



The Liberal Democrats

RE-ELECT PETER WEXHAM

SOUTHEND BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

THURS 6th MAY 2021

PETER WEXHAM, Leigh's longest-serving councillor, is standing for re-election in the Southend Borough Council Elections on Thursday 6th May.

Peter is well known in Leigh and local residents say they're delighted that he plans to carry on as the town's champion!

We need a councillor with Peter's determination and persistence to stand up for Leigh's special character and interests. No-one is better placed to do that – **Peter Wexham always puts Leigh first.**

Peter is known not just as a long-standing, hard-working councillor, but also as someone with a love for Leigh, its fishing and history, and our local environment.

Peter has many achievements. Here are some of them:

- ✓ **Forced the Council to repair Two Tree Island's sea defences to stop leachate into the river**
- ✓ **Campaigned for a secondary sewage treatment works at Southend and for the main outfall to be extended well out into the river – now our beaches have Blue Flags!**
- ✓ **Introduced an Environmental Charter for the town that has now moved into an Environmental Action Plan**
- ✓ **Helped stop the Tory Council from allowing a super casino & three tower blocks of luxury flats to be built on the foreshore**
- ✓ **Founder Member of the community project to save the cockle boat Endeavour that is also a Dunkirk little ship**
- ✓ **Located EU fisheries grants to be used for the industry**
- ✓ **Fought to save Strand Wharf from developers**



KEEPING LEIGH SPECIAL: Liberal Democrat councillors Carole Mulroney, Ashley Thompson, Beth Hooper and Peter Wexham



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ON MAY 6 VOTE LIB DEM COUNCILLOR PETER WEXHAM

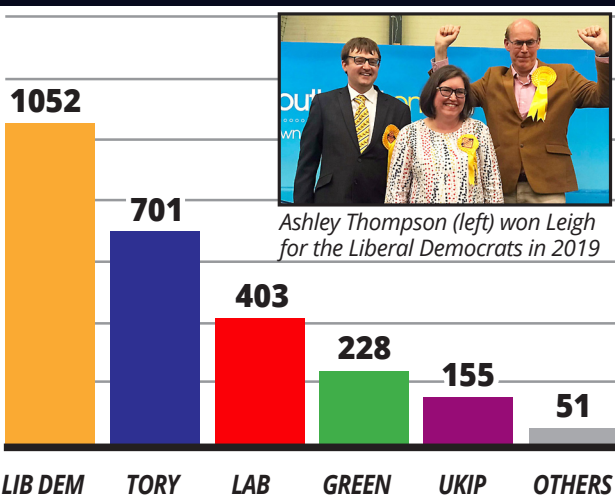
WORKING FOR YOU

IT'S a TWO HORSE RACE in Leigh – either the Lib Dems or the Tories.

Labour are a long way behind.

In the most recent election, in 2019, the Lib Dem vote surged and Ashley Thompson was elected to the council.

This year, Peter Wexham is up for re-election – with your support, he will carry on making Leigh special, and continue to be the strong voice we need for our town



6 I'VE campaigned on the environment all my life. Working with others, I've been able to get a lot done but there's still much more to do! The climate change emergency has stepped up the pressure for all of us. I want to play my part on the Council to ensure we make Leigh – and Southend – fit for the future.

Leigh Councillor Carole Mulroney and I have managed to push the environment and climate change up the agenda and into Council policy. We're working hard to make a difference – our tree planting policy is helping combat air pollution, something I've been working on for decades. Tory cutbacks in the past have delayed progress, but now we have our hands on the tiller again we're moving ahead.

We're also working to resolve other challenges. Sadly, we've seen a rise in crime. Even before recent tragic events in Old Leigh, plans were under way for more security and to reassure residents and visitors. Temporary CCTV is already in place, with plans for more cameras by summer. A new frontline base inside Leigh Heritage Centre from mid-March will help Community Safety Officers and police to patrol.

Much-needed new investment will help reverse the neglected state of our pavements, verges and roads. One Tory councillor recently had the nerve to suggest potholes helped road safety by stopping speeding! More useful are efforts by our Lib Dem team to have potholes filled in and pavements made safe – please tell us of any issues in your road.

I'm passionate about Leigh and bring that passion to the council chamber. I hope to continue to do that on your behalf.

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