

Winchester District Liberal Democrats

The Guide 2026

'The Liberal Democrats exist to build and safeguard a fair, free and open society, in which we seek to balance the fundamental values of liberty, equality and community, and in which no-one shall be enslaved by poverty, ignorance or conformity'

Preamble to the constitution of the Liberal Democrats

Welcome To Your Local Party

National members are automatically members of their local party - your local party is Winchester District Liberal Democrats (WDL).

We are a very active group with over 500 members from across the District which is the area administered by Winchester City Council (WCC). In 2019, the Lib Dems won control of WCC and have considerably increased their majority since.

WDL members live in one of the following three constituencies: Hamble Valley (Conservative held), Fareham & Waterlooville (Conservative held) or Winchester (won for the Lib Dems by Dr Danny Chambers at the 2024 General Election).

Excellent results have inspired more like-minded people to join us in recent years.

Many have gone on to become active members, whether attending one of our varied social events or volunteering in some way.

People are attracted to a Party that has fairness and listening, understanding and responding at its heart. Members and supporters of the Liberal Democrats are contributing to making a difference for the better, for all.



Dr Danny Chambers MP

Welcome to Winchester District Liberal Democrats



Thank you so much for becoming a Lib Dem member or supporter — we're really glad to have you!

I'm honoured to be leading WinLD this year. I joined the Lib Dems back in 2017 after the Brexit vote — I wanted to know I'd actually done something for my children's future. I'm sure with the rise of Reform and danger they pose to our democracy many of you will have similar feelings. Locally, we're in a strong position. We've run Winchester City Council (WCC) since 2019, with 32 City Councillors currently. We also have 4 Hampshire County Councillors and an MP. All are working hard across our constituencies.

But big changes are coming with Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation - we will be in a new unitary authority and there will be a Mayor for Hampshire and the Solent. These changes will reshape how we work, and our executive is already updating plans to make the most of what's ahead.

The next few years will be huge for us:

2026 – likely the last WCC & HCC elections

2027 – shadow authority elections

2028 – Hampshire and the Solent mayoral election

2029 – General Election

Our members and supporters are absolutely vital to everything we do. From campaigning to organising, volunteers make it all happen - at every level. If you'd like to get involved or find out more, read through this guide and have a look at our website www.winld.org.uk.

We'd love you to be part of it.



Yvette Riley, Chair of Winchester District Liberal Democrats

The Organisation

LOCAL PARTY EXECUTIVE: The Executive Committee is responsible for setting the strategic direction and goals of the local party. It is elected by members at the Annual General Meeting, but members can be co-opted through the year if there are vacancies. It meets every other month and members are welcome to attend.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: This group meets fortnightly by Zoom and is delegated by the Executive to run the local party on a day-to-day basis.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE: This team runs the local party's campaigning for local and national elections. Branches (more about these later) or wards also have their own campaign teams.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: This team handles member activity, events and fundraising.

	Chair Yvette Riley		Deputy Treasurer Frank Devoy
	Vice-Chair Viv Achwal		Data Officer Richard Eve
	Membership Development Gillie Boddy		Elections Officer Will Tench
	Treasurer Mark Allinson		Diversity & Inclusion Officer Tom Wood-Shreeve

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

The Office

The Lib Dem Office is at First Floor, Unit E, Bar End Industrial Estate, Bar End Road, Winchester SO23 9NP (01962 868586). The office is run by the Chief of Staff and houses staff working for Danny and the local party and, often, some of our marvellous office volunteers.

Chief of Staff	Oversees staff, strategy and casework	Senior Policy Researcher	Works on Danny's mental health campaigns (Westminster based)
Executive Assistant	Runs Danny's diary	Parliamentary Researcher	Researches parliamentary questions, policy and national campaigns (Westminster based)
Caseworker	Handles constituents' requests for help from Danny	Senior Communications Officer	Responsible for press releases, copy and photography for Danny and the local party
Constituency Support Manager	Handles constituents' requests for help from Danny	Campaign organiser	Produces campaign literature and runs campaign events

OFFICE TEAM

The 100 Club

Register your interest for *the 100 Club* - only 100 tickets are available! Go to: <https://digitallibdems.typeform.com/>

An exciting new initiative for 2026 - we are running a monthly lottery with a £100 first prize and £50 second prize. There are 100 numbers for sale at £5 each, payable by monthly standing order. *The 100 Club* was started as a fun way to raise a potential and much needed £4000 a year for Winchester Lib Dem campaign funds - vital money needed to pay for our literature - the only funding we receive is from donations!

