



FOCUS On BRIXINGTON Ward



East Devon Liberal Democrats Working For You

Old hands - New faces

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**

We are fielding a team of seasoned campaigners and new candidates eager to meet you, hear your concerns and serve our community.

What are your views ? Please tell us info@eastdevonlibdem.org.uk



FOCUS ON AURORA BAILEY

Dear Resident

I am Aurora Bailey, with a son, two daughters and 12 grandchildren. I was born in Torquay and have lived in Devon all my life.

I worked in Tesco Exmouth for 11 years when it opened in 1992 and then moved to Marks and Spencer in Exeter, working on the customer service desk and refunds. I am now retired.

I previously helped the CLIC charity for ten years.

CLIC supports children with cancer.

Working in Retail and helping people most of my life. I would be honoured to represent Brixington Ward. I would help with Housing for all, and to try (again) to bring back Zebra crossings for our schools to help protect our children.

If I was lucky enough to have your vote, I would do my best to help with any matters whatever they might be. Rest assured, I am very approachable ! Helping to move the lovely place of Exmouth forward. Helping everyone to enjoy living here and to make our visitors to Exmouth to love it as much as we do !

FOCUS ON ANDREW COLMAN



Andrew has lived in Brixington with his wife for 16 years and works as a scientist in Exeter. Andrew's Exmouth roots go deep, he comes from a family of builders and port pilots who have lived in the town for 200+ years. Andrew is a Liberal democrat because Liberal democrats believe in local decision making where possible, pragmatic economics rather than left wing or right wing dogma and the overriding importance of looking after the environment, financial debt can be written off by the stroke of a pen, environmental debt can take centuries to repair.

As your councillor, Andrew would be guided by these principles. In particular Exmouth seafront panorama is one of the most scenic in UK if not globally and Andrew will work to preserve its beauty whilst encouraging best use of this asset for local people and visitors. Andrew regularly visits the seafront to swim in the sea or paddle a canoe and hopes for himself and others continue to do so in the future . Andrew will also work to ensure a sustainable transport policy so residents and visitors can get from A to B as quickly and painlessly as possible. Andrew regularly commutes from Exmouth to Exeter and is well aware of issues such as gaps in the bus services and trains not coordinating with buses. In London you can use an oyster card to travel on both buses and trains, why not have something similar here in Devon?



New housing developments mean that we have an urgent need to create more facilities to support the new families and young people moving into our area. Our local schools are doing a great job, but are also suffering like all schools around the country from the callous cuts that the government is imposing on public services throughout the country. Our local schools should be one of our priorities. We need to support them in any way we can and make sure that it is fully resourced so that it can open its doors to the new families that will be moving into our neighbourhood in the coming years. We also need to make sure that car parking is both safe and adequate at all our schools which is why Aurora is so keen to bring back Zebra crossings for our schools to help protect our children and is keen to encourage the upgrading of Brixington play park to make it great for the young families in our area.

Our Sea Front is one of the best in the UK. It is the jewel in Exmouth's crown but Andrew feels strongly that its proposed development has been handled badly. We would like the new facilities to be beneficial to local people and visitors of limited financial means including people of all ages and abilities who want to make use of the water for all kinds of sports from swimming to canoeing to sailing. But let's be frank about this, the Council stumbled into doing it only because of the public outcry about the way the Council was managing the whole project. We think it has been plagued by

- Lack of direction
- Lack of communication
- Lack of proper forward planning

We would also support the continued use of the cafes and other seafront facilities and feel that they should not be part of the Queens Drive redevelopment but we would happily work for them to be enhanced to continue providing a popular choice for families.



Lets 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 Exmouth. By voting on May 2nd for your local LibDem team, you will be electing active local campaigners backed up by a hard-working and dedicated parliamentary party. LibDem councillors can rapidly take your concerns to our MPs and Peers.

'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** in the last two years the Lib Dems have been winning by-elections all over the country

Working hard all year round