a positive vision and will fight to ensure that the people of Weston, Worle and the villages have access to the services they need."

Get Involved!

With local elections taking place next year, and the chances of a snap General Election increasing, we need your help!

Campaigning is expensive and any support you can give to help us win in Blagdon & Churchill would be appreciated! Help delivering leaflets, canvassing or just spreading the word is also vital.

Contact me at patrickkeatingLD@gmail.com to discuss how you can help us to win here!

News in Brief

Waste issues continue to plague villages

Bins in the villages were left uncollected for days during the recent heatwave, creating possible health risks. Patrick KEATING will be pushing the Tory run Council to deliver a better service for Blagdon and Churchill.

LibDems question £21m property deal

Local Liberal Democrats are questioning a "risky and secretive" North Somerset Council decision to spend £21 million on a shopping centre in Weston super Mare. The Tory run Council has now borrowed £60 million to fund investments in retail spaces— while removing litter bins around the county due to *lack of funds*.

North Somerset Housing Crisis

Tory housing plans threaten the character of our villages, while failing to deliver affordable homes where they are needed.

While it is good news that North Somerset will not permit development on a sensitive site on Station Road in Blagdon, the Council continues to allow new house building to take place without considering affordability or the impact on local residents.

Blagdon resident and Lib Dem candidate Patrick KEATING said: "While it is clear that new homes will have to be built, the Tory run North Somerset Council is failing to deliver a proper housing policy that is fit for purpose in the town and the villages."

Badly planned development in rural areas will have a negative impact on the unique character of villages such as Churchill and Blagdon, while failing to invest in infrastructure will put additional pressure on schools, GPs and already congested roads. We have already seen the Council fail to listen to the concerns of Churchill residents about the major new development in their village.