Branches



THE DISTRICT CURRENTLY HAS FOUR BRANCHES: Winchester City; The Worthys; Alresford & Itchen Valley; and The Meon Valley.

The branches are responsible for local member engagement, local fundraising and of course, social events! Each branch is run by its own Committee.



Winchester Young Liberals



Winchester Young Liberals is the accredited youth organisation for Winchester Liberal Democrats, for all members aged under 30.

WinchYL holds its own events including socials and campaigning, and always welcomes new members.

It is also part of the Federal Young Liberals, which mirrors the national Lib Dems, and holds two weekend conferences a year. These are a great opportunity to meet other like-minded people and network. As well as speeches from MPs and training sessions at the conferences, Young Liberals also vote on their own policies, some of which are then submitted to the Party Conference and make their way into the party manifesto.

The current chair of Winchester Young Liberals is Nathan Eve, who is contactable on nathan.b.eve.yl@gmail.com if you want to get involved or find out more.

You can also follow WinchYL on Bluesky, Instagram, and Facebook, all **@winchyounghliberals**



Getting Involved



The Lib Dems' strength is its members and volunteers. We hope that people will lend a hand in some way and we are always looking to see how we can match members' and volunteers' interests with a way they can help. Every bit of your support contributes to a team that can win elections.

ACTIVITIES: We run a programme of social and campaign activities for our members and supporters throughout the year. Events range from the fun and informal to lively political debate and

campaigning. Regular activities include our monthly social get-togethers - Lib Dem Gathering, delivery and canvassing action days, fundraising events (we rely on membership fees and donations for **all** our funding), policy forums and admin sessions in the office. The hope is that members will get involved in something they really believe in, make a difference and have some fun!

SUPPORT: There is a big range of tasks that we rely on volunteers for, from bundling leaflets and stuffing envelopes to writing content and standing for election.



Regular activities and tasks:

SOCIAL EVENTS - like the monthly Lib Dem Gathering (a social get together)

DISPLAY - have a garden or window poster

ACTION DAYS - politics in action

FUNDRAISING EVENTS - help or attend

SOCIAL MEDIA - keep us up to date

SURVEY - find out what residents think

STUFF ENVELOPES by hand or using the stuffing machine in the office

PHONE banks - help find new members and volunteers and sign people up for social events or action days

DELIVER our literature - vacancies all over the District - can you help?

BUNDLE literature in the office or in your branch

CANVASS - talk to our voters

DONATE - we rely on donors for **all** our funding

POLITICS SHED - lively political debate

IDEAS - if you have any good ones, get in touch organiser@windld.org.uk

STAND as a local or national candidate

HOW YOU CAN HELP IF YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH FREE TIME

Many of our members and supporters set up **monthly standing orders to make a regular donation** - these make an enormous difference to us as we rely on donations and fundraising for all our income.

Our literature programme is costly but is key to our winning elections!

Having a regular income helps us plan ahead. Even a sum of £5/month over a year will pay for 2500 A4 Focus leaflets!

To arrange a regular donation, email treasurer@windld.org.uk



WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS WITH FINANCIAL, FUNDRAISING OR EVENTS ORGANISATION SKILLS TO HELP!

If this is you, then please email office@windld.org.uk

We'd love to hear from you whether you are just happy helping out as part of a team or whether you'd like to take on a lead role some time.

For more information on any of the activities listed or if you have some fresh ideas please email the office on office@windld.org.uk or call on 01962 868586. And also join our Facebook groups: Winchester District Lib Dem HQ and Team Danny for Winchester.

Why not get involved with something you believe in, make a difference and have some fun!

The Constituencies

From the 2024 General Election, Winchester District has been split between three constituencies: Winchester, Hamble Valley and Fareham and Waterlooville.

