

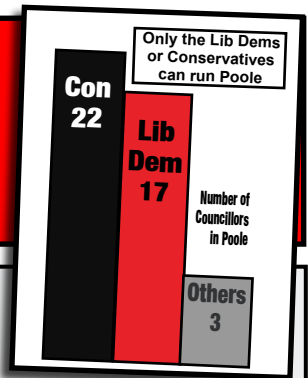
ELECTION
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on Newtown



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THE TEAM THAT WORKS FOR YOU



Cllr Brian Clements has represented Newtown on Poole Council since 1985. Brian is married to Anna and has two daughters and two sons, who all went to Poole schools.

He has two older grandchildren and a third expected. Having been Leader of Poole Council for 12 years (1991-2003), Brian brings a wealth of experience to the Newtown team and to the wider Liberal Democrat Group. Served for 24 years as a local school Governor. Now retired, he came to Poole in 1966 with Plessey and later worked at the College where he taught Computer Engineering. He takes a keen interest in the local economy and supporting job creating industries.



Cllr Jo Clements was first elected in 2010. She lives in Newtown ward with her husband Stephen and two children, Freddy(17) and Isabelle(15).

After graduating Jo dedicated her time to bringing up her children and working voluntarily for people with mental health issues. She is a trained counsellor and has a keen interest in improving mental health care and well being, especially for children and young people. She is a Governor at Branksome Heath Middle School. Jo formerly ran the Mayor's Office at Poole Council so she knows how the Council works. She is currently employed at Rockley Park.



Cllr Graham Wilson has served Newtown ward for 15 years. He was born in Brixey Road and grew up in Newtown. Married to Sally with 3 grown up children, he enjoyed a long career as senior manager of a

Poole engineering company. Since 2001 he has worked full time for the local community. Council experience includes Portfolio Holder for Community development, member of the Planning Committee for 14 years, Poole Sports Council and Health scrutiny. Governor at Branksome Heath Middle School (15 years), Director of Poole Housing Partnership (Council owned). He is Currently Sheriff of Poole and Mayor Elect.

VULNERABLE MADE TO PAY

Extra £1.5 million for adult social care rejected by Poole Tories

During the council budget debate Liberal Democrats identified an extra £1.5 million for adult social care, together with £500,000 for young people that could be made

available from the Council's coffers but the Conservatives rejected the proposal along with £96,000 for additional community support and £96,000 for additional bus routes.



Local resident Dee Knights discussing her Personal Care Plan with Cllr. Graham Wilson

Graham Wilson says "It is very important at this difficult time to give extra support to our most vulnerable residents. Many of them have been faced with massive increases in care charges. "We also need more facilities for our young people so why are the Tories stashing away a further £2 million into already excessive reserves where it will sit doing nothing?"

Mike Brooke's Liberal Democrat budget speech can be read on-line at: <http://mikebrooke.org.uk>

FOURWAYS MOVE TO SEAVIEW

We very much welcome improved facilities for the most needy in our community but we have serious doubts about this Conservative administration's ability to deliver. Their latest plan is to spend £1,450,000 (23% of which is 'contingency') on co-locating what is left of Fourways Day Centre services with those on the Sea View site in Croft Road.

Tories tell us they will provide improved services whilst reducing the annual funding by £146,000. Users complain that services have already dwindled away under their stewardship.

Eight years ago Cllr. Elaine Atkinson boasted to the Daily Echo 'I reassure everyone currently using Fourways that I am committed to their services continuing on this site'. She has since overseen the waste of £679,000 on her scrapped plans! (A staggering 70% of that being Project Management and Consultancy fees.) Poole Conservatives have rewarded Cllr. Atkinson for her part in this debacle by appointing her Leader of the Council!

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NEWS UPDATE

Income Tax- 2,470 additional Poole residents will be lifted out of income tax altogether while a further 62,000 will pay £200 less from April this year as a result of Lib Dem policies.

Pensions- Over the next few years the basic pension is set to rise from £97.65 to £140. As well as this, future pension increases will be by the highest out of earnings, prices or 2.5% thanks to the Lib Dems!

The Pupil Premium- The Pupil Premium, a Flagship Liberal Democrat policy, could bring an extra £880,000 to Poole Schools.

Grit Bins- A second severe winter resulted in treacherous conditions on many of Newtown's roads. Lib Dems have asked the council to carry out a full audit of grit bin locations and to increase the number on residential streets so that residents can help themselves.

Ringwood Road crossing work has started on the new crossing near the junction with Haskells Road. This will address a long-standing safety issue. The tree that had to go will be replaced.

Trinidad Community Centre The new Games Area is in use and building re-furbished. The boxing club is flourishing and residents are looking forward to the arrival of Tiddleywinks pre-school.

Council Tax "no-brainer"

Residents will be pleased to learn that this year's council tax will not be increased.

This has been made possible through funding from the Coalition Government. Any Council freezing council tax at 2010 levels will receive a grant equivalent to a 2.5% increase. Poole Council benefits by more than £1.7 million. "The Council Tax freeze is not a special achievement of the Conservatives in Poole – every council in the

country has made the same decision", said Cllr Brian Clements.

Remember the Poole Lib Dems proposed a 0% increase last year but this was rejected by the Conservatives – it wasn't an election year!



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