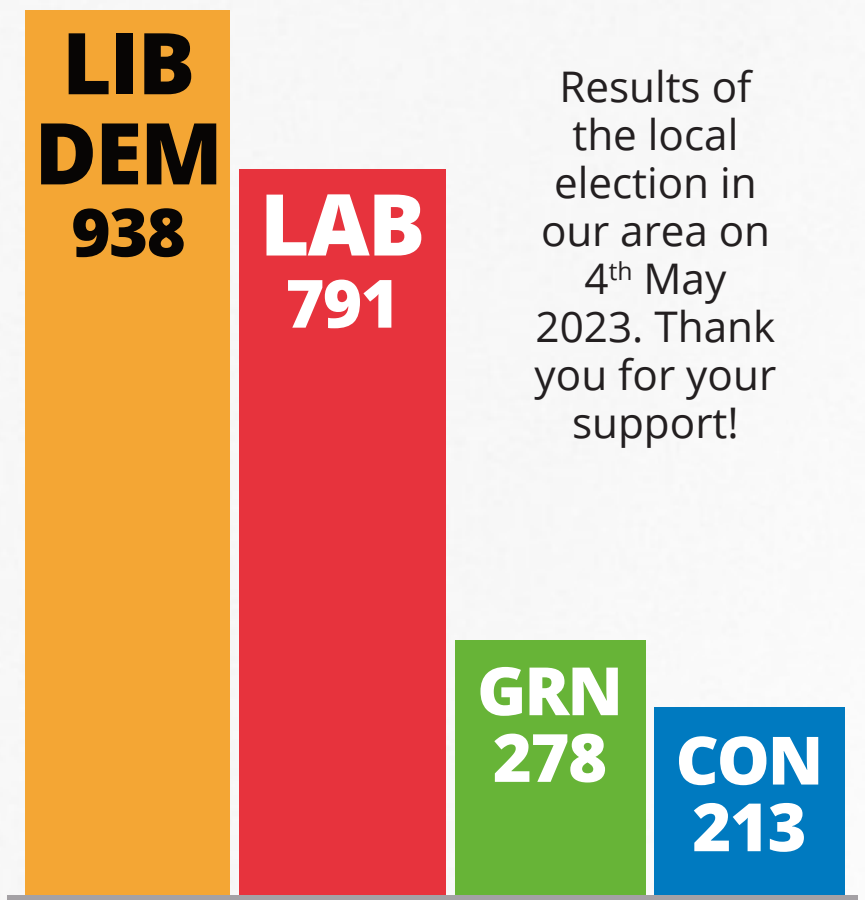




## on Duryard and St James

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# THANK YOU!



Results of the local election in our area on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Thank you for your support!

# Lib Dem Michael Mitchell has been RE-ELECTED

**938**  
Votes for  
Lib Dem  
Michael



Lib Dem Michael Mitchell has been re-elected to Exeter City Council, up 135 votes.

CLlr Michael Mitchell and the local Liberal Democrat team would like to thank local residents across Duryard and St James for their support in the recent local elections to Exeter City Council.

Michael received **938 votes**, topping the poll. He said:

“ I am keen to get back to work representing all the communities of Duryard and St James on Exeter City Council, alongside my ward colleague, Cllr Kevin Mitchell. Kevin and I will continue to work hard and keep in touch all year round, holding the Labour-run City Council to account to get the best deal for local people. ”

# THE LIB DEMS ARE BACK!

As well as Michael Mitchell re-elected for Duryard and St James, the Lib Dems made massive gains across Devon and the nation.

In St Thomas, local resident **Adrian Fullam** gained the seat for the Lib Dems from Labour.

Massive gains for the Lib Dems in Devon mean we run or run with others 5 District Councils: East Devon, Mid Devon, Teignbridge, South Hams and North Devon. Alongside this, we run a number of Town Councils; for example, Exmouth, Tiverton, Barnstaple and Dawlish.

So much for a Labour revival in Devon, their vote in Exeter flatlined and only gained 8 seats across the whole of Devon compared to the Lib Dems' 52 gains.

Combined with stunning victories in Somerset and Tiverton & Honiton last year, the Lib Dems are well and truly back in the South West!

Across England, we have built on our very good 2019 performance (when most of these seats were last up for election) with over 400 more councillors, whilst the Conservatives have lost more than 1,000.

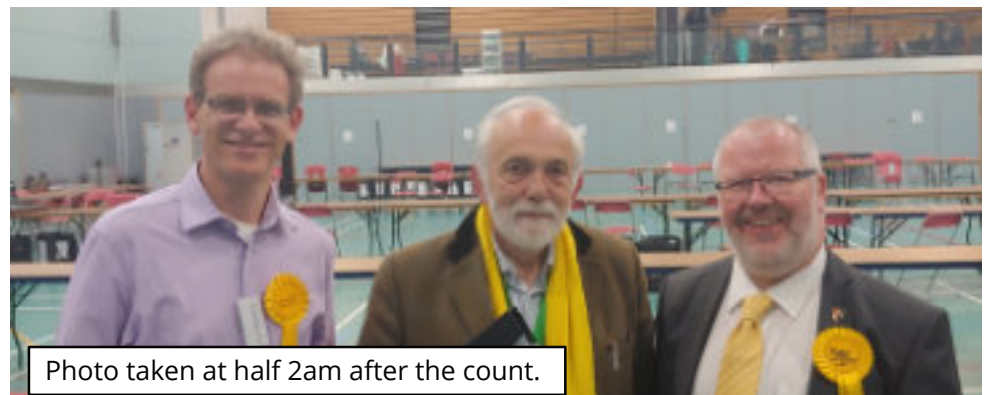


Photo taken at half 2am after the count.