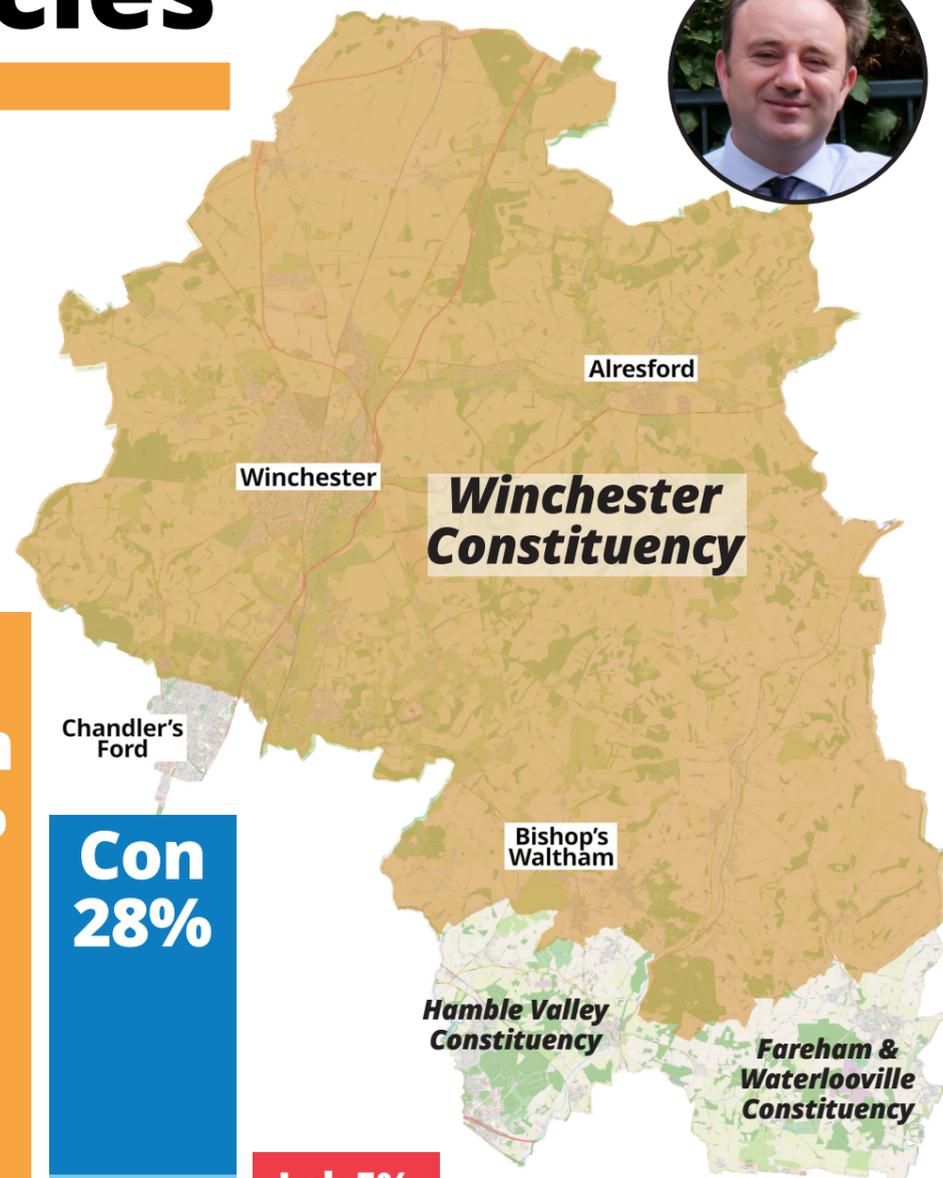
The Liberal Democrats won the Winchester constituency in 2024, winning the most votes for any newly elected MP.

In Hamble Valley Constituency, we finished a close second and it is now one of the Liberal Democrats' top 10 target seats for the next General Election.

For many years, Winchester was a Conservative seat. **This all changed in 1997, when Mark Oaten won the seat for the Liberal Democrats**, holding the seat until he stood down in 2010.

From 2010, Conservative Steve Brine held the seat - with reduced majorities in successive elections since 2015. Starting at 17,000 in 2015, down to 10,000 in 2017, **and to just 985 in 2019!**

In 2024, the Liberal Democrats finally won Winchester back with a massive 13,821 majority after years of campaigning.



Lib Dem 53%

Con 28%

Reform 8%

Lab 5%
Green 5%

The 2024 General Election result in Winchester



Hamble Valley



Prad Bains

Hamble Valley was first contested at the 2024 General Election, and includes the Whiteley & Shedfield ward from our District. It contains the southern parts of the Borough of Eastleigh, including the communities of Hedge End, Botley, Netley and Hamble-le-Rice and the western suburbs of Fareham.

Our candidate in 2024 was Prad Bains, who reduced the Conservative majority to fewer than 5,000 votes. Prad will be our candidate at the next General Election too.

Hamble Valley is one of the top Liberal Democrat targets at the next election.

