

Vale & West Oxfordshire OBSERVER

Free newspaper from the Liberal Democrats. Covering Witney, Carterton, Faringdon, Bampton, Shrivenham, Kingston Bagpuize, Hailey, Standlake, the Wychwoods and surrounding areas.

IT'S LIB DEM OR
TORY HERE!

CON
40%

Aggregate vote share on the new
Witney constituency boundaries in
the most recent district election

LIB
DEM
32%

Labour are
competing
with the
Greens for
third place:
they can't
win here

LAB
14%

The Lib Dems proved that
they can beat the Tories
here by winning the most
district wards in May



**CHARLIE
MAYNARD**

A record of delivery for
local residents — **SEE INSIDE**

As the cost of living and NHS waiting lists soar, and the A40 gridlocks,
FURIOUS voters across the Vale & West Oxfordshire say...

CHARLIE CAN GET THE TORIES OUT



Local residents across West
Oxfordshire are putting their faith
in Charlie to reverse Tory decline.

- ONLY Lib Dem Charlie Maynard can beat the Conservatives here
- The next General Election could be called at any time
- Charlie Maynard gets things done in West Oxfordshire

Across the Vale and West Oxfordshire, people are backing Lib Dem Charlie Maynard to be our next MP, and to put an end to 13 years of Conservative chaos.

The Lib Dems finished second to the Tories here in the last general election with more than double

Labour's vote.

Since then, they've taken leadership of both the county and district councils and this May they won the most seats in the district elections.

West Oxfordshire deserves an MP with competence, integrity and backbone.

TORY INCOMPETENCE

ANGER as Tories flip-flop on sewage — **SEE INSIDE...**

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COMMENT

Tory MP's sewage failure

Nearly all of West Oxfordshire and the Vale's beautiful rivers are now regularly filled with sewage — and the Tories just aren't serious about fixing it.

West Oxfordshire Lib Dems have taken the challenge head-on, changing local planning regulations so that sewage capacity must be taken into account when new houses are built.

They've also changed the rules so that no new homes can be occupied until Thames Water certifies that the sewage infrastructure can cope.

Local Lib Dems step in...

Charlie Maynard has been regularly meeting Thames Water to improve the utility's performance. As a result of these meetings, Thames Water have agreed to accelerate planned capacity expansions, share data with the public and roll out water-saving smart meters.

... but Tory MP votes for MORE dumping

Meanwhile, local Conservative MPs Robert Courts and David Johnston voted FOR regulations which will allow water companies to dump sewage into our waterways for fifteen more years.

In 2021, they voted AGAINST Lib Dem-backed measures to reduce the amount of raw sewage being dumped into rivers.

It's clear residents can only trust Charlie Maynard and the Liberal Democrats to stop the dumping and protect our rivers.

SPECIAL REPORT: Conservative MPs nowhere to be seen as...

CHARLIE PUSHES FOR RAILWAY WITH OXFORD

- Charlie Maynard has been leading calls for a new railway from West Oxfordshire to Oxford
- But local Tory MP Robert Courts refuses to lend his full support to the proposals

Journey times along the A40 are terrible and are forecast to get much worse, with car travel from Witney to Oxford being 30 minutes slower by 2031.

As Chair of the Witney Oxford Transport Group, Charlie Maynard has led the campaign to rebuild the railway linking Carterton, Witney and Eynsham to Oxford, cutting travel times by up to 70 per cent.

Charlie successfully lobbied Oxfordshire County Council to conduct a feasibility and funding study into the project.

The study found that a railway would be financially feasible, taking just 16 minutes to reach Oxford from Witney, and just 22 minutes from Carterton.

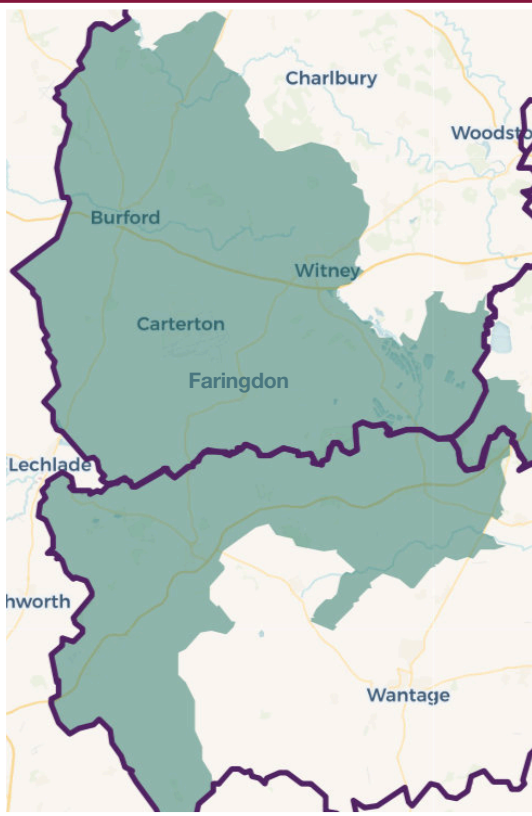
Charlie says: “We urgently need a fast, reliable, green transport solution along the A40 corridor. Rail is the answer.

