

Chichester ADVOCATE



**NHS CRISIS OF
BROKEN PROMISES**

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Lib Dem JESS calls for an end to Tory neglect

**INSIDE: IT'S
TOO MUCH!!**

SEWAGE SCANDAL IT STINKS!

- **Dumping raw sewage is environmental vandalism**
- **Lib Dem JESS Brown-Fuller demands real action**

Raw sewage continues to be dumped into Chichester's rivers and harbours, and it is leeching onto our beaches and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. "That's environmental vandalism" says Jess Brown-Fuller.

Chichester's Conservative MP Gillian Keegan, and her Tory government colleagues have consistently voted against measures to hold Southern Water accountable for their environmental vandalism. The Tories now claim to be supporting measures to curb illegal sewage dumping - but in practice these measures are entirely toothless as "illegal" applies in only very rare circumstances.

MOST SOUTHERN WATER SEWAGE DUMPS ARE DEEMED LEGAL BY THE TORIES

As a result, nothing changes and this environmental vandalism of our beautiful area continues. This Conservative government is letting

Southern Water get away with it, while paying lip-service to the concerns and outrage of residents. After profits of £56bn have been taken out of the water industry, the Tories now propose to add £156 to every household's water bill - to fund the sewerage infrastructure improvements we were promised 20 years ago when the water companies were privatised.

TORIES WANT WATER BILLS TO RISE BY £156 - TO PAY FOR FIXES THEY PROMISED

In response, Lib Dem parliamentary candidate for Chichester Jess Brown-Fuller is calling for a responsible, but radical approach to stopping the practices of sewage dumping and profiteering by the water companies. Jess is calling for a "Sewage Tax" on water companies' profits, a ban on their executives' bonuses - and to turn Southern Water into a public benefit company. Each of these calls is resisted by Gillian Keegan and her Tories.



Chichester's rivers, beaches and harbours are NOT A TOILET but the Tories allow Southern Water to dump raw sewage.

ADVOCATE COMMENT

Everywhere you look, things are either breaking or broken.

Our NHS is on the brink. Southern Water continues to pump raw sewage into our rivers, harbours and beaches, enabled by the government. Our roads and pavements are falling apart. Over and over and over, the Conservatives are letting us all down.

IT FEELS LIKE "BROKEN BRITAIN" HAS ARRIVED IN CHICHESTER

Our wonderful community is stepping up, as ever, to support those struggling the most, from our hard-working doctors and nurses to our amazing local charities. But our area and our country just cannot take another five years of this Government.

We need to say YES to CHANGE. We need a fresh approach to help get things back on track. We need a vocal and passionate local champion to stand up for our constituency.

Liberal Democrat Jess Brown-Fuller – who has lived in the area since she was 9 years old, went to Chichester University and is bringing her children up here – is that **local champion**. Jess is taking the fight to Southern Water, the Tory government, and the Tory-led County Council. It's time to:

PUT CHICHESTER FIRST,
say **YES to CHANGE** and
say **YES to JESS**

Meet Jess

SURGERY DATES

Jess holds advice surgeries that are open to residents from anywhere in the constituency.

**1st Friday of the month:
mornings 10am-12noon**

Richard Cobden House, 1 Lion Street,
Chichester, PO19 1LW

HOW TO BOOK A SLOT?

Please e-mail me at:

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Let me know:

Your name, your ward
and the issue you'd
like my help with



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waiting times*

HOW MUCH CAN OUR N



Jess Brown-Fuller is campaigning for fully staffed and equipped facilities.

Local residents are paying the price for this Conservative Government's underfunding of the NHS. It has been going on since they took power nearly 14 years ago. As a result, is it any wonder that performance measures are at record lows?

There are now a record 7.7million people on waiting lists across England. Nearly 40% of patients spend longer than four hours in A&E (the target is 5%). Hospital wards are at capacity and ambulance waiting times are at an all-time high. Waiting lists for diagnostic tests in the University Hospitals Sussex Trust (which includes St. Richards in Chichester) reached record levels this summer. 28% of those on the waiting list for diagnostic tests, like MRI and CT scans, had waited more than 6 weeks. The target is 1%. On closer inspection, it's no wonder that people have to

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Liberal Democrats are working on a complete overhaul

Research conducted in Chichester constituency has revealed that there are almost as many people who feel that there is a lack of housing as there are people saying that there is too much over development in the area. So, no-one is happy! That's not really surprising given that the Tories' national housing policy needs a serious overhaul. From Southbourne in the west, all along the south coast to Bersted in the east, and north to Lavant, nearly every ward community complains about the wrong kind of houses, being built in the wrong places, sold at the wrong price; making them

unaffordable to the many local people who would like to stay living in the area they grew up. And of course, there is an evident lack of infrastructure to support all these new houses and residents. From inadequate roads and sewerage provision to pressure on local schools, GP and dentist surgeries – our community services are struggling to extend the usual warm Chichester welcome to new residents.

Back in December 2022, Michael Gove, Conservative Secy of State for Levelling Up, promised local councils like Chichester the power to stop inappropriate developments –

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**Agonising waits
for vital tests**



**Ambulance
delays**

H MORE NHS TAKE?

wait so long – because we have only 10 scanners per 1 million people, fewer than any other EU country. **Jess** said: “It’s bad enough being told you need to have a diagnostic test – but being made to wait this long is just cruel. By failing to invest in NHS equipment, the Tories are fuelling this cruelty.”