CON 36%

LIB DEM 28%

LAB 16%

Fareham & Waterlooville

Fareham and Waterlooville was a new seat in 2024, including Denmead and Southwick & Wickham from Winchester District. It also contains the eponymous towns of Fareham and Waterlooville.

It is represented by Suella Braverman MP, a Conservative who defected to Reform in January 2026.

CON 35%

LAB 23%

LIB DEM 19%



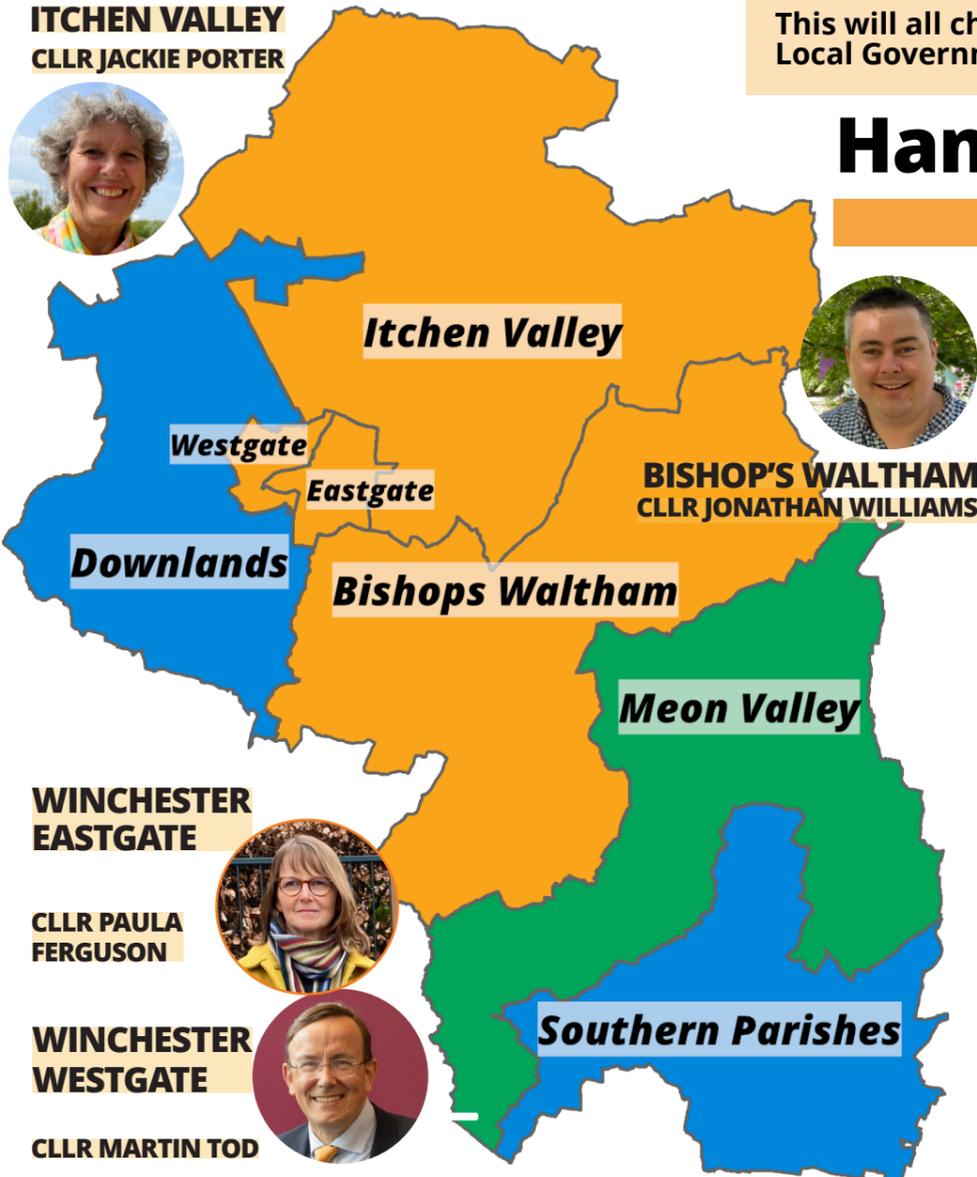
Local Politics

There are currently two local government administrative bodies within the area of our local party:

Lib Dem-controlled Winchester City Council and Conservative-run Hampshire County Council.

This will all change over the next few years as part of the Government's Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution plans (see p. 14).

