

FOCUS

On Budleigh Salterton, Colaton Raleigh, East Budleigh, Otterton, and Yettington



The tide turns towards fairer greener and more caring politics

The Liberal Democrats and other like minded councillors have worked collaboratively at East Devon District Council introducing a much improved administration with honesty, openness and transparency

In May 2020 a group of your elected councillors became concerned with the way the then administration was acting. The Democratic Alliance was formed, pledging to work together on behalf of East Devon residents.

The new administration dramatically changed how the council is run. Introducing more transparent decision making, involving local residents in the choices that affect them. Gone are the private closed meetings. Now you can view council meetings on YouTube, and all minutes are available on the website.

We have refocused council activities to emphasise the environment; protecting our natural heritage, increasing biodiversity, and reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

We have introduced a tourism strategy. We have also successfully challenged the mandatory housing numbers and consulted with communities on a new Local Plan to build the right houses, in the right places, and of the right quality.

Over the last 10 years, the government has reduced the District Council grants by over £60M yet your District Council is delivering services, through careful management, obtaining extra alternative funding, plus working with other stakeholders to provide the services and policies you need and expect.

Under the Democratic Alliance, East Devon District Council achieved the lowest deficit in the county, calling on less reserves.



Vote for your Liberal Democrat candidates

Jed Falby



Previously I served as an 'Independent' at EDDC which was a lonely stance. Now a little older and a little wiser I ask for your vote as a Liberal Democrat. I shall be working with colleagues with similar views and values, especially on

environmental issues, and to achieve a more democratic, stronger voice for all of our local needs.

I still work in TV as an Art Director but am also a Devon woodsman producing building quality timber. I think Brexit has proved to be our worst decision in a long time and I hope to help our farmers, fishermen and forestry workers access to the next-door markets in Europe which would bring in investment right here in East Devon.

Penny Lewis



I have lived in the town for over 30 years, where I brought up my children. Now retired, I previously worked in the NHS, locally and nationally. Clinically I worked with both children and older people. Late in my career I specialised in leadership

and organisational development. I also taught in higher education. I am committed to fair and transparent decisions which take into account the unintended consequences we too often see happen.

I am a Green Liberal Democrat and I also worked locally to support the community's response to the pandemic.

I would like to encourage more engagement with the community and people of all ages in Budleigh and the surrounding villages.

Catriona Cunningham



I have lived in East Devon (both Colaton Raleigh and Budleigh Salterton) for over 22 years, raising my children in this beautiful part of the country. It is crucial East Devon is safeguarded and maintained for our

children and families and for future generations, our environment is so important.

I am proud to have worked in the NHS for almost 40 years. We have all been through a very tough 3 years local NHS staff have done an amazing job, despite all the difficulties and challenges. I believe passionately in good local health services for local communities.

I have worked collaboratively across public and voluntary organisations. I would bring those skills to the table if elected to EDDC.

Working together for you

Tackling flooding and coastal change

EDDC together with landowners and stakeholders are spending over £70 million working on Coastal Protection projects along our fragile coast. The Lower Otter Restoration Project being a key scheme to dealing with sea level changes.

The new road to South Farm has recently opened. You can keep up to date on the project through [News: Lower Otter Restoration Project](#)

Local Lib Dems have supported MP Richard Foord's campaign to hold water companies responsible for cleaning up their mess.



The Council is working with SWW to provide live sewage outfall information as well as insisting on improving funding to improve infrastructure to clean up our rivers and coast.

Community policing



Lib Dems are calling for a return to community policing where officers were visible and trusted.

The government has chosen instead to waste effort on banning "laughing gas" when there is no evidence making it illegal will work.

Instead, if the Tories were really serious about addressing anti-social behaviour, they should make good on their promise of 20,000 more police officers.

Safer pavements

We all know about potholes, the dangers to cyclists and damage to cars. But many of our pavements are unsafe too, or even worse, missing altogether, forcing pedestrians into the road or to walk along muddy uneven surfaces.

Penny has been campaigning for pedestrian and cyclist safety and less domination by cars. We should be making walking to town safer and easier for all.



Reducing fossil fuels



Lib Dem Councillor Eleanor Rylance kickstarted the work to install rapid EV chargers in our council-owned car parks.

This will encourage people to visit our shops and businesses while their vehicle charges.

The new chargers have started to be installed across the district.

East Devon recycling rates are among the best in the country. A big thank you to residents for playing such a key part in achieving this success

Supporting business and tourism



Tourism is a critical sector in East Devon's economy which has yet to fully recover from the pandemic. A new tourism strategy will enable tourism to grow by promoting East Devon as a year round tourist destination that is accessible, sustainable and working towards net zero

We recognise our district has many wonderful opportunities such as our superb natural environment, especially the Jurassic coast, active sporting choices, the world class food and drink that is on offer and the many and varied festivals that place here

To promote our district the East Devon Tourism network is now up and running and is open to all businesses who work in the sector

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