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Budleigh and Sidmouth (Rural) Wards East Devon Liberal Democrats Working For You

Although it's difficult to take our eyes off national politics at the moment, here in East Devon we are getting ready for the **District and Town Council Elections on 2nd May**

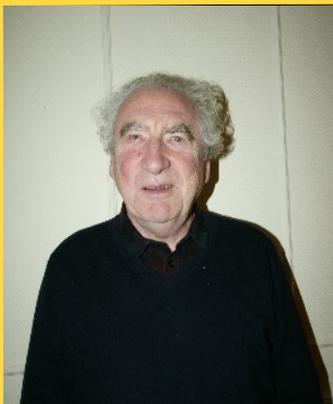


Penny Lewis has lived in Budleigh for 27 years with her now retired GP husband Tony, and brought up her children here. She worked as a senior NHS manager before moving on to more strategic roles including a national project. She enjoys walking along the beach with her young dog Jack and many of the social organisations in the town.

Local councils are expected to balance their books and provide more services with less and less money.

“I want to make sure decisions are well-thought through so that negative impacts on residents and on our environment are kept to a minimum. As a member of the Green Liberal Democrat group I also take the view that we must tackle the causes of climate change, and of poverty, not just for ourselves, but for our children, grandchildren and generations to come”.

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Lewis Ragbourn has lived on the outskirts of Sidford for 6 years and previously in Beer, so he knows the area well.

He is a retired wine trade professional, having worked for both small and large companies in his time.

This has given him valuable experience in setting and adhering to budgets and targets which he feels would be useful should he be elected, as he feels that East Devon District Council is too remote and secretive and needs greater accountability and openness.

He is strongly committed to protecting the interest of rural areas at the same time understands the development challenges facing both Sidford and Sidmouth.

Budleigh and Sidmouth are **great places to live** and bring up a family. Both are friendly and caring areas for all ages. East Devon is lovely, however Budleigh and Sidmouth, with the surrounding villages, are extra **special**, and neither of us wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

We are committed to:

- Ensuring our area works for **everyone**
- Considering and reflecting a wide range of **community** views in decision-making processes
- Finding the **balance** between preserving the beautiful environment of the town and ensuring it can meet the needs of its existing and future population
- Bringing **accountability** and **transparency** to local decision-making

Let's put it in context, a statement from our Prospective Parliamentary Candidate, Councillor Eleanor Rylance



It's never been more important to protect our local services, a true lifeline for the people of East Devon. By voting on May 2nd for your local Lib Dem team, you will be electing active local campaigners backed up by a hard-working and dedicated parliamentary party. Lib Dem councillors can rapidly take your concerns to our MPs and Peers.

Vote Lib Dem locally and you get the whole package!

'Reasons to be Cheerful' Why vote Lib Dem in East Devon?

- **A National Party** with a coherent message from your doorstep all the way to Westminster.
- **Local Activists**, hard-working and approachable with a reputation for providing balanced sensible and rational local government.
- **Strong Opposition** in East Devon, the Lib Dems are the only consistent political party scrutinising the Conservatives.
- **Success**, the Lib Dems successfully run many local councils and in the the last two years the Lib Dems have been winning by-elections all over the country.



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