Hampshire County Council



Our District is part of the larger administrative area of Hampshire County Council which has responsibility for: children's services including schools; fire and public safety; highways management; libraries; public health; social care; and many more services.

The Conservative Party has always had, and still has, a hefty majority on Hampshire County Council. This is, however, something we are working very hard to change – with your help and support.

There are 78 divisions in the County, of which there are seven County divisions covering Winchester District.

There are 4 Lib Dem County Councillors in our local area (pictured left): Westgate (Cllr Martin Tod), Eastgate (Cllr Paula Ferguson), Itchen Valley (Cllr Jackie Porter) and Bishop's Waltham (Cllr Jonathan Williams).

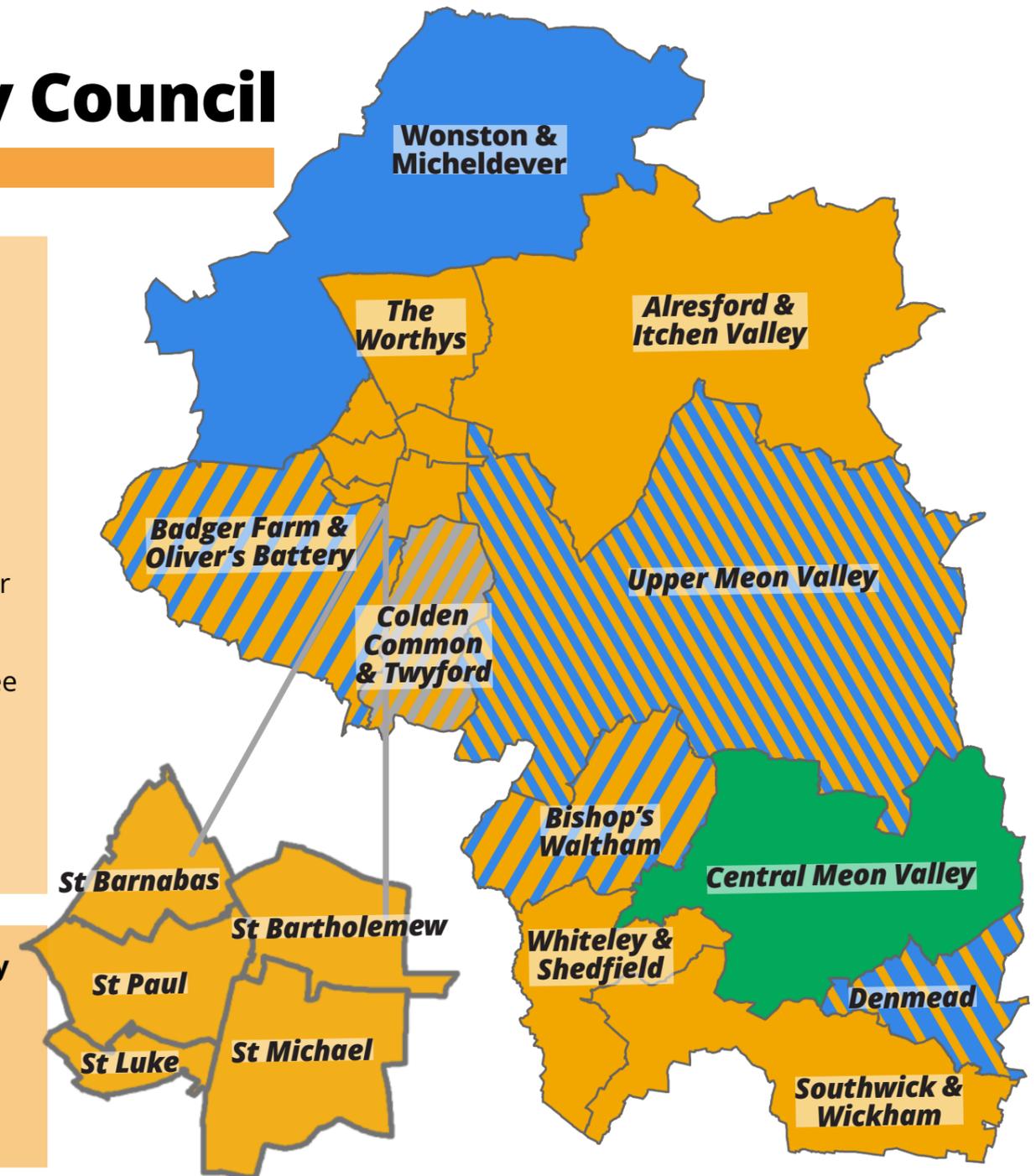
Jonathan won this seat during a by-election in Autumn 2024.

