

Contact the team:

Hopefully we will meet you as we regularly call around the ward. If we missed you and we can help with any issue, please do get in touch using the details below:



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Responsible Bins

Litter and bin issues continue. For example, in Culverland Road, Victoria Street, Springfield Road, and Longbrook Street. The team have received a number of complaints and have been responding.

Tammy Palmer has been undertaking ward walks and reporting incidents. She has also raised the issue directly with the university and is working with them and community support officers to try and find positive solutions. These include suitable bin storage and reminding residents living in these roads to ensure rubbish and glass is discarded appropriately.



Queen's Crescent New CCTV

Cllr Kevin Mitchell and local Lib Dems welcome the new CCTV that is up and running monitoring the area around Queen's Crescent Garden. Kevin has been pressing for this to be implemented for many years. This will help improve safety, particularly for women at night.

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on Duryard & St James

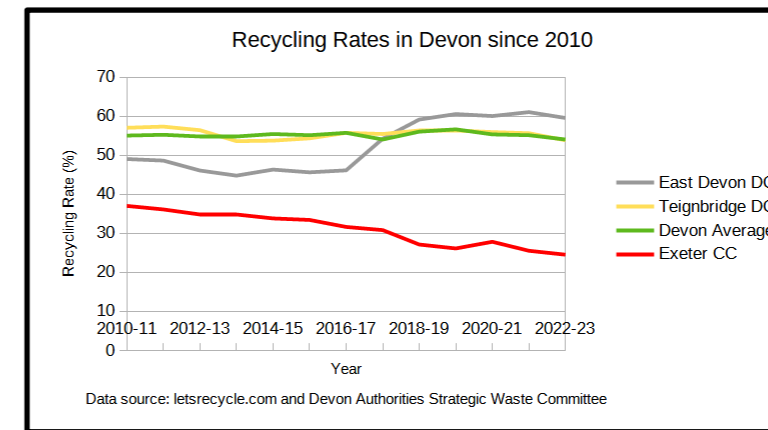
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Community News From Tammy Palmer, Cllr Michael Mitchell, Cllr Kevin Mitchell, Will Aczel and your local Liberal Democrat team

Labour's rubbish recycling record worsens



Exeter Labour's rubbish recycling rate has fallen further to an abysmal 24.5%. This is less than half the Devon average.

Their food waste rollout has stalled, leaving two-thirds of Exeter households without the service other areas have had for decades. Kerbside glass collections are still nowhere to be seen.

This is Exeter Labour's decade of decline. Where they've chosen to fund vanity projects whilst neglecting basic services. Squandering officer time and financial resources has fuelled a lack of planning and investment. There are

no good excuses for Labour failing to sort a licence to process food waste.

By contrast, the top six English councils for recycling are all Lib Dem-led. Support the Lib Dems for councils that actually care about recycling and our environment.

Tammy Palmer, Lib Dem City Council candidate for Duryard & St James said, "I love living in Exeter... but as someone who is passionate about the environment I have been seriously disappointed in the councils attitude towards recycling - food waste bins and glass collection should be standard."

Tammy speaks up for 20 is plenty



Working with residents in Bury Meadow, Tammy speaking for 20 is plenty via video-link at County Hall.

Residents in Bury Meadow are calling for speed limits to be introduced across Devon's roads in-line with the national 20 is plenty campaign. This was recently adopted in neighbouring Cornwall. We met with Bury Meadow residents and offered our support.

Tammy is a seasoned environmental and road safety campaigner. She worked with residents to speak at the last full County Council meeting in December. Tammy outlined the safety and cost benefits, which were well received. She is working with residents to provide a petition and motion to the council to recommend Devon becomes the next county to adopt 20mph roads.

If you are interested in finding out more about the campaign or getting your street involved please get in touch and we can connect residents groups together.

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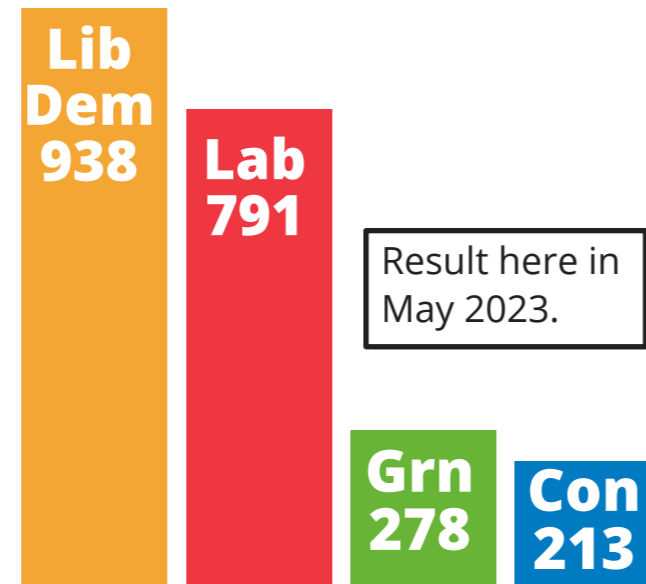
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It's Lib Dem or Labour here in Duryard & St James:



Result here in May 2023.

