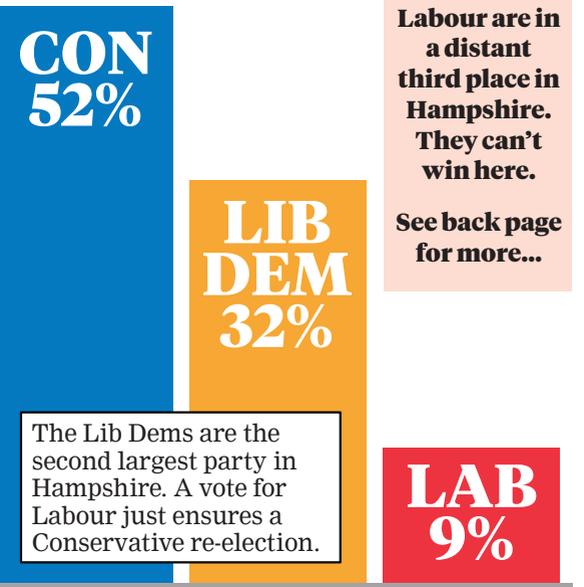


# Hampshire Herald

**IT'S LIB DEM OR CONSERVATIVE!**

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**LIB DEMS' PLAN FOR HAMPSHIRE**  
Investment in communities across the county - **SEE INSIDE**

**After 27 years of Conservative control, Hampshire County Council is almost**

# BANKRUPT

Vital services set for huge cuts, even more council tax hikes and a council funding black hole of £175 MILLION. Enough is enough.

**Hampshire County Council is in absolute chaos, facing a staggering £175 million funding black hole by 2025.**

The Conservatives financial incompetence has pushed Hampshire to the brink of bankruptcy. Now, the people of Hampshire are paying the price.

## Enough is enough

After slashing £640 million in the past decade, the council's financial incompetence has led to savage cuts. Essential services like road repairs, social support, and even household waste tips are under threat.

Meanwhile, local Liberal Democrat-run borough councils like Winchester are financially sound and well run. They've made smart investments that keep the books balanced while continuing to invest in their communities. In contrast, the Conservatives at the County Council have overseen crumbling roads, stalled projects, and savage cuts to vital local services.

It's no wonder Hampshire residents are fed up. The Liberal Democrats are determined to fight for a council that can actually manage its finances and deliver the services local people need.

**Local services on the Conservatives' chopping block:**

- Road maintenance
- Families in crisis
- Homelessness support
- Social care
- Libraries
- Street lighting

**SEWAGE DUMPING: STILL AT LARGE**  
Sewage overflows are still at eye-watering record levels in Hampshire's beloved rivers **SEE INSIDE TO READ MORE...**

## A FAIR DEAL FOR HAMPSHIRE

### Demand better for Hampshire

Pay more, get less. That's the reality facing the people of Hampshire under Conservative rule.

Hampshire County Council is grappling with a £175 million budget black hole by 2025/26, and their solution? Slashing services across the board. School crossing patrols will be scrapped, bus services axed, and road maintenance will take a major hit. But it's ordinary families and the vulnerable who will suffer the most.

### Families pay the price for Conservative cuts

Parents with children who have special needs are being left out in the cold, while local families in crisis face a tougher time ahead as vital support services are reduced to a bare minimum. Despite already dipping into reserves—down a whopping £38 million since 2021—the Conservatives seem to have no plan for the future, just more cuts.

### Liberal Democrats deliver where the Conservatives fail

Meanwhile, over in Portsmouth, the Liberal Democrats have been quietly getting on with the job—protecting services, investing in communities, and doing it all without punishing taxpayers with huge hikes. A council that actually delivers? Imagine that!

As Hampshire faces more cuts, it's clear: the Conservatives can't be trusted to run the county. The Liberal Democrats, on the other hand, offer a track record of competence and real results. It's time to make the change.

- For too long Hampshire has been taken for granted by the Conservatives.
- The Hampshire Liberal Democrat team is working to deliver real change next May.

#### The Liberal Democrats made huge gains across Hampshire in the General Election.

Winchester, Eastleigh and North East Hampshire now all have hard-working Lib Dem MPs fighting for their areas.

The next set of elections are for Hampshire County Council next May. Elections in Hampshire are always close between

the hard-working local Liberal Democrats and the Conservatives, and this one will be no different.

The Conservatives have run Hampshire for 27 years and the result is a council on the brink of bankruptcy.

In contrast, Lib Dem run borough councils like Winchester have stable finances and are investing millions into their local communities.

The Lib Dems have a strong plan to build on our successes locally and get Hampshire back on track. We will protect local services from cuts, improve our local environment, and invest in our local communities.

Hampshire deserves better than more Conservative cuts and mismanagement of the finances. The Liberal Democrats can deliver a better Hampshire.



After a stunning General Election result where we elected our most Liberal Democrat MPs ever, the Lib Dems are now aiming to build on our wins locally by taking control of Hampshire County Council in the elections next May.

### The Lib Dem plan for Hampshire...

Repair our county's roads.



Protect our environment.



Listen and act on your issues.



It's time to stop the pollution and clean up our rivers, Hampshire deserves better!



Lib Dem campaigners met with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust about river pollution.