Winchester City Council

Winchester District is the area administered by Winchester City Council. It has responsibility for: planning; housing; waste collection; council tax and business rates collection; leisure services; tourism; benefits administration; and many more services.

Winchester District has 16 wards with each ward represented by either two or three councillors. Councillors are elected for four years. Elections to Winchester City Council take place three out of every four years with a third of the City Council up for election each of those years. In the fourth year, Hampshire County Council elections take place.

The current make up of Winchester City Council (Summer 2025) is: 32 Lib Dem councillors, 8 Conservative councillors, 4 Green councillors and 1 Independent councillor.



All Change for Hampshire

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (as of January 2026)

Devolution for Hampshire means that powers and funding will be transferred from Whitehall to an elected Mayor for Hampshire and the Solent and a new Combined Strategic Authority. It has recently been announced that the mayoral election will now be postponed from 2026 until May 2028.

Alongside devolution, the Government is introducing **Local Government Reorganisation** which will see the current two-tier system of a county council and district/borough councils in Hampshire replaced by large unitary councils serving about 500,000 residents. A decision on the **composition of the new unitary councils is promised for Spring 2026.**

Martin Tod, Lib Dem Candidate for Mayor of Hampshire and the Solent

Martin Tod, the leader of Winchester City Council, and one of our city and county councillors, has been selected as the Lib Dem candidate for Mayor by Lib Dem members across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. To find out more about Martin's plans for Hampshire go to martin4mayor.org.uk



Dr Danny Chambers MP

Winchester's Lib Dem MP is former horse vet Danny Chambers. He lives locally in Shawford, with his partner Emma.

Danny was elected in 2024 with a **stunning margin of victory of 13,821 votes - the largest majority of any new MP from any party.**

Growing up on a farm, Danny's love of animals and science naturally led him into a career as a vet. He was, until recently, on the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and was a Trustee of a prominent Mental Health Charity which he helped to set up.

It was Danny's work on improving the mental health of those in the veterinary profession that made him realise he could make an even greater difference as an MP. It's fitting that he was made the **Liberal Democrat spokesperson for mental health.**

In his role as Mental Health Spokesperson, Danny has spoken out again and again in Parliament about the crisis in mental health care, and in particular the need for early intervention when people are ill. This is the point when treatment is usually most effective and also least costly for the NHS.

He has also highlighted the need for more mental health support for young people, and at the start of 2026 Danny started campaigning in Parliament to put an end to the dangerous, misleading, and unregulated AI chatbots that 25% of teenagers have turned to for mental health advice.



What a difference a Lib Dem MP makes

Danny has built an amazing team of staff in the Winchester office and in Westminster. Working together they have ensured that Danny has made a real impact in Parliament and in the Constituency.

In his first 18 months as an MP Danny spoke in 142 debates in Parliament. To put this in some sort of context, previous local conservative MPs Flick Drummond and Steve Brine both spoke in Parliament about 48 times a year.

Danny has **repeatedly challenged the Government about their inaction on the war in Gaza** (more people wrote to Danny on Gaza than on anything else).



Danny also secured two debates highlighting the **damaging impact of cuts to overseas aid budgets on global public health.**

He did a huge amount of work on the **Tobacco and Vapes Bill**, which aims to create a smoke free generation and will also crack down on the sale of vapes to young people. **This is probably the most important piece of public health legislation in a generation.**

Likewise, Danny spent a great deal of time successfully working to improve the **Mental Health Bill** in 2025.

At the end of 2025, Danny's private members **Puppy Smuggling Bill passed into law.** Only about 5% of private members bills succeed so it is a fantastic achievement for Danny as a new MP, to get the cross-party support necessary to enable this important animal welfare bill to become law.

Danny **attended 467 events** in the Constituency including visiting schools, speaking to community groups, meeting farmers, touring businesses & supporting local community projects.

A highlight of 2025 for Danny was driving an **ambulance to Ukraine** to deliver vital medical equipment.

Danny is also part of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme, which gives MPs experience of forces life and included a trip to Estonia before Christmas.