We should never forget that the medical staff who work in our hospitals, clinics and surgeries put their lives on the line during the pandemic. Now they are over-worked, under-paid and short-staffed – but this Government is refusing to negotiate on pay. So even more qualified staff are leaving the NHS, or their profession or going overseas. As our population ages we need more staff, not less. The Liberal Democrats are campaigning for full staffing levels to be urgently restored across the NHS.

The No.1 reason a child is admitted to A&E is tooth decay. An astonishing 133,376 West Sussex children have not seen a dentist in a year. More than 796,000 adults have not seen a dentist in 2 years. The Liberal Democrats are calling for an emergency rescue plan for NHS dentistry and the removal of VAT on children’s toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Jess comments: “Sadly, I’m hearing of more and more cases of DIY dentistry and of adults feeling they have no choice but to go private. That’s not an NHS the Liberal Democrats find acceptable”.

Enough is enough
Please support **Jess’s** pledge
for **A FAIR DEAL**
for our NHS

www.tinyurl.com/YESToJESS-NHS



Cost of living is just too HIGH!



The cost of living is out of control – everyone has higher bills to pay and Christmas is an extra strain.

Mortgage and rent payments have risen astronomically. The price of fuel and food keeps hitting record highs. In 2023 food banks had to provide 2,113 emergency food parcels for local children. Gas and electricity bills are a big worry, especially as temperatures drop. . But wages and salaries are not keeping up with the cost of living – driving workers to strike, in a desperate attempt to keep a warm roof over their families’ heads and enough food on the table. This Tory government’s solution is to hope that inflation will come down. **Jess** supports Lib Dem proactive policies of a windfall tax on energy supplier mega-profits and on the banks’ profits, to be used to support the most vulnerable in our society.

CHICHESTER PENSIONERS DENIED £550 BY THE TORIES SINCE 2022

Money is set to get even tighter for our pensioners, who already receive less than the European average pension. This Tory government is reportedly set to break the Triple Lock again in 2024. This would mean that every pensioner in Chichester constituency will have been denied £550 since 2022 by Rishi Sunak. **Jess** says: “I’m proud to confirm that the Liberal Democrats were the architects of the Triple Lock, and we are the only major party to commit to keeping the Triple Lock ahead of the next General Election. It’s right that Chichester’s pensioners should be rewarded for their decades of contribution to society. Pensioners should not be forced to suffer this Tory government turning their back on them once again, right in the midst of a cost of living crisis”.

VELOPMENT!

of broken housing policies

but almost a year on these are yet to materialise. These powers could provide a vital defence against developers exploiting the absence of a Local Plan (caused by the former Tory-led District Council not getting on top of issues quickly enough, failing to liaise adequately with statutory consultees and letting key evidence go out of date).

The Liberal Democrats are working to: fast-track the Local Plan, get Michael Gove to bring in the blocking powers he promised, and overhaul national planning policy that currently forces Chichester to build 100% of its housing target on 25% of its land mass.



Lib Dem: **Jess Brown-Fuller** wants the right houses, at the right price for the right people of Chichester constituency

Labour know they can't win in Chichester!

IT'S OFFICIAL!

"Gillian Keegan is in trouble. I think Chichester will go Lib Dem at the next election"



Labour's Shadow Foreign Secretary **David Lammy MP**

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NON-PRIORITY PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE SELECTION PROCESS

SEATS OPEN FOR SELECTION

- ALDRIDGE - BROWNHILLS
- ARUNDEL AND SOUTH DOWNS
- BASILDON AND BILLERICAY
- BEACONSFIELD
- BEXHILL AND BATTLE
- BOGNOR REGIS AND LITTLEHAMPTON
- BRAINTREE
- BRENTWOOD AND ONGAR
- BRIDGWATER
- BRIGG AND IMMINGHAM
- BROMSGROVE
- CASTLE POINT
- CENTRAL SUFFOLK AND NORTH IPSWICH
- CATTESLOE AND AYLESFORD
- CHELLENHAM
- CHICHESTER
- CHIPPENHAM
- CHRISTCHURCH
- CLACTON
- DORKING AND HORLEY
- DROITWICH AND EVESHAM
- FARNHAM AND BORDON
- FAVERSHAM AND KENT
- GODALMING
- GUILDFORD
- HATHAM
- AYLESFORD
- CHELLENHAM
- CHICHESTER
- CHIPPENHAM
- CHRISTCHURCH
- MID NORFOLK
- NORTH NORFOLK
- ROYDON
- SOUTH NORFOLK
- WIMBORNE
- WIMBORNE

LABOUR have listed CHICHESTER as "NON-PRIORITY" for the next General Election. They know they cannot win here.

It's **JESS** Brown-Fuller's **LIB DEMS** or **Gillian Keegan's CONSERVATIVES** **HERE**



LIB DEM 45%

CON 27%

LAB 8%

2023 local election results for all the wards* contained within the (new) Chichester constituency boundary

..LABOUR CAN'T WIN IN CHICHESTER

YES to JESS YES to CHANGE

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Get in touch, fill out the box (below) with how we can help and return this slip to:

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How can you help me to help YOU?

Could YOU spare 1 hour a month to help Jess's campaign to become the next MP for Chichester?

That's all it takes to deliver some leaflets locally!

Please complete this form and send it to us by freepost, post or you can sign up online at: www.chichesterlibdems.co.uk, or e-mail us at: info@chichesterlibdems.org.uk

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