

# DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

West Oxfordshire District Council

## Election of a District Councillor for

Bampton and Clanfield  
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Giles Hughes, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
Fenton Ted	The Conservative Party Candidate	606
Meadows Georgia	Labour Party	53
Morton Matt	Green Party	67
Wray Alistair George	Liberal Democrats	638 Elected

\* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	0
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	9
Total	9

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 3380

Ballot Papers Issued: 1373

Turnout: 40.62%

And I do hereby declare that, Alistair George Wray is duly elected Councillor for the said Ward.

Dated Friday 5 May 2023

Giles Hughes  
Returning Officer



# A strong local team working for you...

## TED FENTON

Part of your local Conservative team in  
West Oxfordshire



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### Dear Resident

It is my privilege and honour to represent the residents of Bampton, Clanfield and Black Bourton on West Oxfordshire District Council.

I am asking you to lend me your vote once again so that I can continue to be a strong voice on the Council for you.

The District Council is currently run by a coalition of Lib Dems, Labour and Greens. After only a year in charge they are running the Council at a loss, eating into cash reserves and still raising Council Tax by the maximum possible. At the same time the services that we as tax payers actually expect are being neglected. The District Council is responsible for things such as making sure your bins are emptied, that the right planning decisions are made, ensuring that social housing is allocated efficiently and fairly, keeping the streets clean and supporting local businesses and communities.

I work hard as a local Councillor not only contributing to the day to day work of the Council but by being easily available to residents to advise and assist where I can. If re-elected I will strive to protect our services, protect free parking and make sure you have your say on important local issues. Please support me with your vote and we can continue to keep West Oxfordshire as one of the best places in the country in which to live.

Your sincerely

*Ted Fenton*

Conservative Candidate for Bampton, Clanfield and Black Bourton

**REMINDER: YOU NOW NEED PHOTO ID TO VOTE AT A  
POLLING STATION**



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## COALITION HIKE UP YOUR COUNCIL TAX AGAIN!

**Council Tax is set to increase under the Lib Dem/Labour/Green coalitions at both County Council and the District Council, having a big impact on your overall council tax bill.**

Council Tax bills across West Oxfordshire are set to rise with the County Council announcing a record high council tax hike for a second year running. The councillors are to increase your

council tax to the highest legal level allowed, of 4.99%. This means that since taking over Oxfordshire County Council in 2021 they have increased their share of the council tax by 10%!

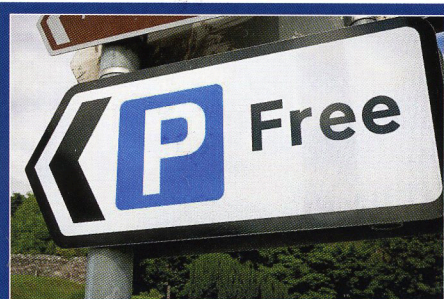
Residents are paying the price for the coalition's pet projects. The increases will seriously affect people that are already struggling to cope in this current cost of living crisis.

**Record high council tax rise for a second year**

**4.99%  
COUNCIL TAX  
INCREASE**

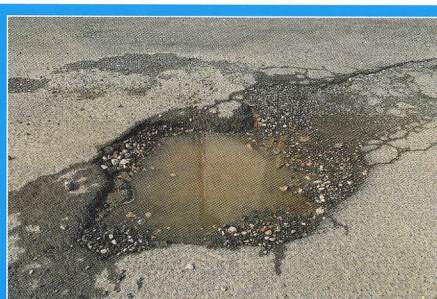
Council Tax increases to fund pet projects in Oxfordshire

## Action for West Oxfordshire.....



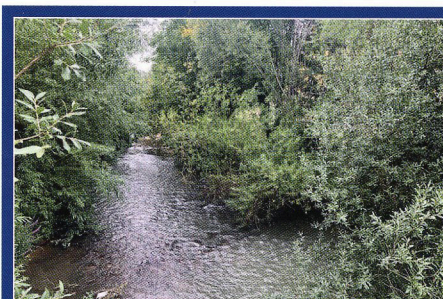
### PROTECT OUR FREE PARKING

Despite claims that any idea of bringing in parking charges in West Oxfordshire was "fake news", the Lib Dem led coalition at the County Council have approved plans for parking charges in Woodstock against the wishes of residents.



