

Westborough Focus



Election Special – April 2019

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Grateful Billy Fights on

Westborough Liberal Democrats have again chosen **Billy Boulton** as their candidate for this year's local elections. Billy lives in Westcliff, and has long links with the Westborough area dating back to the early 1980s.

Commenting on his selection, Billy said, *'First of all I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who voted for me in the Council elections last year, and of course to the local party for choosing me again.'*

Over the last year I have, as promised, been working with others to make Westborough an even better place to live, work, and play.

As a party we hope to improve our vote share once again this year, but whatever the result I promise that I will continue working to improve our community over the coming year.'



Billy Boulton has been chosen to lead Liberal Democrat campaigning in Westborough – challenging the Conservative Council that is letting local people down.



Gambling—good fun in a controlled environment with money you can afford. Not for a council to do with tax-payers' money

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£20m property punt is astonishing and reckless! Tory Council gambles with your services

Tory-led Southend Council plans to borrow over £20 million to speculate in the commercial property market. They hope to earn profits to make up for the loss of Government grant. But the only way they can earn returns higher than their borrowing costs is to take on extra risks. This move is very surprising as the Government has recently warned Councils not to risk tax-payers' money in this way.

Recent Government guidance was “very clear that local authorities must not borrow more than or in advance of their needs purely in order to profit from the investment of extra sums borrowed”.

Local Liberal Democrat leader Councillor Carole Mulroney says: *“Although some years ago this was thought to be a way forward, in these uncertain times it is astonishing that the Tories should be so reckless as to ignore recent Government warnings. What do they know about the commercial property market? If money is lost on these investments it will be the Council tax payer and our services that will suffer.”*

Westborough Lib Dem Candidate Billy Boulton added, *“It seems quite clear that the local Conservatives cannot be trusted to spend our money wisely.”*

Our Vision for Westborough

A Strong Community

Billy says, 'One of the things I like most about Westborough is the strong sense of community here, and I promise to do whatever I can to celebrate and enhance this vibrant neighbourhood.'

A Safe community

Like many areas, Westborough has suffered from a lack of visible policing, and Billy backs Liberal Democrat calls for more resources for the police. He worked with others to ensure that faded 'No Entry' signs got replaced across the Ward.

A Clean community

Billy has been working with others to ensure more of the basics get done, including replacing broken street signs and repairing potholes promptly, and will continue to do so. He supports the strongest possible action being taken against fly-tippers, especially repeat offenders.

A Green community

Billy is an active supporter of a number of local environmental groups, and has been working with others to improve the Westcliff library garden. He supports Lib Dem plans to reduce waste going to landfill and promote renewable energy in Southend. He agrees with the Chief Executive of WWF UK that '***We are the first generation to know we are destroying our planet and the last one that can do anything about it.***'



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A local candidate

Billy lives just outside the Westborough boundary and works in the Ward most weeks. He is an active supporter of the Westborough Community Association and has long links with the area, going right back to attending cubs at St Andrews Church in the early 1980s

Who gets things done

Along with others, Billy ensured that, eventually, our faded no-entry signs were replaced across the Ward. He has been working with others over the last year to make the Westcliff library garden a pleasant place to be.

Who cares about the environment

Billy is an active supporter of a number of local environmental groups, and is particularly fond of his wildlife garden at home where the most welcome visitors are a colony of newts.

Who can win..

While the Labour candidate won fairly easily last year, the Ward has had Labour, Liberal Democrat and Independent councillors in recent years: however the Conservatives have never won the ward on its current boundaries.

On **Thursday 2 May**, vote

Billy BOULTON

Liberal Democrat

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Demanding Better for Southend

Southend Liberal Democrats say the Conservative Council is letting local people down. We are fighting for:

The rebirth of our High Street

We need radical action to stop our High Street's decline – working together to make it a more pleasant place to be, reduce the number of empty properties and have a thorough review of parking policy and prices.

A new approach to major projects.

No repeats of the Kent Elms fiasco – millions over budget and we are still waiting for a new bridge.

An end to parking charges for Blue Badge holders.

These charges are not just mean – they give a message that we are not really open for business and to top it all bring in next to no money for the Council.

A new approach to housing that works for local people – not developers.

Putting Environmental Sustainability at the heart of everything the Council does—not an afterthought

The proposed changes to our local health services to be abandoned, unless there is fundamental change. Working together we defeated the plans once, we must not let them sneak in 'via the back door'.

In short, **a Council that delivers for local people**. See our full manifesto online at

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