



# Alaric Smith

**A strong voice for our community**





Alaric Smith will be a hardworking councillor who listens to residents and understands local issues.

## **Local residents are backing Alaric Smith to be elected as their local District Councillor.**

Alaric understands the concerns of local people and is the community voice we need for Bampton, Clanfield and Black Bourton.

He is calling for a rethink of the sky high housing targets imposed by the Conservatives and for proper infrastructure to be in place before any more building.

He fully backs the Lib Dem led County Council's recent budget, which reinstated a countywide Youth Service, increased support for adults needing social care and for children needing special support with their education.

Alaric is also pleased to see funding for a feasibility study for a railway linking Oxford, Eynsham, Witney and Carterton.

He believes that a fast, reliable and clean rail line would benefit residents across Bampton and Clanfield.

The local Lib Dem team have recently met with Thames Water to put pressure on them to bring an end to the dumping of raw sewage in our rivers.

**The election will be between Alaric Smith and the Conservative candidate. Every vote could count.**



# Two horse race here

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**Labour can't win in Bampton and Clanfield ward.**

Voting Lib Dem not only delivers hard-working local councillors, but is the only way to beat the Conservatives here.

At the last elections in May 2021, the Lib Dems were the clear challengers to the Conservatives right across the county.

They even beat the Conservative leader of the County Council.

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Only Alaric can defeat the Conservatives here in Bampton and Clanfield.

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County Council election results May 2021.

# Robert Courts MP must explain his Kremlin-linked funding

**Local residents are calling on Robert Courts and the Witney Conservatives to either explain where their Kremlin-linked funding came from, or to donate it to groups that support the people of Ukraine.**

Since Robert Courts's election, the single largest donor to the Witney Conservative Association has been Lubov Chernukhin, the wife of a former Russian Finance Minister. (The others are property developers.)

Despite numerous requests, Courts has still not explained why she made the donation to his campaign.

*Sign the petition to add your voice to the call for Robert Courts to explain:*

[oxonlibdems.uk/robert\\_courts\\_explain\\_russian-linked\\_money](https://oxonlibdems.uk/robert_courts_explain_russian-linked_money)

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# Alaric Smith: The best choice for our area

## *About Alaric Smith ...*

Alaric has lived in Oxfordshire for nearly 40 years and recently took early retirement as a Retail Finance Director.

He is married with two grown-up children and is a Director of a local, volunteer-run Community Shop.

He has previously been Chair of a well-known Social Enterprise in Liverpool, as well as of two Parish Councils.

He was closely involved in successful campaigns to stop noise pollution from an illegally-run local clay-pigeon shoot and ill-considered plans for a new town at Chalgrove airfield, which has now been withdrawn.

Alaric is determined to bring his experience to serve all residents of Bampton and Clanfield.







Alaric Smith discussing the benefits of the new rail link with Charlie Maynard, chair of the Witney Oxford Transport Group

# Lib Dems back funding to reopen rail link

The campaign to reconnect Carterton, Eynsham, Witney and Oxford by rail link has moved to the next stage, after the Lib Dem-led County Council agreed funding for a feasibility study to look into the project.

"The rail link is a fantastic idea and would really benefit local people," said Lib Dem campaigner Alaric Smith.

"I'm glad that the Lib Dems on the County Council have moved so quickly to do a feasibility study. I'm sure that the rail line would be very popular locally."

***Add your name to those calling for the rail link to be reopened:***

**[www.oxonlibdems.uk/oxford-witney-train](http://www.oxonlibdems.uk/oxford-witney-train)**



# Infrastructure before housing

**Local Lib Dem campaigner Alaric Smith calls on West Oxfordshire Council's leadership to adopt more realistic housing targets and to insist that all infrastructure comes before development.**

"It's very clear that our villages don't have the schools, health, sewage or road networks to cope with this level of development," said Alaric Smith.

"The failure of the Conservatives to impose proper regulation and to insist on proper forward planning to match housing development leads directly to problems like the repeated discharge of sewage into our water courses."

In 2021, property developers made up more than half of the large donations received by the Witney Conservatives.

***Support our campaign calling for a rethink of the sky high housing targets imposed by the Conservatives:***

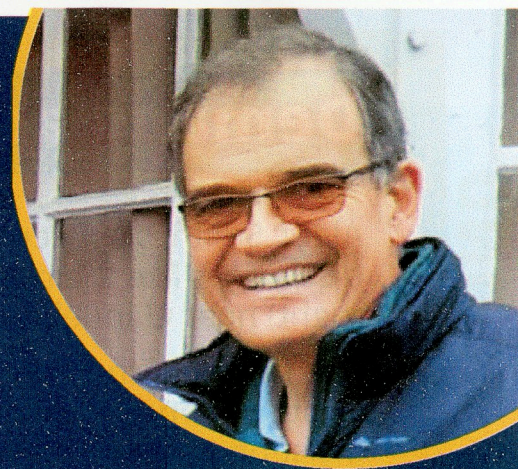


Alaric Smith is concerned about discharges like this near Clanfield sewage works.

