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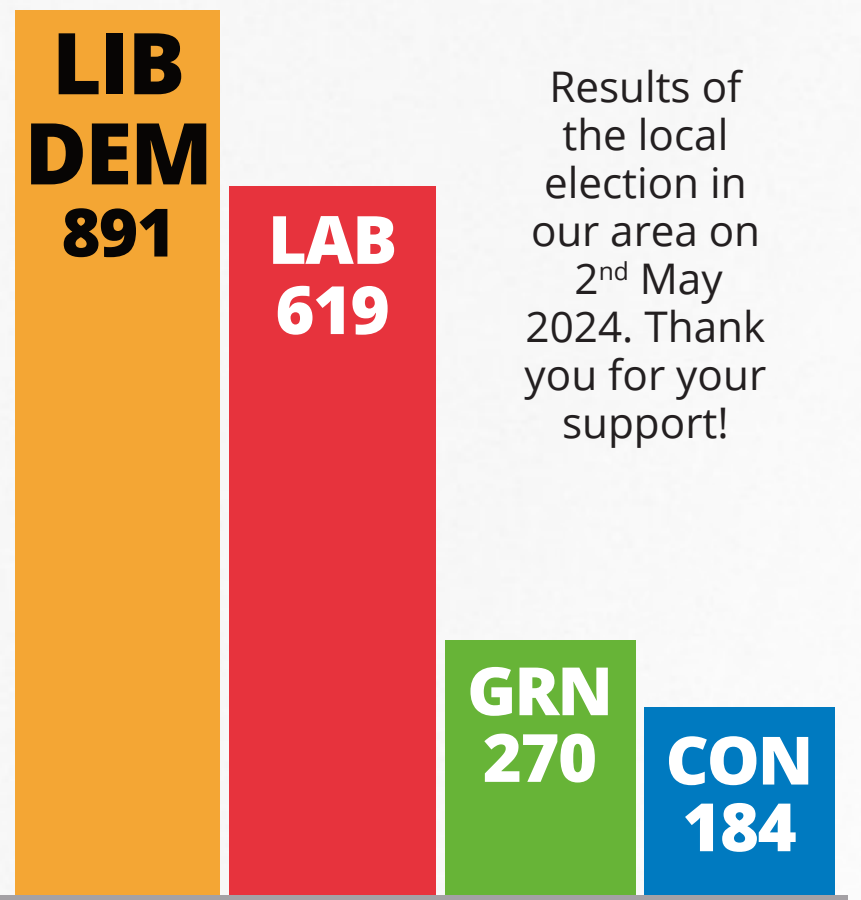
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THANK YOU!



Results of the local election in our area on 2nd May 2024. Thank you for your support!

Lib Dem Tammy Palmer ELECTED



Cllr Tammy Palmer and Will Aczel have been working hard for residents in Duryard & St James.

Cllr Tammy Palmer, Will Aczel, and the local Lib Dem team would like to thank local residents for their support in the Local and General Elections.

Duryard & St James now has three hard-working Lib Dem Cllrs. **Tammy Palmer** was elected with **891 votes**. She said:

“ I am keen to continue campaigning on ward issues in my new role as a Cllr, working alongside my ward colleagues, Kevin and Michael. We will continue together to work hard on behalf of local residents and keep in touch all year round, holding the Labour-run council to account to get the best deal for local people. ”

Our MP candidate, **Will Aczel**, received over 10% of the vote from a standing start, coming within 5% of 2nd. Will said:

“ I have very much enjoyed campaigning: finding out your concerns, pressuring those responsible for action, and pushing Labour to be more liberal, progressive, and transformative. ”

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Lib Dem
Tammy

THE LIB DEMS ARE STRONGER THAN EVER

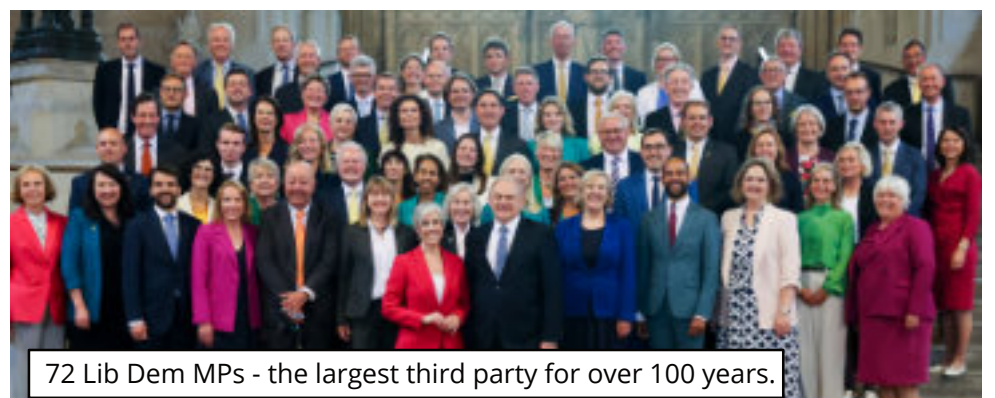
As well as Tammy being elected, there were phenomenal results for the Lib Dems, particularly across the Westcountry.

