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Your Lib Dem team for North Somerset



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CENTRAL



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COAST



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REDCLIFFE BAY



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WEST



Nick Doddrell
SOUTH & N WESTON

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OUR VISION FOR PORTISHEAD

- All Portishead children to be able to go to Portishead schools.
- Reliable and affordable transport links including the railway line.
- A skatepark at the Lake Grounds.
- Well-controlled parking throughout the town.
- More affordable housing.
- Protection and support for vulnerable people despite the cuts.
- A thriving High Street with improved Post Office facilities.
- Promotion and support of voluntary organisations.

Vote **Liberal Democrat** for North Somerset Council on May 5th

For further information about the Liberal Democrat vision for North Somerset visit www.nsomersetlibdems.org.uk.



Jean Lord

East Ward

Jean has lived in Portishead for 45 years and was first elected to the town council eight years ago. She was an early member of the Railway Group and played an active role in getting it to be the well-respected lobbying organisation it is today. Jean sits as a magistrate in Weston-super-Mare. She believes that all young people should have the right opportunities to become independent adults. Jean has a strong record of commitment as a councillor. She has been Council Chairman and Chairman of the Planning Committee. Currently she chairs the Hall Management committee and is a key member of the Communications Working Party and Finance Committee. She says "I approach all voluntary work with a professional attitude. I would relish the opportunity to be a strong advocate for Portishead on North Somerset Council."

South and North Weston Ward



**Nick
Doddrell**

I was born in Clevedon and grew up in Nailsea. I know North Somerset. I moved to Portishead about eight years ago and after many years in the wholesale grocery business now have a part-time job in a local stationers. I have a strong sense of the history of this area and the massive changes that have taken place. I am a founder member and treasurer of the Bristol Cruising Club and a volunteer at the Curzon Cinema in Clevedon. My wife's time as a Bristol City councillor has given me an insight into local authority working.



**Jim
Christopherson**

The best move my wife and I ever made was to come to Portishead four years ago. I am a member of Rotary, successfully finding ways of helping four schools in Portishead. I am also a Trustee of Portishead Youth Centre and belong to the local church. I have been a Liberal Democrat for many years, but have now become an active member. I believe it is very important to have a vibrant Town Council that measures success by the quality of life rather than merely by how low it can keep the council tax.

Coast Ward



**Evelyn
Elworthy**

Since moving to Portishead almost eight years ago I have seen its rapid growth and continue to be concerned about the increasing need for a second Post Office and a rail link to Bristol. I was a Bristol City councillor for six years serving on a variety of committees and as a member of the Adoption Panel. I'm used to dealing with residents' problems and know that persistence is needed. Here in Portishead it took me nearly a year to get a rubbish bin re-instated at the bottom of Combe Road.



Clive Hall

For 30 years my wife, Gina, and I have lived in North Somerset, firstly in Clevedon and now for the last 14 years in Portishead. I trained as a chartered surveyor. Now my work as a financial adviser brings me into contact with many different people. I played rugby with Yatton RFC for over 20 years. Increasingly our lives are about choices and I believe that living one's life should not always be about Me and what I want. Do you agree? If so you KNOW that it's only the Lib Dems who can truly change society.

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Building for the future!

Councillors elected now will stand until 2015. During the next four years, many changes are planned for local government.

Vote LIBDEM to ensure that the needs of Portishead are given a high priority as we face these challenges.

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PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL

Redcliffe Bay Ward



Colin Howells

Colin has had family links with Redcliffe Bay for more than 60 years. His wife Elizabeth was born here. His children went to Gordano. His wife and daughter, Lindsay, are leaders with the Girl Guides and Brownies. His autistic son Christopher attends the Scotch Horn Centre. Colin is a magistrate on the Bristol bench and worked in the chemical industry. He has been a local school governor and as Vice-chairman of the Portishead Railway Group, he campaigns for the return of the Portishead to Bristol railway link. He has been a Town councillor since June 2006 and believes strongly in promoting and supporting local voluntary organisations.



