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Liberal Democrats



on Duryard and St James

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THANK YOU!

**LIB
DEM
995**

**LAB
791**

Results taken from the local election in our area on 5th May 2022. Thank you for your support!

**CON
333**

Lib Dem Kevin Mitchell has been RE-ELECTED

**995
Votes for
Lib Dem
Kevin**



Lib Dem Kevin Mitchell has been re-elected to Exeter City Council with an increased majority.

Cllr Kevin 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.

Kevin received **995 votes**, which is the most votes that a candidate has ever received in the ward since it was created.

He is excited to get back to work representing the communities of Duryard and St James on Exeter City Council, alongside his ward colleague Cllr Michael Mitchell. Kevin and Michael will continue to work hard and keep in touch all year round, and they will hold the Labour-run City Council to account to get the best deal for local people.

THE LIB DEMS ARE BACK!

As well as Kevin Mitchell being re-elected with an increased majority in Duryard and St James, the Liberal Democrats increased their vote share across Exeter.

In St Thomas, **Adrian Fullam**, the Liberal Democrat candidate and former Leader of Exeter City Council, came within 50 votes of winning the seat.

The Lib Dems also had a great night in the local elections across the UK. The Lib Dems gained 192 councillors in England, 20 councillors in Scotland and 11 councillors in Wales. The number of councils with a Lib Dem majority also rose by 3 to 16 - including the newly formed Somerset Council.

Liberal Democrat Leader **Sir Ed Davey MP** said: "I think people across our country have spoken in huge numbers. They're coming to the Liberal Democrats because they can see we offer a fair deal for their families and their communities."



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Help your local Lib Dem councillors Kevin Mitchell and Michael Mitchell and the rest of the local Lib Dems by joining the team today:

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Cllr Kevin Mitchell

A message from your local councillor



“ I would like to thank everyone in Duryard and St James for the confidence once again shown in me.

I will continue to stand up for our community and will always put you first ahead of my party label.

Together with my colleague Cllr Michael Mitchell, we are here to help so do get in touch if needed.

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CONTINUED DITHER AND DELAY ON FOOD AND GLASS RECYCLING

Labour-run Exeter City Council is continuing to delay its roll-out of kerbside food and glass recycling across the city.

Whilst Exeter's recycling rate remains the worst in the South West, Lib Dem-led councils lead the way on recycling and the top 4 councils for recycling in England are all Lib Dem-led.

Cllr Michael Mitchell said: "Labour are letting Exeter down on food and glass recycling. We will continue to hold them to account on this".

COUNCILLORS CALL FOR ACTION ON BIRD-PROOF BAGS

Local Lib Dem councillors are fighting to get bird-proof bags more readily available for local residents.

Seagulls ripping open waste bags on the pavement is a nuisance, causing rubbish to be spread across the street. This is not only irritating for local residents, but is a health hazard.

Cllr Michael Mitchell said: "We are lobbying the Labour-run City Council to provide bird-proof bags and we will keep local residents updated".

NEWS ON THE JOHNSONS SITE



Following a presentation to councillors by a developer for a 400+ bed student accommodation on the former Johnsons site on Cowley Bridge Road, Cllr Kevin Mitchell and Cllr Michael Mitchell arranged a meeting for members of the West Garth Residents' Association with the developers.

Residents raised points about the lack of local community facilities, the need for a cycle route and how there could be mixed use on the site, such as apartments for rent. It is intended that the site will be car-free, and the lack of parking on site, according to the developer, would stop a shop being built there.

Cllr Kevin Mitchell said: "It is important that progress is made at the Johnsons site, but any redevelopment there must first support our local community".

PROGRESSIVE GROUP BECOME OFFICIAL OPPOSITION ON EXETER CITY COUNCIL



Lib Dem, Green and Independent councillors are working together to hold Labour to account.

Following May's local elections, the Progressive Group - composed of Liberal Democrat, Green and Independent councillors - has now become the official opposition on Exeter City Council.

The Progressive Group gained 3 more councillors, whilst the Conservatives lost one of their councillors. This has meant that the

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



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Progressive Group is now 8 councillors strong, whilst the Conservatives now have 5 councillors. Labour are down by 3 seats.

Cllr Kevin Mitchell, Lib Dem councillor for Duryard and St James, and Cllr Diana Moore, Green councillor for St David's, have been appointed as the Co-Leaders of the Group.

Cllr Kevin Mitchell said: "I am delighted to say that the Progressive Group has become the largest opposition group on Exeter City Council. We are now able to provide even stronger opposition to the Labour-run City Council and hold them to account even more effectively. The Progressive Group shows that parties can work together, and that 'tribalist politics' does not need to be the way forward for our city."