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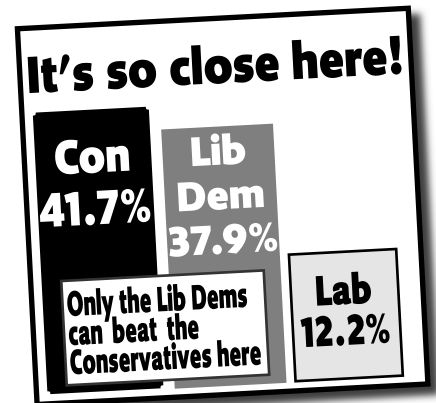


on South Hams

Time for a change - Our Manifesto

South Hams Liberal Democrats will:

- Support more affordable housing to rent/buy for local people, particularly first time buyers.
- Support community led housing initiatives like self build and co-housing.
- Campaign for a council tax increase of 200% or local impact tax for second homeowners.
- Promote an affordable warmth policy to ensure that affordable housing is affordable to live in.
- Support more integrated workplace and home development, especially in rural areas, cutting down on travel to work.
- Support community regeneration in both market towns and rural areas
- Tackle the crisis in agriculture by supporting local farmers through farm diversification schemes, community-supported agriculture, farmers markets, and local food production.
- Tackle rural deprivation by improving access to services with better rural transport links and more rural outreach.
- Campaign for a national flat rate for water bills.
- Support sustainable local economies where the money stays local.
- Campaign to localise business rates: establishing a statutory link between council tax and local business rates to ensure that the tax burden doesn't fall unfairly on local businesses.
- Redirect company car tax into public funds for public transport.
- Co-ordinate local bus and rail services to create a more integrated public transport system.
- Encourage shop mobility schemes for the disabled and elderly.
- Listen to young people and give them a meaningful voice through youth councils, forums and projects run and managed by them.
- Protect our historic environment by maintaining buildings at risk
- Encourage the economic benefits of cultural tourism
- Campaign against insensitive siting of mobile phone masts next to residential areas, until such time as they are proved to be safe.
- Apply local solutions to local problems: campaign for more opportunities for local people to take a meaningful part in decision making.



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The Liberal Democrats lead the way on environmental issues. In order to make South Hams a greener place to live, we would:

- Put climate change, renewable energy and energy efficiency at the heart of policy making, especially new housing development
- Support more fuel efficient cars, and encourage the reduction of carbon emissions.
- Support community buses, voluntary car schemes and car sharing
- Support more localised collection of recyclable materials and community composting schemes
- Encourage repair and reuse and local enterprises, which minimise waste.
- Encourage the setting up of more recycling centres across the district.
- Develop a scheme for recycling business waste including agricultural waste.
- Protect open spaces and green corridors from over development

Eight Years Of The Tories

Council
Tax **Up**

+40%

Street
Cleaning
Down

-20%

£100,000's
wasted on
unwanted call
centre and
botched leisure
centre transfer

-£

+97%

£1,000,000's
transferred from
reserves to
pension funds

Car Parking Charges
Up, Including All-night
Charges

-£

The Tories also voted **against** a second home impact tax and rate relief for local businesses

Can We Help You?

Please use the space below to let us know of any issues you'd like the Liberal Democrats to take up, or contact us by phone on (01803) 866013

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Can You Help Us?

YES! I would like to:

- Display a garden/window poster at election time.
- Join the Liberal Democrats.
- Deliver some leaflets on my street.
- Give a donation (*cheques payable to 'Liberal Democrats'. A donation of £9 or more entitles you to membership of the Liberal Democrats. Tick here if you do not want to become a member*).
- Tick here if you would like more information on the Lib Dems.



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