

**Porchester Ward**

# Focus

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## Introducing your Liberal Democrat Focus Team for Porchester

### Alan Dawson

Alan is 55 years old and has lived in Porchester for 23 years. Having completed a thirty year police career in 2015, he is now a self-employed writer, producing copy for a number of organisations and projects. He also manages a popular community website [mapperleypeople.com](http://mapperleypeople.com)  
Alan's first venture into politics was when he joined the Liberal Democrats this year. Alan says - It is not about where you live, it is about how you live. If you see something that needs changing, don't moan about it, do something about it.



Sebastian Soar is 29 years old and was born, raised and still lives in Porchester. He is self-employed and devotes time to various local projects. He is a trustee at Age Concern Carlton and District, based on Carlton Hill. Seb joined the Liberal Democrats in 2016.

He says, I care deeply about our world and I am striving to do my bit to make it slightly better than when I found it. As for politics, I do not think politicians both national and local really care how they spend your money. I am involved because I want to help us to make better and more effective decisions.

### Robert Swift

Robert lives in Woodthorpe where he was born and went to school. He worked in the telecoms industry for 16 years before returning to Nottingham to start his own business.  
Robert has significant political experience, and was the Liberal Democrat candidate for Gedling in 2015 and 2017.



## What is Porchester Ward?

Well, apart from being a pleasant and settled residential area of around 4000 homes, it has three council seats. The ward boundary is Porchester Road (from the Post Office) then Plains Road through to Arnold Lane (including both sides from Woodthorpe Drive to Arnold Lane). It then skirts around Mapperley Golf Club and through to Digby Avenue (between College Road and Shelford Road). The boundary then goes through to Porchester Road at Florence Road (via Elmhurst Avenue, Gardenia Grove and Marshall Hill Drive).

Porchester is very much at the heart of Gedling Borough.

It currently has three Labour councillors, all of whom have been in post for some time. We believe that Labour has shown typical complacency in Porchester, typified by the recent fiasco when they proposed to sell off the Haywood Road Community Centre and Bowling Green, both valued by the community.

Only a full year of campaigning by local people got this plan overturned.