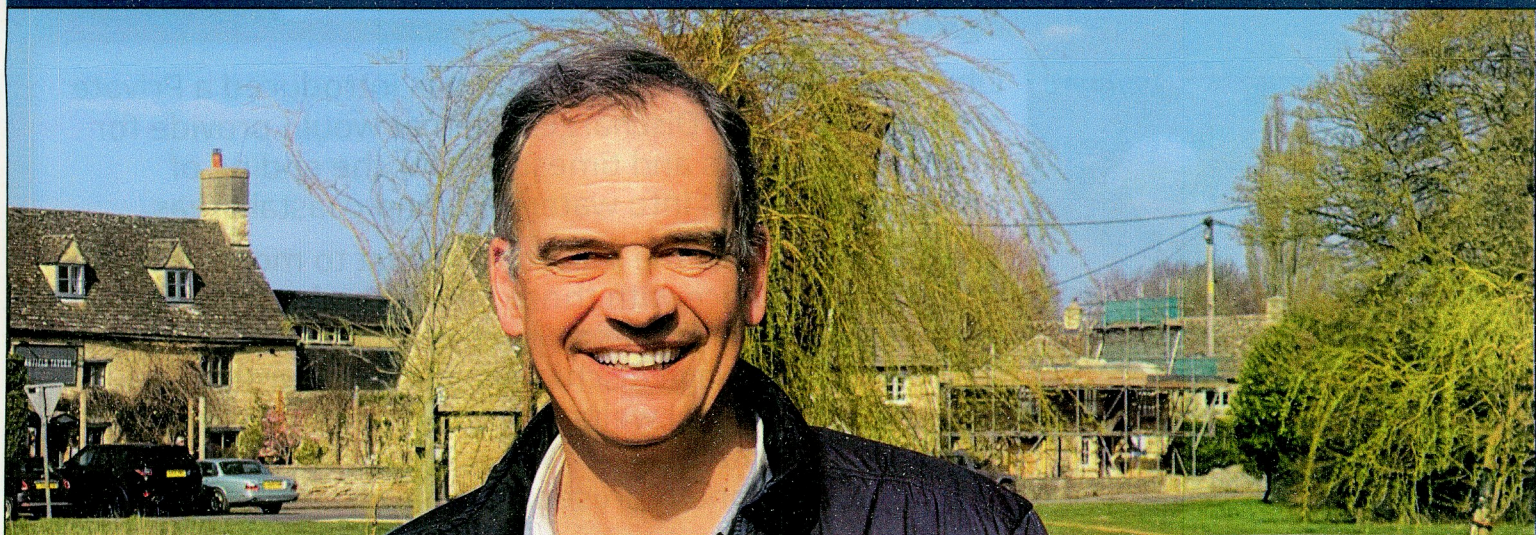


# Alaric Smith:

## Working hard for our community



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**Alaric Smith is calling on West Oxfordshire Council's leadership to adopt more realistic housing targets and to insist that infrastructure comes before housing.**

The Conservatives have signed up to build more than 10,000 homes between 2021-2031. This is an unprecedented rate of housing growth.

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## Rethink the West Oxfordshire Housing Targets

*Sign and return the petition:*

We, the undersigned, call on West Oxfordshire District Council to adopt more realistic housing targets and to insist that all infrastructure comes before housing.



Name: .....

Address: .....

.....Post Code: .....

Email: .....

- ☐ I can deliver leaflets for Alaric's campaign
- ☐ I will display a window poster for Alaric
- ☐ I will be voting for Alaric Smith on  
Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Return for free to: FREEPOST OXON LIB DEMS**

**Sign online: [www.oxonlibdems.uk/rethink\\_the\\_west\\_oxfordshire\\_housing\\_targets](http://www.oxonlibdems.uk/rethink_the_west_oxfordshire_housing_targets)**