“This will also bring high paying jobs into the area, give structure to whatever house-building is required and ensure housing is centred around the stations, rather than haphazardly across the district.”



SIGN OUR PETITION HERE: WWW.OXONLD.UK/Witney-Oxford-Railway

Constituency boundaries



The Boundary Commission has finalised its changes to constituency boundaries.

At the next general election, the Witney constituency will comprise all the areas shaded in green above. The old boundaries have been overlaid in purple for comparison.

The changes mean that the Faringdon, Kingston Bagpuize and Shrivenham area will become part of the Witney constituency.

CHARLIE MAYNARD: OUR STRONG VOICE

Local campaigner Charlie Maynard is standing to be the Liberal Democrat MP for the new Witney constituency.



Charlie Maynard lives near Stanton Harcourt and is an Oxford-educated businessman turned local campaigner.

Charlie tackles challenges head-on, whether they're unwelcome, like when he broke his neck aged 18 and spent six months recovering, or aspirational, like when he

founded an Asia-focused advisory firm at the age of 25 and spent the following 24 years building it into a leader in its field.

Charlie has been campaigning for an Oxford-Witney rail link since 2021. He was elected as a district councillor for Standlake, Aston and Stanton Harcourt in 2022, overturning

a large Conservative majority.

A former Citizens Advice volunteer, and a current trustee of our local branch, Charlie likes to help directly.

Charlie and his wife Sophie have hosted refugees from Syria and Ukraine, helping them learn English, find work, set up a business and

get into university.

Charlie says: “I believe the Tories are taking our country down the wrong path economically, socially and environmentally. I want to do all I can to help correct that. We need an economy that can deliver strong, clean growth and a society that is more equal.”

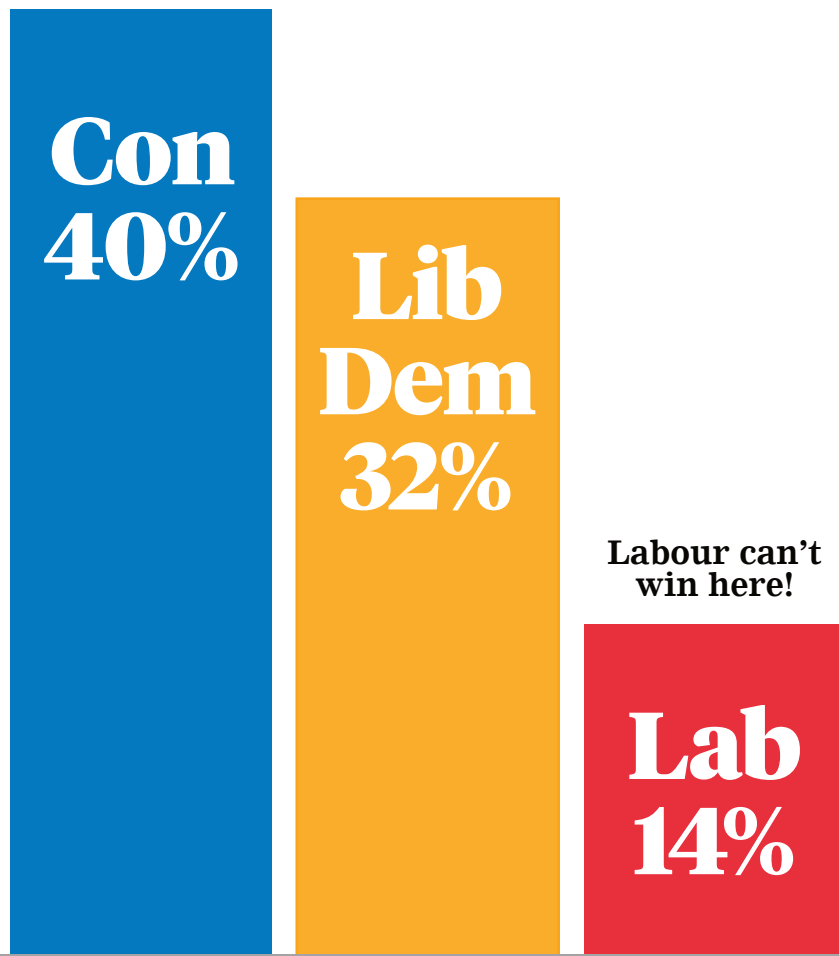
THE CHOICE IS CLEAR

IT'S LIB DEM OR CONSERVATIVE

» The Lib Dems have more than double the Labour vote

» The Lib Dems lead both the District Council and the County Council

» Labour STILL haven't picked a candidate — they're not fighting to win



Aggregate vote share on the new Witney constituency boundaries in the most recent local elections.

Votes cast in the new Witney constituency in recent local elections show the Lib Dems within touching distance of the Conservatives.

Lib Dem Charlie Maynard is the hardworking local champion West Oxfordshire deserves — and with your support, **he can win the Witney seat** in the General Election next year.

Lib Dems are on the march across Oxfordshire. They've beaten almost every Tory in South Oxfordshire and the Vale, and ended Tory dominance here in the West.

Next year, voters in Witney constituency have a **once-in-a-lifetime chance** to show the Tories the door by voting **Lib Dem**.

BACK CHARLIE'S LIB DEMS

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

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