Locally, he has been working on important campaigns including: **campaigning against sewage dumping** in our rivers; **campaigning to protect and improve our A&E**; **protesting against bus cuts**, including the 61 bus and a Henry Beaufort School bus, and **saving the Chesil Lodge Day Centre.**



In Danny's first 18 months as our MP, he and his award-winning casework team tackled **12,775 pieces of casework.** By way of comparison, Flick Drummond (former Conservative Meon Valley MP) was very proud of doing 7000 pieces of casework in 5 years. Casework can be so important because people often come to Danny in absolute desperation when they literally have nowhere else to turn - his help can make a real difference to their lives.

"What a result. Fantastic. Thank you so much Danny for leading this campaign to save Chesil Day Centre. A really vital, life enhancing service."
Winchester District

"We will never, ever forget your help and support. As I said before, you have restored our faith in politicians."

Kings Worthy

"Your assistance has been a source of reassurance during a period when I often felt unheard. It is clear to me, and I am certain to many others, that you are an exceptional Member of Parliament who genuinely cares for the welfare of your constituents!"

Bishop's Waltham

"Winchester is honoured to have a hands-on MP."

Compton Road, Winchester

"Danny has changed my life."

A constituent who had suffered appalling domestic abuse.

"I tell everyone that it's down to you and your efforts, you have been great!"

Cheriton

"Honestly, these last 6 months have been extremely stressful and difficult and you are the only person who has actually helped us."

Winchester

"I can't tell you how relieved I feel that I may finally get the care and support I urgently need."

Kings Worthy

Danny is a compassionate, evidence driven, hard-working MP who is determined to make a real difference — in Parliament, in the constituency, and to the lives of the people who turn to him for help.

Our Lib Dem Winchester City Councillors

 Cllr Sudhakar Achwal Whiteley & Shedfield	 Cllr Nathan Eve St Bartholomew	 Cllr Margot Power Alresford & Itchen Valley
 Cllr Vivian Achwal Whiteley & Shedfield	 Cllr Russell Gordon-Smith Alresford & Itchen Valley	 Cllr Mark Reach St Michael
 Cllr Rachel Aron St Michael	 Cllr Brian Laming Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery	 Cllr Jane Rutter The Worthy's
 Cllr James Batho St Barnabas	 Cllr Ritchie Latham Bishop's Waltham	 Cllr Jamie Scott St Luke
 Cllr Kathleen Becker St Bartholomew	 Cllr Kelsie Larny St Barnabas	 Cllr Anne Small Whiteley & Shedfield
 Cllr Michael Bennett Denmead	 Cllr Jonny Morris St Barnabas	 Cllr Lucille Thompson St Paul
 Cllr Adrian Brophy Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery	 Cllr Richard Murphy St Michael	 Cllr John Tippett-Cooper St Bartholomew
 Cllr Chris Chamberlain Southwick & Wickham	 Cllr Jerry Pett Upper Meon Valley	 Cllr Martin Tod St Paul
 Cllr Angela Clear Southwick & Wickham	 Cllr Clare Pinniger Alresford & Itchen Valley	 Cllr Chris Westwood St Paul
 Cllr Steve Cramoysan The Worthy's	 Cllr Jackie Porter The Worthy's	 Cllr Jonathan Williams Bishop's Waltham
 Cllr Neil Cutler Southwick & Wickham		 Cllr Charlie Wise St Luke

The Lib Dem Winchester City Council Team



Our Winchester City Council Cabinet Members

- Cllr Lucille Thompson**
Cabinet Member for Business and Culture
- Cllr Steve Cramoysan**
Cabinet Member for Recycling and Public Protection
- Cllr Kathleen Becker**
Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities
- Cllr Mark Reach**
Cabinet Member for Good Homes
- Cllr Martin Tod (Chair)**
Leader and Cabinet Member for Regeneration
- Cllr Kelsie Learney**
Cabinet Member for the Climate and Nature Emergency
- Cllr Neil Cutler (Vice-Chair)**
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation
- Cllr Jackie Porter**
Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan

Cllr Sudhakar Achwal
Mayor of Winchester



What a difference a Lib Dem Council makes

The Lib Dems took control of Winchester City Council in 2019 and immediately declared a climate emergency. By the end of 2024/25, the Council had **achieved a 96% reduction in its direct carbon emissions (since the baseline year of 2017/18).**

The Council is working towards the ambitious goal of becoming a carbon neutral district by 2030.

HOMES FOR ALL

WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

- 281 new council homes across the Winchester district
- Helped fund more accommodation for the homeless
- Bought back ex-council houses to turn them into family homes.