Emma Mears

Emma has lived in Portishead for 17 years. Her three daughters have all been educated locally. She previously worked as a Regional Fund-raising Coordinator for a National Cancer charity and is a partner with her husband in a Bristol-based business. Emma has worked with a wide range of Charity and Community Groups finding them volunteers through Government-funded back-to-work schemes. Emma enjoys swimming and running. She is concerned that the growth of Portishead has meant that the road system is stretched to its limit. Any accident and things grind to a halt. She feels strongly that we should have local school places for local children.



Sue Mason

West Ward

Sue, who has lived in Portishead for 34 years, is a member of Portishead Railway Group, Redcliffe Bay Methodist Church and a Trustee of the Bristol Trust for the Deaf. Sue has been a Town councillor since 2001, is a past Chairman of the Council and currently on the Planning Committee, Halls Working Party and Chairman of the Communications Working Party. Sue has been a Governor at High Down Infants for many years and has been involved in the changes to the school. She is on the Travel Plan committee and is pushing for a 20mph limit near the school at either end of the school day. Sue is a hard-working councillor who wants to continue to serve the residents of West Ward.



John H Clark

Central Ward

We have lived in Portishead since 1975. My career has included the merchant navy, a newsagent, engineering and the Civil Service. I was elected as a Town councillor for Central Ward from 1997-2007 and was also the Central Ward District councillor from 1999-2007. I stood elsewhere in 2007. On North Somerset I chaired four major committees. My chief interest is in Planning, fighting hard to deal with the harm arising from earlier bad decisions. My successes include getting a major refit at Parish Wharf Leisure Centre, a zebra crossing outside Portishead Primary School and the building of the new Health Centre. I was a governor at Portishead Primary School. I chair the Portishead PACT meetings and have been fighting to keep the Police Station open.

Vote **Liberal Democrat** for Portishead Town Council because –

- ✓ Lib Dems believe that local taxes should be used to improve local facilities
- ✓ Lib Dems have actively supported re-opening the railway since 1996
- ✓ Lib Dems support play facilities for all children at the Lake Grounds
- ✓ Lib Dems have consistently supported the redevelopment of the Youth Club
- ✓ Lib Dems will work to make the town safe for all pedestrians and cyclists

North Ward Town Council



Ben Hughes

I grew up in Portishead and am proud of the great community we have here. Going to High Down school then Gordano, and having been a member of the local Scout Group has given me lifelong friends in the community. I enjoy getting involved and supporting local events such as the Portishead Fun Run and the Lake Grounds Raft Race. At Manchester University I gained a Degree in History and a Masters in International Relations. I then went on to volunteer with Oxfam doing an internship in their campaigns department. I am just about to start a graduate management-training scheme. I am passionate about Portishead and our community and that is why I am standing for the Town Council.

Where is North Ward?

As part of the development of the Village Quarter many houses were built in Portbury Parish. From April 1st 2011, following a Parish Boundary Review, these houses are now within the Portishead Town boundary. The District Ward Boundary Review is yet to take effect, so North Ward is still within the Gordano Ward for District elections, and not included within Portishead East.

Q: Are you on the Register?

- Register by Midnight Thursday 14th April

Q: Want a Postal Vote?

- Applications in by 5pm 14th April

Q: Any other questions?

- Telephone 01934 634909 or email electoral.services@n-somerset.gov.uk

Vote Liberal Democrat for North Somerset Council on May 5th

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1. HARDER-WORKING MPs

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2. A STRONGER LINK

AV preserves the vital constituency link and makes it stronger – by forcing MPs to reach out to a majority of voters.

3. AN HONEST VOTE

No need to vote for a candidate you don't really believe in to stop another one winning. You can vote for your favourite

party in the knowledge you can still help decide the winner.

4. SHUTTING DOWN EXTREMISM

The BNP is campaigning for a NO vote. AV means extremists have no future.

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