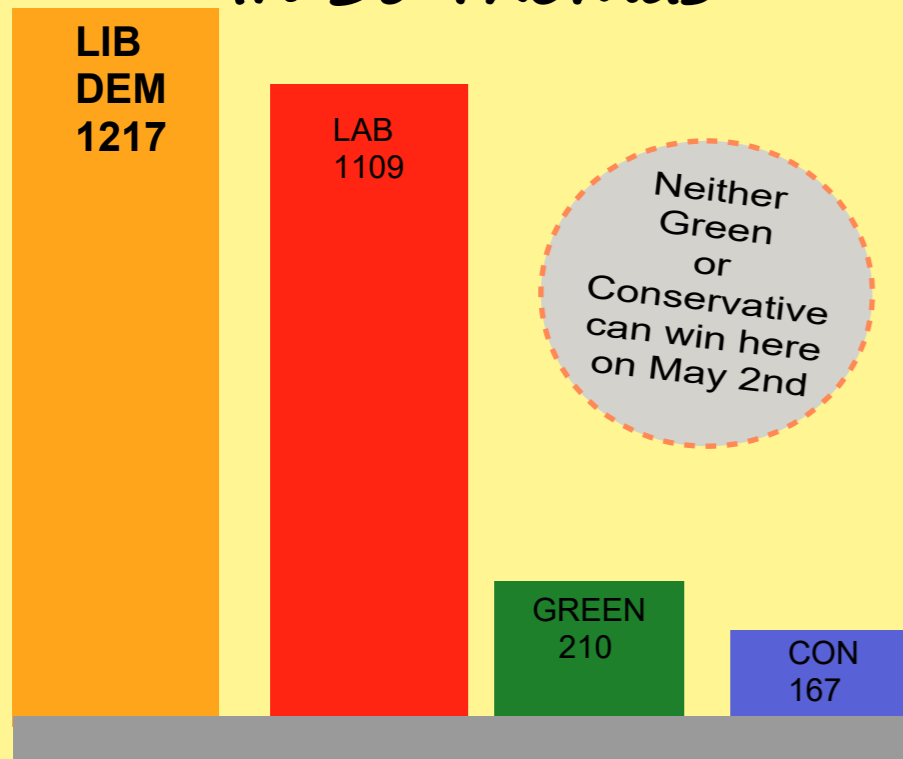


# It's a 2 horse race



## It's Lib Dem or Labour in St Thomas



Result from May 2023

Can we help?

Get in touch....

We hope we will meet you as we call around the ward on a regular basis.

If we missed you and we can help with any issue, please do get in touch using the details below:

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# St Thomas Lib Dems Speaking up for our Area



Adrian and Vanessa - Working together for St Thomas

**VANESSA is the closest challenger and the only one who can beat Labour here. Being elected to work with Adrian, would give them a stronger voice - working for you.**

St Thomas Candidate Vanessa Newcombe writes; :

*I have a long association with St Thomas, and over the past few months have enjoyed working and campaigning with Adrian. Helping and supporting him in his role of Councillor has given me a further insight to the issues and concerns of local residents.*

*If I am elected on 2nd May it will be an opportunity to work with Adrian, together we can be a stronger voice representing the community, and speaking up for St Thomas.*

Cllr Adrian Fullam writes;

*Being proactive as a Councillor is challenging and time-consuming - but I have enjoyed a lot of positive feedback about my work. It would be fantastic if Vanessa could be elected too so we can respond twice as quickly and follow-up on more ideas. I have worked with Vanessa over the years and she is highly capable and knowledgeable about St Thomas.*

*It would be a great boost to getting our Council back on track with the priorities of the St Thomas community.*

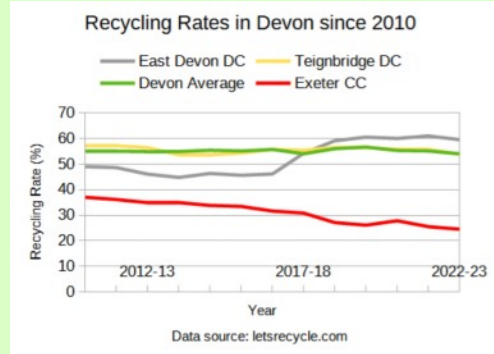
Working hard for St Thomas

Keeping in touch- All year round!