Green Party and Conservative supporters are backing the Lib Dems because they know only we can beat Labour here in Duryard & St James.

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Community Balance

Update on changes limiting the spread of HMOs

In 2014, the City Council introduced the 'Article 4 Direction'. This requires planning permission in parts of Exeter to convert family homes into Homes of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs). A few St James streets were exempt as there were already many HMOs.

Following complaints from the public about the spread of HMOs outside the Article 4 area, the council have now revised the policy. Our ward has the highest concentration of HMOs in the City, hence our concern about the need to retain 'community balance' as a key planning principle within any new Local Plan.

We fully support the St James Neighbourhood Plan and existing Local Plan statements about how 'over concentration of the use in one

area... create an imbalance in the local community' and 'undermine the maintenance of a balanced community'.

Your local Lib Dem team believe the proposed changes do **not** go far enough for Duryard & St James. The whole ward should be part of the Direction Order. Three large areas are exempt and should be included:

- Argyll Rd, Doriam Close, Patricia Close, Hillcrest Park, Raven Close, Curlew Way, Oriol Drive and Lark Close
- Elbridge Gardens, Dunvegan Close, Lodge Hill, Kilbarran Rise and Streatham Rise
- The entire West Garth area.

There's danger these areas will attract attention from investors converting homes to HMOs.

Lib Dems Demand Action on Fly Tipping

Please note: Due to high levels of reports as well as staff shortages, we are currently experiencing an 8 week delay in responding to fly tipping reports. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Exeter City Council Website
-1st February 2024

Labour-run Exeter City Council's financial mismanagement has squandered resources for the basics.

The council now takes 8 weeks to respond to fly tipping reports.

Labour have also taken zero enforcement actions against fly tipping in the past decade.

This is despite residents reporting 729 incidents just last year. In the same time, Plymouth Council managed to make 475 fines.

Exeter Council urgently need to disincentivise



fly tipping. In 2023, the government increased the potential fine for fly tipping to £1,000

"It is the basics that Exeter Council need to get right and make their first priority." stated Tammy Palmer, local Lib Dem City Council candidate. "From recycling to fly-tipping, the Labour Council are letting residents down."

Community Gardening



Local Lib Dems joined community groups in St James gardening preparing parks for Winter.

Tammy, Mike, and Will got stuck in helping local groups fix up Queen's Crescent and Bury Meadow Parks.

A big **thank you** to the St James Community Trust, Bury Meadow Resident's Association, and all helpers.

Local Lib Dems Demand Better for our NHS

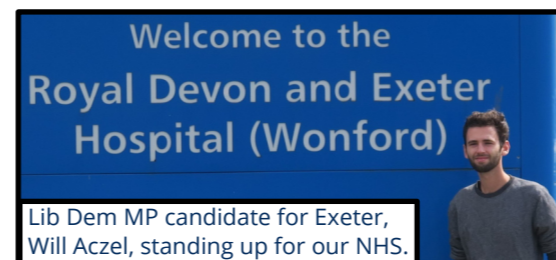
Will Aczel, Lib Dem Parliamentary candidate for Exeter, said:

"A record 1 in 7 people are on an NHS England waiting list. In 2015-16, 1,014 people had to wait over 12-hours in A&E. Now it's over 1,000 a day.

"Instead of a plan to address this crisis, the Conservatives are cutting real-terms NHS funding this year by £4.7bn. At the same time, they are giving big banks a £3.8bn tax cut. How much more out-of-touch can they get?"

"Labour fail to offer hope for real change. The Shadow Health Secretary said Labour "would hold the door wide open" for the private sector in the NHS. This would further destabilise our NHS, drain it of doctors and nurses, burden it with debt, and skim off what should be public money.

"Lib Dems demand better. We recognise the value of our NHS and want to enable people to thrive through a strong social safety net. We will invest, reform, and recruit to revitalise our NHS."



Petition: Live Sewage Map

Want to know what's going on in our rivers? Sign the petition to demand South West Water publish near real-time data on their disgusting sewage discharges: exeterlibdems.org.uk/swwm

This would improve transparency, trust, and our enjoyment of the South West's wondrous waterways.

Thames Water publish this live data. Let's put the pressure on South West Water to give us the same courtesy.



Will Aczel is demanding South West Water be transparent about our rivers.

Complete our bus survey to help get services we can rely on



Speaking with residents, local Lib Dems understand many of us find the city's bus services inadequate and unreliable.

Please fill out our survey: digitallibdems.typeform.com/exeterbussurvey

This will inform Tammy, Will, and Michael's letters to and meetings being pushed for with Stagecoach and Devon County Council.