### SUPPORTING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Potholes are a serious problem in our area, we need to keep up pressure on the County Council to make sure these repairs are done quickly, but not sub-standard fixes that don't last.



### CONTINUE THE CAMPAIGN TO CLEAN UP OUR RIVERS

Penalties for Water companies that pollute rivers have been raised by 1000 fold. This is as a result of action from the Government and branded "a step forward in our campaign to protect local rivers."

## our plan for West Oxfordshire

### 1 A COMMON SENSE COUNCIL

The Lib Dem/Labour/Green coalition councils are wasting tax payers' money on pet projects. We will bring back common sense and focus on improving services.

### 2 IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY & LEISURE FACILITIES

Protect grant funding to ensure organisations that are working hard to improve our local communities have access to more funding opportunities.

### 3 CONTINUE THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT OUR LOCAL RIVERS AND STREAMS

Improving our local waterways is something we are all passionate about and the dumping of sewage by Thames Water is not acceptable.

### 4 CHAMPION RURAL TRANSPORT

Work with local charitable organisations to improve rural connectivity and support investment in foot and cycleways.

### 5 INFRASTRUCTURE WITH DEVELOPMENT

Work with developers and support infrastructure for any new homes built, so that they include upgrades to local roads, schools, doctor surgeries and transport links.

### 6 BE ACCESSIBLE TO YOU ALL YEAR ROUND

We will make sure we are available all year round.



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## on Bampton and Clanfield

**News and Views from your local Lib Dem team,  
Cllr Alaric Smith and Charlie Maynard**



# Working hard for our local community

**The Bampton and Clanfield Lib Dem ward team have been working hard for our community. They are supporting residents through the Cost of Living Crisis, listening to the views of local people, and helping to make our villages a better place to live and work.**

Cllr Alaric Smith has been campaigning to ensure that the new Local Plan contains realistic and deliverable housing targets, with an infrastructure first approach.

The Conservative housing numbers put into the current Local Plan have led to the threat of speculative (unplanned) development to our local community.

The Lib Dem team are calling for more affordable housing, and proper infrastructure.

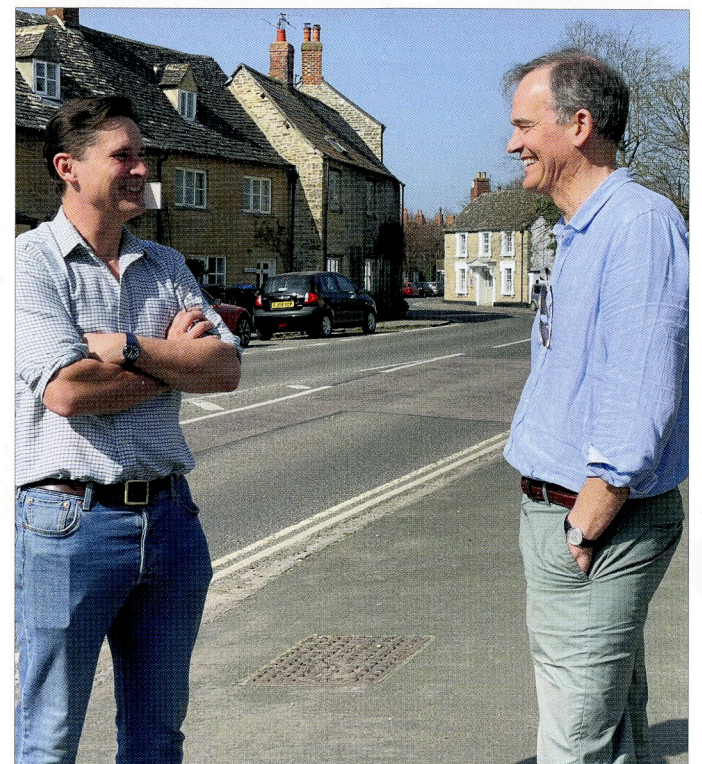
Cllr Smith has also been working with residents who want to make their local streets safer.

He is delighted that the Lib Dem led County Council is allowing Parish Councils to request a 20mph limit, and the proposal from Clanfield PC for parking restrictions to make the main A4095 safer and less obstructed.

