

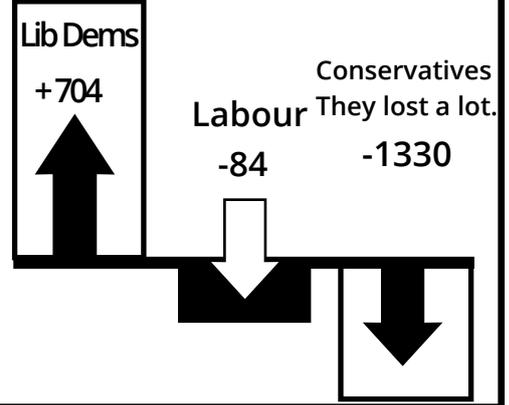
# Porchester Ward Liberal Democrats **FOCUS**

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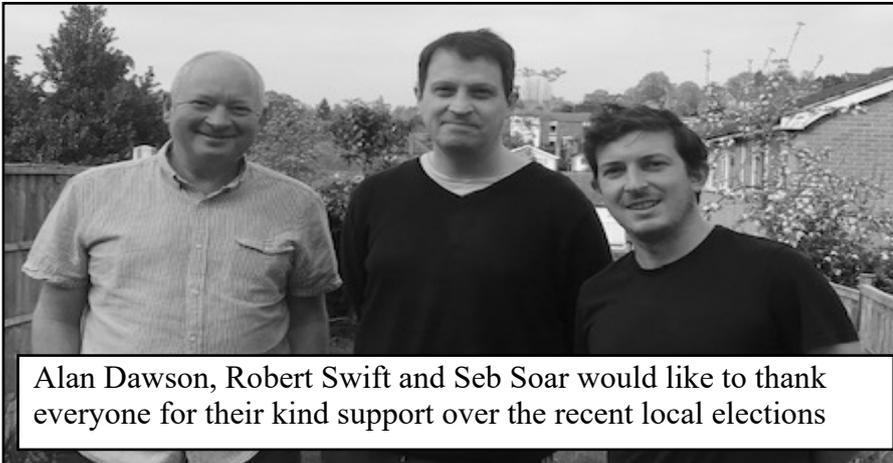
# Local Lib Dems say **Thank**

## Lib Dems make huge gains

\*Seats gained/lost at recent local elections



# you



Alan Dawson, Robert Swift and Seb Soar would like to thank everyone for their kind support over the recent local elections

## Lib Dems make huge gains in Gedling & across the country

The Liberal Democrats saw huge gains all over the country at the recent local elections, including gaining a seat here in Gedling.

We didn't quite make it this time in Porchester. We were certainly the candidates with the momentum. While the other parties lost votes we significantly gained votes. Just not enough this time.

We want to use this newsletter to say **thank you** to everyone who did vote for us. Your support is a real privilege.

We believe it is our civic duty to hold our local council and politicians to account and we will continue to do so. We will continue to work hard all year round for the local residents of this area.

## Your new MEPs

Your new Lib Dem Member of the European Parliament is Bill Newton-Dunn.



If you need to contact Bill you can email him at [newtondunbill@gmail.com](mailto:newtondunbill@gmail.com)

No matter what you think of the Brexit issue, Bill and the other 4 East Midland MEPs are your representatives in Europe, so should you need to contact them you shouldn't hesitate to do so. The East Midlands results were 3 Brexit Party, 1 Lib Dem and 1 Labour. The Tories were wiped out.

Lib Dems came second locally beating Labour and Conservatives into 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**For more local news turn over - Lib Dems working hard all year round**

# Planning Process Consultation.

Local Lib Dems campaigning for greater transparency and community involvement.

Local Lib Dems want you to be at the heart of how decisions are made locally.

You have until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June to have your say on Gedling's planning policy consultation.

The council claim to be "transparent, open and accessible to all sections of the community, enabling the community to engage with the planning system, not just those who are familiar with it" but many local people we speak to don't feel like their voices are being heard.

We have consistently campaigned for more open and community led consultations. FOCUS editor and Lib Dem campaigner Alan Dawson said "We've had 100s of survey responses saying people feel left out of the process."

"Personally, I don't think the consultation is going far enough. And it certainly has not been publicised well enough. We need the council to be engaging much better with



local residents on such important issues. They are doing what is easiest for the council rather than best for residents."

The consultation is open **until 28<sup>th</sup> June**. To make sure your voice is heard visit [www.consultplanningpolicy.gedling.gov.uk/consult.ti](http://www.consultplanningpolicy.gedling.gov.uk/consult.ti)

Or you can visit our Porchester Lib Dem Facebook page which will have a link.

## **"You are more likely to be fined in Porchester than anywhere else in Gedling Borough"**

You will remember from our previous FOCUS newsletters we love talking about dog mess. Local Lib Dem campaigner Seb Soar can confirm, that, following our ward wide dog mess leaflet published earlier this year you are now statistically more likely to be fined for failing to clear up dog mess in Porchester than anywhere else in the Borough. The Council was not doing enough, so we have worked with you, the residents, to start to tackle this issue. As a result more and more people are reporting problem hotspots and problem owners.

**Love Dogs - Love their owners - Hate Dog Mess.**

## **Is there a local issue you are concerned about?**

**Please feel free to get in touch.**



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**Over 2953 Days or 8 years, 1 month... Since your Porchester Councillors have asked a question at a Council meeting**  
**#NotGoodEnough** \*Full Council meeting, Standing Order 9.

**Lib Dems working hard all year round - Not just at election time!**