

CHICHESTER

TODAY

Fighting wrong development

Saying NO to speculative proposals, inadequate infrastructure and unaffordable houses for local people

Protecting our area

Safeguarding our local rivers, harbour and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Standing up for our NHS

Fighting for local health services and to end the GP & Dentist shortage



JESS BROWN-FULLER

The local woman tipped to be Chichester's next MP



JESS Brown-Fuller

TELLS US WHY SHE'S STANDING
TO BE THE NEXT MP FOR
CHICHESTER

We are sitting down with Jess in her cosy family home to find out why she wants to be the next MP for the newly re-defined* Chichester constituency.

**Now includes Bersted and Pagham.*

As a graduate of Chichester University, she's lived in the area since the 90's, and is now just round the corner from her Mum.

"I just love living here" she says. "I'm raising my children here. I feel really connected to the place and the people here. My Dad is buried here too, so it has extra special meaning for me".

"I just want to make a difference," she says.

"Whether that's campaigning against the Conservative Government who are allowing sewage to be dumped in our rivers and harbour, standing up for communities opposed to wrong development, or helping a local family struggling with the cost of living".

Improving access to the NHS is a big driver for Jess; who unfortunately lost her father to cancer when he was unable to access

"I've lived here since the 90's. I'm a graduate of Chichester University."

diagnostic and treatment services during the pandemic. "it was really tough trying to care for my



Dad during Covid - but I saw at first hand the dedication and determination of the wonderful staff in the NHS.

"And now, when I'm talking to people across our area, the

"I really want to make a positive difference"

message is always the same: it feels like the country just isn't working and that protests and pleas just fall on deaf ears with this Conservative government.

I have a Cabinet position on the District Council - but

I can see that so much of what impacts us locally actually gets decided at Westminster. So if I really want to make a positive difference to the people of Chichester, I can see that I need to be at Westminster, standing up and speaking out for them there"

"People tell me they want a hard-working, visible and compassionate local MP who really knows and understands our area. I can promise that's exactly what I'd be."

With support for Jess

JESS: a real champion for our community

Jess Brown-Fuller will be a breath of fresh air if elected as Chichester's MP. She has her feet firmly in her local community and is well-known as a champion for local residents and businesses alike.

In the pandemic, Jess set up an innovative volunteer organisation to support local residents. It was immediately copied across the country to great effect. Jess's trailblazing leadership, fast action and compassion was recently recognised at Buckingham Palace. Wow!

As the new Chair of Madhurst; Jess completely overhauled this creative festival to make it the massive success it is today. Its now more accessible to more people, but also brings huge economic benefit to local traders and small companies.

growing by the day, the odds are looking good for her to pull off a fantastic result at the next General Election (widely expected in 2024). If she does, Chichester will have got itself a first class local MP.

‘Our NHS is on life-support’

There is no issue closer to the hearts of local residents than our NHS. But years of Conservative underinvestment, record waiting lists and GP and dentist shortages have left people in the Chichester area deeply concerned for the future.

Local campaigner Jess Brown-Fuller has made fixing our local NHS her top priority.

“Nothing matters more to me, and the people I speak to every day, than our

“It is a matter of life and death for people across the Chichester area.

NHS,” Jess says.

“You can’t help but be in awe of the heroes that kept our NHS going through the pandemic,” Jess says. “In the face of great personal risk, they worked every hour possible to help the country in our hour of need.



Jess Brown-Fuller’s top priority is standing up for our NHS. She will help local residents to get the urgent help they need.

“But after the pandemic was over, the extent of our NHS crisis was laid bare. Getting a dentist appointment is nigh on impossible. People are waiting weeks for a simple GP referral, ambulances can take hours to arrive, mental health appointments and routine operations have been delayed for months - and now we have record waiting lists that will take years to clear.



Our local paramedics, nurses and doctors are leaving the profession every week, due to the unrelenting pressure; made worse by the Government’s refusal to pay a decent wage to these highly trained and dedicated medical staff. “Sadly, years of underinvestment in the

“Nothing is more important to me than improving our NHS.

NHS have led us to this point.”

As your MP, you’ll see me fight for my community, not for those in Westminster. You’ll see me fighting for our local NHS, not for my political career. Like you - I want the NHS to be the best it can be, for everyone in our local community and for our amazing nurses and doctors.



Our column on the very best of Chichester. In this issue, we hear from **Jess Brown-Fuller** on her favourite things in our area.