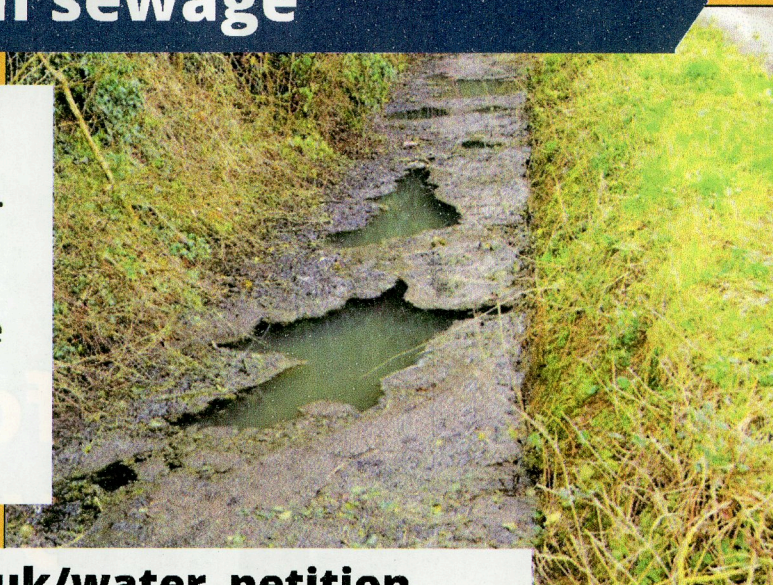


# Demand action on sewage

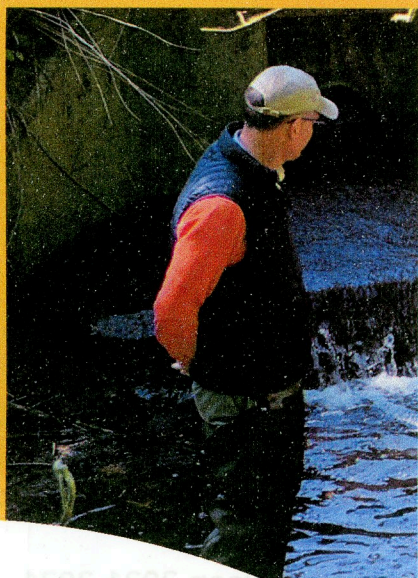
Alaric Smith is concerned about discharges like the one pictured (right) near Clanfield sewage works.

The failure of the Conservatives to impose proper regulation and to insist on proper infrastructure have led to the problems we now face.

**Sign our petition demanding action on flooding and sewage:**



**[www.oxonlibdems.uk/water\\_petition](http://www.oxonlibdems.uk/water_petition)**



Liberal Democrat MP Tim Farron has introduced a Private Members' Sewage Discharges Bill that would provide for mandatory targets and timescales for the ending of sewage discharges into waterways and coastal areas.

It will also enhance the powers of Ofwat to monitor and enforce compliance with those targets and timescales, require water companies to publish quarterly reports on the impact of sewage discharges on the natural environment, animal welfare and human health, and require the membership of water company boards to include at least one representative of an environmental group.

**This represents meaningful action to solve the problem, in contrast with the Conservatives letting water companies off the hook!**

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## Your vote will count!

The election for our new local district councillor will be a close 'Two Horse Race' between Alaric Smith and Boris Johnson's Conservative.

The only way to make a real difference in our area is by voting for Alaric Smith and the Bampton and Clanfield team on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**It's time for a change.**

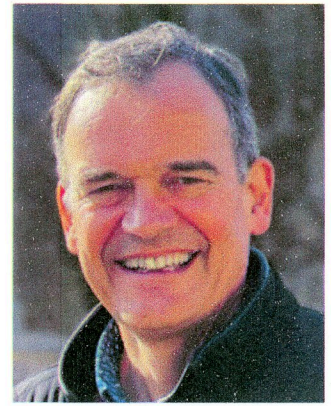


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Dear friend,

**Locally and nationally, the Conservatives have been taking us for granted.**

Nationally they ignored lockdown rules, throwing parties, and overseeing a huge rise in the cost of living that is hitting the poorest and most vulnerable the hardest.

Here in West Oxfordshire the Tories backed sky high housing targets, failed to deliver the necessary infrastructure and took donations from Russian linked donors and property developers.

**But things can be different.**

Last May, there was a major change across Oxfordshire when residents switched from the Conservatives to back the Lib Dem team.

As a result, the recent County Council budget, under Lib Dem leadership, reinstated a countywide Youth Service, increased support for adults needing social care and for children needing special support with their education.

We've also made it quicker and easier for parish councils to request safer streets for their area.

**This year we have the opportunity to change West Oxfordshire for good too.**

My priority is to get things done for our community. I will stand up for our area on the issues that matter to residents, like calling out Thames Water for dumping raw sewage in our rivers.

This election will be close between the local Lib Dem team and the Conservatives. By giving me your support, the team will be able to achieve even more for our community.

Best wishes,

*Alaric Smith*

Liberal Democrat candidate for Bampton and Clanfield

**PS The ONLY way to defeat the Conservative in this area is by voting for your local Lib Dem team. Every vote will count.**