



FOCUS on Wimborne

From your Lib Dem team
Councillors Shane Bartlett & David Morgan

SIR ED: I WANT TO BE THE VOICE OF CARERS

Vikki Slade and Sir Ed Davey visited Julia's House, a local children's hospice, as part of the Lib Dem campaign to fight for better conditions for carers.



On their recent visit, Vikki and Ed spoke with staff and families about the ongoing challenges and pressures faced by carers daily.

Sir Ed said: "The key thing for many families is breaks and respite care because there's a lot of pressure on families and the access to social care services has been reduced year on year."

Speaking from experience, Ed Davey, who himself is the father of a disabled

child, recognises the crucial need for hospices such as Julia's House:

"One thing we have been advocating for is that we have a special minimum wage for carers."

He added: "We're going to have to get more health care workers.

They don't have strong unions standing up for them so that's why as the Liberal Democrat leader I'm determined to be the voice of carers."

Sir Ed Davey and Vikki Slade on a recent visit to Julia's House to speak with staff and families that rely on the hospice for support

Youth Cafe Plans

Your local Lib Dem councillors David and Shane are currently working with Portfolio Holders on the Cabinet from Dorset Council to resurrect the Youth Café project, which was initially planned pre-pandemic.

It is intended that the Youth Café will provide a safe space for children, where they can receive help and advice but also be social with others.

The Café will be a volunteer run project under the charity umbrella

of Vision Wimborne. The core of a new dynamic volunteer committee is already in place and is currently working hard behind the scenes to launch the Youth Café project later this year.

Additional volunteers will be needed. The intention is similar to the original Planet Building, to enable young people to be able to book time with a youth support/ social worker to address any problems they may have.

Children's Services at Dorset Council recognise that there is a lack of children's support provisions in Wimborne Minster.

Councillors Morgan and Bartlett hope the Youth Café project along with the newly opened Family Hub at Leigh Park Community Centre will address and improve the present situation.



Cllr Shane Bartlett is determined to improve children's support provisions in the area

Lib Dems win big!

Across the UK, the Liberal Democrats were the big winners in the May local elections.

Overall they gained more than 400 extra council seats nationwide - winning against both Labour and the Conservatives.

Across the UK, the Lib Dems took control of 12 more councils.

In the neighbouring BCP Council elections, the Lib Dems became the largest party on the council with 28 seats, with Mid Dorset North Poole parliamentary candidate Vikki Slade being elected as council leader.

The Blue Wall is turning gold.

More and more people - both in Dorset and across the country -

are turning to the Liberal Democrats and the choice for a fairer and more equal society.

The message from these elections is clear: people are fed up with being let down and taken for granted by this Conservative government.

It is time for change.

Vikki Slade led the local Lib Dem campaign to a resounding victory



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Councillor Advice Surgery

Shane and David hold an advice surgery every last Saturday of the month from 10am - 12pm at Wimborne library.

Ramping it up

After a recent request from a wheelchair user, Councillor Morgan went and visited certain shops where entry was difficult due to a step being in place.

David had positive discussions with shop keepers and now several ramps are being bought, built and will be kept in the shops so they can be used when needed.



Councillor David Morgan is excited about the improved accessibility in Wimborne

Shed a light

Your Liberal Democrat councillors have been contacted by some residents from the Stone Lane area about the new LED lights that have replaced the old lights.

The residents have raised concerns that the new lights light up most of the rooms in

their houses which they have reported to find extremely frustrating.

Requests have been made to the head of street lighting at Dorset Council to see if they can be altered and in some cases the lights have been slightly tilted which has led to an improvement.