## Exeter's recycling rate continue to fall

Labour led Exeter council recycling rate has fallen further to an abysmal 24.5%. This is less than half of the average in Devon! Most parts of Exeter are still waiting for household food waste and glass recycling.

Yet, over the past decade **Exeter Labour** have wasted tens of millions of taxpayers money on vanity projects whilst **neglecting** to provide **basic services**.



**St Thomas Candidate, Vanessa Newcombe stated,** "Our compact city should have every advantage for efficient collection of recycling. However we are falling behind our neighbouring Lib Dem-led Councils.

Misplaced spending by Labour has left us with inadequate facilities to minimise our waste "

## Labour cut funds to Citizens Advice

Labour have decided to cut funding to Citizens Advice by 62.5% (£125k). A service that provides vital help and support to those who are in real need.

They are now considering moving out of the Civic Centre building which would result in further losses to council funds.



## LIB DEMS EXPECT QUICKER ACTION ON FLY TIPPING

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 issue 475 fines.

Exeter Council urgently need to discourage

**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  
-1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

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 **Vanessa Newcombe, Lib Dem City Council candidate.** "From recycling to fly-tipping, the Labour Council are letting residents down."

## Help get bus services we can rely on

Speaking with residents, local Lib Dems understand many of us find Exeter's bus services inadequate.

In response, Lib Dem Parliamentary Candidate for Exeter, Will Aczel, is writing letters to and pushing for meetings with Stagecoach and Devon County Council.

To help inform these and get services we can rely on, please share your views:  
[digitallibdems.typeform.com/exeterbussurvey](https://digitallibdems.typeform.com/exeterbussurvey)



Local Lib Dem MP Candidate, Will Aczel, campaigning for better bus services for Exeter.

# VANESSA & ADRIAN'S Priorities for St Thomas

## Value for money and responsible spending

**2015** Cllr Edwards ( Labour Leader at the time) stated:

"We are not building this facility (St. Sidwell's Pool) to subsidise it as has happened in the past with swimming pools.

We are building it to support the city centre and be a money spinner which will help us to pay for other services for residents."

**2024** Fact: Leisure service needs £2.2 million subsidy - as well as the £4 million per year costs of debt - at the expense of all other services -such as support for allotments.

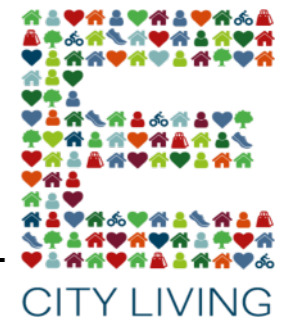


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To hold the council to account for financial waste and mismanagement of major projects.



Despite the glossy brochures, Labour's idea of a Council owned property company Exeter City Living has ended in collapse after losses of £4.5 million and with large debts owing to the Council. **Yet another Labour fiasco - it's time for a more competent Council!**



2

Press the council to reverse the cuts to the cleansing budget to ensure that St Thomas is a pleasant place to live and work.



## Sufficient funds for cleansing budget

Adrian worked with other Councillors to formally propose a costed reversal of the street cleansing cuts in the recent council budget. However it was forced down by Labour. Vanessa is keen to add her vote to the fight for this service if elected to the Council in May. Residents frequently tell us they just want the Council to keep our public areas tidy, not more fancy projects.



3

To keep residents informed so the community can have their say before decisions are made.



## Listening before deciding

Liberal Democrats believe communities should have more control over decisions affecting them.

We make a lot of effort to let residents know what is proposed so decisions can be influenced, not imposed.

Consulting and informing residents on local issues