My favourite... place for a walk:

I love heading up with the family to the top of The Trundle, just near Goodwood - for the best views of the city and the coast on a clear day!

My favourite... part of living here:

I love having access to world class theatre on our doorstep with Chichester Festival Theatre, as well as being such a short distance from our beautiful coastline.

My favourite... pub:

The Nag’s Head on Saint Pancras in Chichester city centre has been a family favourite since we moved to the area in the 90s



WRONG DEVELOPMENT

People across the Chichester area are anxious about the deluge of inappropriate property development proposals



Development site at Earnley. Photo: copyright (C) 2023 Seaward Properties

Jess is appalled to see flood-plain arable farmland along our beautiful coastline being covered in "luxury" houses

Standing up for local communities

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful area of the country - and it's understandable that Chichester is a popular place to move to. BUT - because we have the National Park, the built-up City and the AONB; the Chichester area has to squeeze its *Government imposed* targets for new houses in the area into just 1/4 of the land. This is putting untenable pressure on the remaining areas - many of which have crop-growing farmland, sit on the flood plain and have only small country roads. Without exception their schools, GP surgeries and community services cannot absorb more people without significant infrastructure investment - which as we have seen, just does not come.

In January, the Government promised that new powers would soon be granted to local councils to enable them to fight

inappropriate development schemes - but despite *many* "announcements", these powers have failed to materialise.

The country (and Chichester) needs more houses for our young people, key workers, families and older people - BUT the houses that make developers their profits aren't what local people need, can afford or qualify as badly needed social housing. That's why I'm advocating a complete overhaul of the country's Housing policy.

"We need a local MP who supports their community in opposing inappropriate development proposals"



Protecting our local environment

Jess Brown-Fuller shares your anger and disgust over sewage discharges, river and harbour pollution. She's fighting for change.

Chichester is fortunate to have the beautiful Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on its doorstep, plus the gorgeous River Lavant running right to the harbour. But Gillian Keegan - our current Conservative MP - voted against measures to hold the water companies to account - effectively green-lighting Southern Water to go on dumping raw sewage into the Harbour and the Lavant.

Like many in our community, Jess Brown-Fuller takes this prioritisation of private company profit over protecting our local environment personally.

Our wonderful coastal

DID YOU KNOW? Conservative MP, Gillian Keegan, voted NOT to hold Southern Water to account



Jess is the local champion our area needs to call Southern Water and the complacent Conservatives to account.

communities are a great draw for locals and tourists alike - and Jess loves to take her young family to the beach too. "We have a responsibility to protect these unique habitats from pollution," she said. "It breaks my heart that the Conservatives gave the water companies a green light to dump sewage in our harbour and rivers."

Government just isn't

listening and doesn't seem to care about the damage that is being done. A Government minister recently described this appalling situation as "just a bit of poo".

Jess says: "If I'm the next MP for Chichester, I vow to be our greenest-ever MP. I'll stand up for our area and always protect our environment."

CHICHESTER RE-GENERATION

Chichester residents want to see their beautiful city restored to its former glory

Proud to promote Chichester



We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful, culturally, and historically important city - but our city centre feels like a shadow of its former self.

Jess Brown-Fuller tells us why she thinks there is huge opportunity for Chichester to respond to evidently changing lifestyles, the way we shop (and what for), the way we work and how we spend our leisure time.

“I really believe that Chichester has so many advantages over other cities: Its an historic city, already has pedestrianised streets, with a world class theatre and arts community. It’s a stone’s throw from a national park, has a fabulous coastline, and the famous Goodwood. And home of the only university in West Sussex - what’s not to like?!”

“These fabulous assets are a marvellous springboard to

regenerate and rejuvenate Chichester.

If I’m the next MP for Chichester, I will be pushing for my vision of a vibrant city that is a destination choice for tourists, new start-ups and companies moving to West Sussex, a preferred living and working location for young people and families - and a renowned centre for independent retailers who can capitalise on Chichester’s unique appeal to visitors.

“Chichester has so many advantages to exploit!”

“My mantra on City regeneration:

If its good for Chichester- then it’s good for me!”



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The race to be our next MP is neck and neck.

Our next MP will be **Liberal Democrat JESS Brown-Fuller** or **Conservative Gillian Keegan**. No one else can win here.



This is our chance to get an MP who will genuinely care about & fight for Chichester

If you’d like to know more about Jessica’s campaign OR would like to donate, OR provide volunteer support

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