"This puts decision making where it should be, at as local a level as possible," he said.



⬆ Cllr Alaric Smith is calling for realistic and deliverable housing targets. The Lib Dems want local plans to put people and the environment first.



⬆ The local Lib Dem team, Charlie Maynard and Cllr Alaric Smith, are taking action on the issues that really matter to residents in Bampton, Clanfield and Black Bourton.

## CONTACT THE TEAM



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# Cost of living crisis support

**Your local Lib Dem team back the district council's Cost of Living help. There is lots of support available, should you need it. Please follow the link below for more information.**

**More support is on the way for local households who are struggling to afford energy, food and other costs.**

There is help with childcare costs, discretionary housing payments, council tax support and much more.

Many people aren't aware that they can claim this support, so please do take the time to check if you are eligible.

To access support with the rising cost of living visit:

**[www.westoxon.gov.uk/costoflivingsupport](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/costoflivingsupport)**



# Taking ACTION on sewage

West Oxfordshire is one of the worst affected areas in the country for sewage discharges, with Thames Water routinely dumping sewage into the Shill Brook at Bampton and the Marsh Lane Ditch at Clanfield, as well as into the Windrush and the Evenlode.

The new Lib Dem-led district council is holding regular meetings with Thames Water, to press for a programme of action to reduce and eventually end these discharges.

Cllr Alaric Smith, who is a member of the team of Councillors involved in the meetings, said: "This problem has arisen as a result of excessive profit-taking by Thames Water over a prolonged period, inadequate regulation, and years of inaction and complacency from the previous Tory administration."

So far, Thames Water has launched an interactive map which shows in real time where they are spilling untreated sewage, and has completed sewer-lining work in Clanfield. They have also set out plans to upgrade the Sewage Treatment Plants at Bampton, Witney and Church Hanborough.

In the case of Bampton, this investment has been brought forward from Thames Water's Asset Management Plan 2025-2030 and should be completed by the end of 2024.

In the meantime, Robert Courts MP voted **AGAINST** an amendment to the Environment Act, which attempted to impose a meaningful timetable for the ending of dumping of raw sewage. Along with the Conservative government, he is letting water companies off the hook.



Cllr Alaric Smith and Sir Ed Davey in Bampton with Ashley Smith from WASP

West Oxfordshire District Council has engaged with Thames Water to try to prevent the ongoing pollution of our rivers and destruction of our biodiversity, **for the first time!**

It has taken a change of political control at West Oxfordshire District Council for this issue to be taken seriously here.



Witney constituency Lib Dem parliamentary candidate Charlie Maynard is leading the campaign to reconnect Carterton with Witney, Eynsham and Oxford by rail.

## Reconnect Carterton, Witney, Eynsham and Oxford by rail

**Lib Dem Charlie Maynard is leading the campaign**

The campaign to reinstate the rail line linking Carterton, Witney and Eynsham with Oxford is rolling.

The project has been led by Lib Dem parliamentary candidate, Charlie Maynard, who is also Chair of the cross-party Witney Oxford Transport Group.

Charlie has been working hard on the project, carrying out a survey showing that 97% of more than 800 West Oxfordshire residents supported a feasibility study being conducted.

The Lib Dem-led county council has funded a feasibility study which will be completed around the end of March. Network Rail is a strong supporter of the project.

Rail can provide a fast, green, reliable transport solution, something the A40 certainly isn't.

Journey time savings will be up to 70% with Oxford being reachable from Carterton in 22 minutes, from Witney in 16 mins and Eynsham in just 9 mins.

## It's a Two-Horse Race here in Bampton and Clanfield



Bampton & Clanfield ward result - May 2022

Elections in this area are always a close contest between the local Lib Dem team and the Conservatives.

The district council elections this May are expected to follow the same pattern.

Last May, the Local Lib Dems made five gains from the Conservatives, and ended Tory control of West Oxfordshire District Council.

Since taking control of the council, the Lib Dem run administration has been listening to residents, supporting the community through the Cost of Living Crisis, and have made tackling climate change a top priority.

**The only way to stop the Conservatives getting back into power locally is by voting Liberal Democrat this May.**

## Working hard and keeping in touch all year round