## JOIN THE WINNING TEAM

Help your local Lib Dem Cllrs Michael Mitchell and Kevin Mitchell and the rest of the local Lib Dem team secure more victories and getting a fairer deal for our community, by joining the team today:

You can sign up online: [exeterlibdems.org.uk](https://exeterlibdems.org.uk)



## CORONATION CELEBRATIONS



**Ideal weather made for joyful bank holiday weekend coronation celebrations across Duryard and St James in early May.**

Street parties took place right across the ward, including in Prospect Park, Waverley Avenue and Dunvegan Close.

**Cllr Kevin Mitchell** said: "It is wonderful to see our communities come together and enjoy the time."

## LIB DEM MICHAEL ATTENDS HOOPERN VALLEY EXHIBITION



**Exeter University has been consulting on the future of much-loved Hoopern Valley, in the heart of Duryard & St James.**

Michael attended the public exhibition and spoke with many local residents, who welcomed the overall intentions of the proposals but had concerns about long-term public access.

The University will organise the next public consultation once more detailed plans drafted.

## SOLAR FARM UPDATE



**Your Ward Councillors have successfully requested that the Solar Farm Planning Application (23/0321/FUL) on a green field site adjacent to the West Garth Playing field be determined by the full Planning Committee at its 19th June meeting.**

If residents have any observations they would like to make about this application please email; [consultations@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:consultations@exeter.gov.uk)

Cllr Michael Mitchell said, 'This is the first major solar farm application in the city on a green field site so it is important issues relating to this type of development are discussed and resolved'.

## CLLR KEVIN MITCHELL BECOMES NEW LORD MAYOR

**Cllr Kevin Mitchell has been elected Exeter's new Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor is politically neutral during their term of office, represents the city, supports events and raises money for charity.**

Kevin has chosen FORCE Cancer Charity as his official charity. He will use his term as Lord Mayor to raise money and support the Exeter-based charity.

**Cllr Kevin Mitchell** said: "As a Cancer Nurse I know first-hand the amazing support that is offered by Force to individuals and their loved ones following a cancer diagnosis.

"I am really looking forward to building up their profile, whilst championing their work and raising funds for our designated project to refurbish the Oncology Outpatients Department during my Mayoral year."

**Cllr Michael Mitchell** said: "I'm sure many will join me in congratulating Kevin on this well-deserved honour. I know he will give the role his all and do a fantastic job as Lord Mayor, as he does representing Duryard and St James."



## LIB DEMS WELCOME ARTICLE 4 REVIEW AND CONSULTATION



**Lib Dems have been calling for improvements to the policy for several years.**

Streets in the Article 4 Direction require planning permission for converting regular houses into Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs). This is important to ensure balanced, thriving communities.

We are glad to see Labour agree a review of the policy. This comes after Labour heeded our calls last year for a full-time planning enforcement officer.

Until 3<sup>rd</sup> July, the City Council is consulting on how much Article 4 should be extended across Exeter. You can view the plans and respond via scanning the QR code above or visiting: [exetersays.commonplace.is](http://exetersays.commonplace.is)

Exhibitions of the consultation are taking place on:  
-7<sup>th</sup> June, 1-7pm, Exeter Guildhall, High Street, EX4 3EB  
-13<sup>th</sup> June, 1:30-7pm, Newtown Community Centre, Belmont Park, EX1 2HQ  
-20<sup>th</sup> June, 1-7pm, St James Church Hall, EX4 7AH

## Contact your local Lib Dem team...

Keep these contact details handy and get in touch with the team any time you need help.



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## PROGRESSIVE GROUP GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH



Lib Dem and Green Party councillors working closely together to hold Labour to account.

**Following May's local elections, The Progressive Group on Exeter City Council - composed of Liberal Democrat and Green Party Cllrs - has grown to 9 councillors.**

The Progressive Group was formed 4 years ago with 4 councillors - 3 of whom were newly elected. Mutual respect and cooperation has seen our group go from strength to strength.

The Progressive Group is now 9 councillors strong, whilst the Conservatives are down to 4 and Labour have 25 councillors..

The Group have pledged to work cooperatively together and bring balance and scrutiny to Exeter City Council.

Lib Dem Cllr Michael Mitchell and Green Party Cllr Diana Moore have been appointed as the Co-Leaders of the Group..

**Cllr Michael Mitchell** said: "We intend to ensure that the Labour-dominated Council proposals and actions are subject to full public scrutiny. Exeter is set to see some major changes and developments in the coming years.

A strong opposition is going to be vital to challenge and suggest improvements to these plans. The Progressive Group will provide that challenge and if needed strong opposition."