Lib Dems now represent the most constituencies in Devon (6). We also run most of Devon's district councils and are looking forward to Devon County Council elections next year.

Across the South West, we now represent 22 constituencies, which is double that of the Conservatives.

We have already been holding the new Labour government to account, pushing it for bolder action. This includes over their Winter Fuel Payment cuts, their insistence on keeping the Conservative's cruel two-child benefit cap, and fighting for funding for the return of many train stations.

The Lib Dems are community-led. We are run for and by our local communities from the ground-up. So if you're interested in helping make a difference, please do get in touch with the local team.



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JOIN THE WINNING TEAM

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

You can sign up online: exeterlibdems.org.uk

VICTORIA STREET CO-LIVING UPDATE



Whilst we await the final outcome of the planning application for co-living on this site, your ward councillors would like to hear from you about you think should be built on the site.

Please let us know as we believe there should be real community involvement when infill sites like this apply for planning permission.

LABOUR DELAY SCRUTINY ON CITY-CENTRE ASB



Your ward cllrs are concerned about the level of anti-social behaviour the public face in the City Centre area.

Cllr Michael Mitchell has spoken with many groups including the Police about the situation and put a proposal for interested groups and the public to be able to take part in a council scrutiny process.

Sadly Labour members pushed any discussion and debate on this topic back until January 2025 at the earliest.

HOWELL ROAD PBSA GETS GO AHEAD



Your ward councillors are extremely disappointed by a Planning Inspector's decision to approve a 26 bed student block on the old Maximum Motors site. This Appeal overturns the City Council's decision to refuse permission.

Cllr Tammy Palmer commented that this decision undermines the case made about 'community balance' in our our area.

Local Lib Dems pressure Stagecoach for better bus changes

Thank you to everyone who has completed our bus survey (available at: digitallibdems.typeform.com/exeterbussurvey). Through this, **Will Aczel** has written to Stagecoach and Devon County Council detailing key next steps for better services, including route-specific improvements and live times at bus stops. **Cllr Tammy Palmer** is arranging a meeting with Stagecoach to raise local residents' concerns.

Recent changes by Stagecoach see the new K bus route replace the F and P buses in serving Duryard and Pennsylvania. This smaller route should improve dire reliability. Frequency is every 1hr - better but still not good enough for Duryard and worse for Pennsylvania. Stagecoach have said the more the route is used the more frequent buses will become. This seems unfair considering the P bus' unreliability.

Speaking with residents on their doorsteps and through the survey, we also understand there is clear demand for later bus services and a Sunday service.

We will continue to push for regular meetings with Stagecoach to raise local residents' concerns and ask them to review changes in consultation with bus users.



Labour's new car park plans questioned



The old bus station site could serve so many much needed temporary purposes - including hosting a market or performance venue.

But Labour are taking steps to make it a car park, despite the impending climate crisis and 6 others within 500m that have more than enough spare capacity.

The news comes as Exeter City Council sets out plans to hike already high parking charges across the city.

Car parks are one of ECC's few revenue raising powers. Make no mistake, this is a desperate cash grab attempt by Labour following their wasted millions and the new Labour government's refusal to fix funding for councils.

This is not only unimaginative: this is Labour yet again putting their financial woes ahead of the needs of our city.

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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Labour set to let pensioners go cold this Winter



Liberal Democrat Cllr Michael Mitchell has proposed a motion to Exeter City Council to address pensioner fuel poverty.

This follows the recent decision by the Labour Government to end universal winter fuel payments and restrict eligibility.

Cllr Michael Mitchell said: "It is important to protect older people, who are particularly vulnerable to the cold.

"18,144 Exeter pensioners are set to lose out

under the new rules, on incomes from just £11,500 - well below the level of the 'living wage'.

"The new Labour government intends to tie Winter Fuel Payments to Pension Credit. But over a third of eligible pensioners don't claim this and it risks cliff-edge support.

"In light of the Energy Price Cap rising by 10% as well, we are campaigning to raise the eligibility level to take pensioners out of fuel poverty."

Sign the petition to make your voice heard: libdems.org.uk/winter.

WREFORDS LANE UPDATE

Tammy and Michael have worked with Cllr Prowse to get a traffic survey done. The evidence gathered supports our claim concerning the speed of traffic on this road. This helps build our campaign to ensure measures are put in place to improve safety.

