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From Cllr Patrick Keating and the Blagdon & Churchill Lib Dems

New LibDem Councillors Making a Difference

Following May's Local Elections, Patrick and the Liberal Democrat team are making an impact



Your new LibDem team is making a real impact demanding better for North Somerset residents in both town and country

Your team of Lib Dem Councillors have already made a big impact on the work of the council and as always, are punching well above our weight.

We have:

- Set up a 'climate emergency' working group to drive forward the work necessary to make North Somerset carbon neutral by 2030, one of the most ambitious targets of any council in the country.

- Submitted the development order to government for the Portishead to Bristol railway link, which should be operational by 2023.

- Reduced the frequency of North Somerset Life magazine, saving tens of thousands of pounds which we can invest in local services.

Locally, I have been standing up for our communities on housing developments, Airport expansion and health.

The new 'rainbow' administration is working well and we are making progress in both developing ideas for the long-term, managing the day-to-day needs of our community and trying to reshape some of the projects that were being planned by the previous Conservative leadership.

JSP is found "unsound"

West of England Joint Spatial Plan Publication Document

Inspectors slam "Garden Village" Plans

Government inspectors have said plans for "Garden villages" in Churchill are "unsound"

Patrick says: "The new Council now has a golden opportunity to shape a new plan that delivers the housing we need in North Somerset, while taking account of climate impact, transport links and affordability. I look forward to working with local residents in developing a new plan."

Working hard all year round

Jo Swinson Elected LibDem Leader

The former Employment Minister and noted campaigner has promised to continue our fight against Brexit as well as campaigning for action on climate change and gender balance across business and public life.

Known for her determination and commitment, Jo is sure to lead us with both passion and skill and onto ever more success!



Patrick backed Jo for Leader

Biffa service “unacceptable”



Patrick is fighting for improved waste collection

Patrick has slammed Biffa bosses for failing to deliver acceptable levels of waste and recycling collection in Blagdon.

Patrick says: “While the crews working on the vans are doing their best, Biffa bosses are failing to deliver on their contract with the Council.

I'll be demanding that the executive take strong measures so that residents get good service. If things don't get better soon we may need to take strong measures.”

Contact the team

The local Lib Dem team want to hear from you on any issue, big or small, that you'd like help with.



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News & Views

Fight to save Weston A&E continues

Patrick has called on health bosses to rethink plans to close 24 hour A&E services in the town.

Closing the A&E is not a viable option for an area our size. We need health bosses to seriously look at alternative options, such as the plan proposed by Weston Hospital's own consultants.

Locals, not central government, should have final say on fracking

Residents have raised concerns on “fracking” in North Somerset. I will subject any application to rigorous and detailed scrutiny, and will demand that local authorities rather than central government have the final say on any fracking applications.

Support our campaigns

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