## CASBROOK AND MORE TIPS SAVED

### Conservatives back down after successful Liberal Democrat campaign

“Plans to close tips in £16m cuts thrown out”

BBC Oct 2024

Conservative plans to close half of the tips in Hampshire, including Casbrook, have been thrown out following Lib Dem pressure.

Hundreds of local people signed the Lib Dem petition launched earlier this year calling for a stop to the cuts – and 10,000 people across Hampshire responded to the council's

consultation with 87% of respondents against the closure of tips like Casbrook.

Local campaigner, Cllr Sally Yalden, said: “I am pleased that Hampshire County Council has seen sense and will keep our tips open. The proposed closure made very little sense. It was a desperate proposal from a council that is nearly bankrupt due to financial

mismanagement and ineffective governance by the Conservatives.”

“While the immediate threat to the tips has been averted, Hampshire Conservatives are already planning further cuts, but shifting the blame onto the new government! The Liberal Democrats will keep fighting to protect our vital local services.”



Local Lib Dem campaigners opposed the proposed cuts to Casbrook and the 11 other tips under threat by the Conservatives.

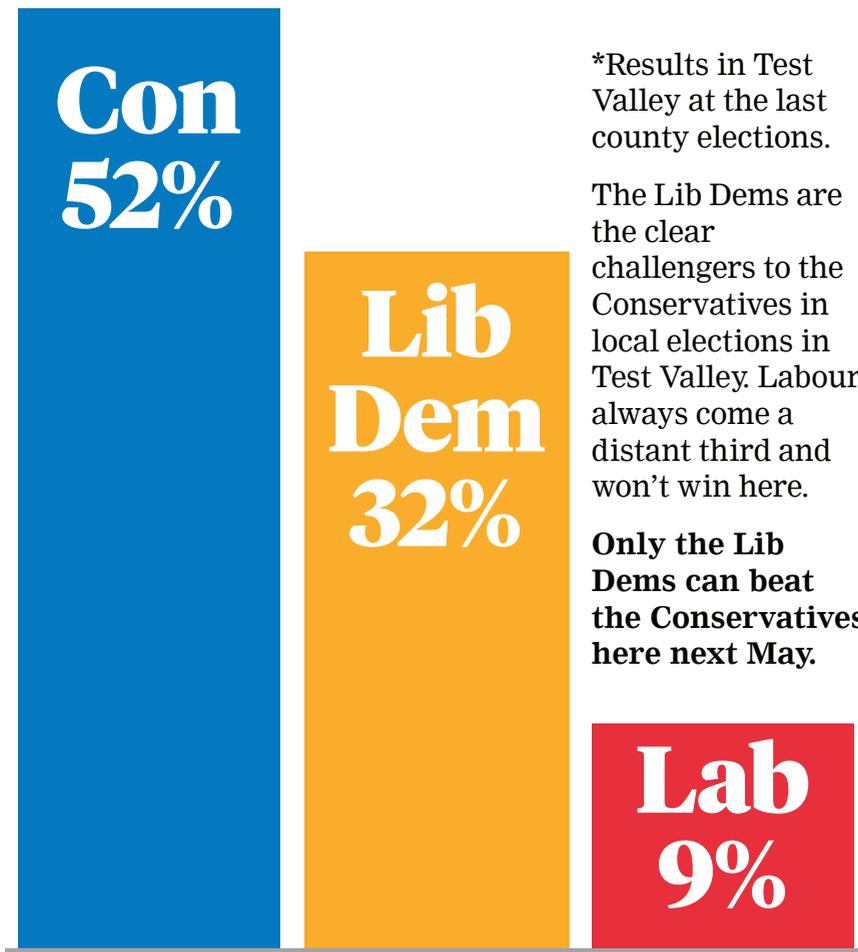
# THE CHOICE IS CLEAR

# IT'S LIB DEMS OR CONSERVATIVES

» Elections here are always between the Lib Dems and the Conservatives

» Labour always finish in a distant third place. They can't win here.

» People across our area are backing the Lib Dems to WIN.



\*Results in Test Valley at the last county elections.

The Lib Dems are the clear challengers to the Conservatives in local elections in Test Valley. Labour always come a distant third and won't win here.

Only the Lib Dems can beat the Conservatives here next May.

In the last local elections, the Lib Dems made big gains across our area.

In contrast, Labour came a distant third and have no councillors in Test Valley.

After the elections in May, Hampshire County Council will be run by either the Lib Dems or the Conservatives. The other parties aren't strong enough to win.

The only way to beat the Conservatives here is by backing the hard-working Lib Dem team. A vote for Labour or the Greens will just help the Conservatives.

## BACK HAMPSHIRE LIB DEMS IN MAY

The Liberal Democrats are fighting to get a better deal for our area. Add your voice to our campaign by returning this form today.

Name: .....

House No: ..... Post Code: .....

Email: .....

Telephone: .....

Can we keep you updated on Lib Dem campaigns and activities?  Yes  No

- I will donate to help the Lib Dems win
- I will put up a poster at election time
- I will help deliver leaflets in my area
- I want to join the Liberal Democrats

Please enclose a cheque for £15 made payable to the Liberal Democrats

Return for free by sending this slip back in an envelope addressed to:

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