

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT VISION FOR PORTCHESTER

- **Newsletters** - I will always keep you informed with a regular printed Newsletter and a monthly email on local issues. I will also hold monthly Council Advice Surgeries.
- **Policing** - Again this year, the Police have increased their part of the Council Tax above inflation as they have done for a number of years, but I see no improvement in policing in Portchester and Downend. Pressure must be put on them to provide more officers for patrolling our streets.
- **Fire** - I fully support our fire station and the firefighters in Portchester. They are an asset to the village since they also deal with medical emergencies in backing up the ambulance service and, during Covid, supported them and QA Hospital.

FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

- CCTV - The short-sighted decision to remove cameras from the precinct and car park has led to increased unease and insecurity for residents. Updated equipment needs to be brought back.
- Car Park charging in the precinct would seriously affect the viability of our shops and lead to more on-road parking in the surrounding area. **Liberal Democrats** would not support any attempt to do this.
- The precinct desperately needs revamping due to both Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council (both Conservative led), being unable to get together to agree on improvements. **Liberal Democrat** councillors will continue to lobby for urgent cooperation and solutions to this problem.
- I will continually work for our young people. Their views need to be heard on the Fareham Climate Change Scrutiny Panel at Fareham Council. It is their future which is being decided.
- There has been a steep increase in complaints about the lack of adequate bins. The Council **must** provide more bins throughout Portchester.
- New trees need to be planted to help the local environment, but adequate maintenance of these and current trees should be carried out more regularly.
- The Council must urgently review its buildings, such as the Civic Offices, especially when £3.7 million is budgeted for repairs over the next few years.
- The Borough Council spends millions of pounds on its 'Pet' projects. **This must cease** - the money should go to **stop cutbacks to our declining services!**

Vote for ASHLEY BROWN

HE WILL WORK FOR PORTCHESTER AND DOWNEND

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS PROVIDE THE SERVICES WE ALL WANT - WE DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT IT



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PORTCHESTER WEST

ELECTION SPECIAL

NEWS



**ASHLEY
BROWN**

WORKING FOR YOU, PORTCHESTER AND DOWNEND

Fareham Council is gradually increasing its charges through stealth taxation, by charging residents for coastal car parks, charging for green waste collection and increasing the Council Tax. They are also reducing services - **this must stop** so that you as residents receive the services which you require. I will work with you to understand your needs and make sure that these are put before the Borough Council.

Liberal Democrats believe that issues should come from the residents and not be imposed on them from the top. Fareham has already taken away your ability to put ideas to the Council by stopping the quarterly "Community Action Teams Meetings", which were held in Portchester and to which all residents were invited. These meetings enabled residents to put forward their comments, suggestions and improvements.

HE LIVES IN PORTCHESTER WEST AND WILL ALWAYS WORK HARD FOR OUR COMMUNITY

BROWN



PUTTING PORTCHESTER FIRST



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

It appears that the Council's 'solution' is always to cut vegetation to the ground. In doing so it very often takes away the habitat for many birds such as sparrows, dunnocks and wrens who use the hedgerows as their home. I believe it is important that more care should be taken in clearing areas of brambles and vegetation etc.

It is always wonderful to walk close to hedges and to hear the chatter of birds, which makes the walks around Portchester so extremely enjoyable.

If larger clearance is necessary in an area, then consideration must be made as to how replanting of laurels or privet hedging can be accommodated, **so that the wild life still have a natural habitat.**

COASTLINE

Walking along Wicor shore needs to be something that everybody can enjoy all the time. It is great to be able to get out and take the fresh air and enjoy being close to the sea. The shoreline must be an accessible walking area for all, providing access for those with wheelchairs and children's buggies.

A long term strategy needs to be developed to promote walking and part of that has to be providing safe walking routes the whole way along the coastline and being quick to respond when damage occurs. Extra litter bins and seating are needed along the shoreline so that people can enjoy the area. Increased development, approved on appeal by the Government Inspectors, will mean facilities like this will become even more essential.



PRECINCT CAR PARK

Fareham Conservative councillors do nothing to stop this illegal parking situation.

The Liberal Democrat councillors wanted barriers erected on the main car park to stop this situation happening but at a meeting on 22nd March 2022 all the Conservative councillors said it was not necessary and voted against it on the basis it was not reasonable, proportionate, cost effective and affordable - the cost would have been only **£12,000**. I am sure that it will cost the Council **considerably more money** with

the actions that they have to take to resolve this issue: I am also sure that this is going to happen more and more in the future.

This issue comes back to Full Council meeting on 21st April 2022 when the Liberal Democrats will again press for these barriers to be installed.

FOR A COUNCILLOR WHO CARES, AND WILL WORK FOR YOU ALL THE YEAR ROUND

ACTION - NOT WORDS



PORTCHESTER PRECINCT is desperately in need of a major face lift. Fareham Borough and Hampshire County Council need to get together and sort out this issue by putting funding forward. The Borough Council should use £120,000 from the Lidl development which it is keeping in the Bank. Neither Conservative run councils are prepared to do anything - again the Fareham Conservative controlled council removed the CCTV from the area which the Liberal Democrat councillors opposed. **I fully support that CCTV must be reinstated as it acts as a deterrent to crime and makes people feel safe.**

County Councillor Roger Price fully supports Ashley Brown to become a Councillor to represent you in Portchester West. I know that he, as a long standing resident, has always taken a keen and active interest in Portchester. With his interest and concerns of Portchester he will always work with you, dealing with your individual issues and also putting your views before the Council. You could not have a better candidate in this election, therefore please give him your support by using your vote for him. **I know Ashley will not let you down.**

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I have lived in Fareham for the last 39 years, and running a small business since leaving education, with the expected, and sometimes unexpected, challenges this can bring.

With three sons all attending local schools, I enjoy being an active member of the community. I hope to be elected in Portchester West so I can work to make the necessary changes to address our local environment and climate change issues. I am not a politician but do have a determination to truly represent residents in the Ward in which we live. I am appalled at the decision of the Government Inspector in granting planning for the land south of Romsey Avenue. This permission will have a tremendous adverse effect on our highways and environment.

Please give me your support so that I can work for you.



FOR A FAIRER AND MORE RESPONSIVE FAREHAM

USE YOUR VOTE FOR ASHLEY BROWN ON THURSDAY, 5th MAY