A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

- Invested in new and extended GP surgeries across the district
- Invested in new leisure and sport facilities - including new sports pavilions and football grounds
- Supported the 'City of Sanctuary' movement



GREENER, FASTER

WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

- Rated top 5 District Council for actions to tackle climate change*
- Increased recycling, bringing in doorstep glass, electrical and battery collections and new carton bins
- Invested to cut phosphates and nitrates going into our rivers
- Highest number of EV chargers and Rapid EV chargers in Hampshire

* councilclimatescorecards.uk

PRIDE IN PLACE

WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

- Invested in local High Streets with new seating, bike parking & bins
- Worked with police to cut graffiti, vandalism and anti-social behaviour
- Cut fly-tipping with more successful prosecutions
- Started redeveloping the run-down parts of our city centre

COST OF LIVING HELP

WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

- £300,000 emergency support for residents most affected by the cost of living crisis
- 318 council homes retrofitted to cut carbon and cut bills
- Free evening and Sunday parking in Chesil St, River Park and Worthy Lane
- Lowest Council Tax increase in Hampshire in 2024

The Lib Dem City Council Plan for 2025-2030



Despite the prospect of local government reorganisation, the City Council is pressing on with its plan for the next five years.

Among its objectives for the district are:

- Reduced waste and increased recycling, exceeding national targets
- Full gigabit broadband and mobile coverage by 2030
- Improved health and wellbeing in our most deprived communities
- More participation in physical activity for all ages
- Strong health and community infrastructure
- Increasing number of affordable homes, including 1000 more council homes by 2032
- Decarbonisation of district homes
- Improved satisfaction for our services
- A balanced budget and stable council finances
- Improved engagement with under-represented groups

Hard at work delivering a greener, fairer future

The political history of our area

WINCHESTER: A POLITICAL HISTORY OF INTRIGUE & TURMOIL



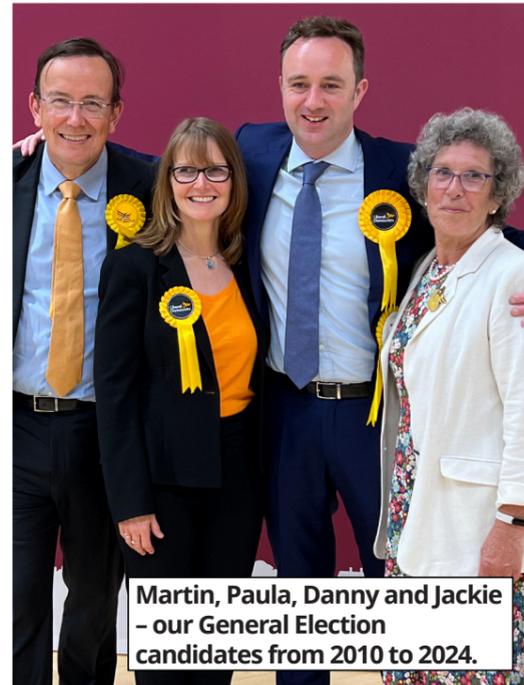
For almost the entirety of the 20th century, Winchester had a Conservative MP (apart from the election of George Jeger for Labour in 1945). It wasn't until 1997 that Mark Oaten took the seat for the Lib Dems. Mark Oaten's success had followed a period of turmoil for the Conservatives.

John Browne held the seat in the 1979, 1983 and 1987 elections, but was then embroiled in a dispute about his Parliamentary expenses. In 1992 John Browne stood as an Independent Conservative candidate, as he refused to submit his name for re-selection by the Conservative Party, and lost his seat to Conservative MP Gerry Malone.

In the pivotal 1997 election, Mark Oaten was declared to have won Winchester by two votes, following many recounts. However, he was unseated on an electoral petition on 6 October 1997 when the High Court held that 54 votes declared void for want of the official mark would have changed the

result if counted. The subsequent by-election on 20 November 1997 resulted in a clear win by Oaten – his majority was 21,556 over second-placed Gerry Malone. Many voters clearly resented being asked to vote again!

Mark Oaten comfortably held the seat in 2001 and 2005, and was the Liberal Democrat Home Affairs Spokesman from June 2003 to January 2006. However, a scandal published in the News of the World about his private life led to him resigning from the front bench in 2006 and standing down at the 2010 election when Steve Brine took the seat for the Conservatives, beating Lib Dem Martin Tod by 3084 votes.



In 2015, Steve Brine increased his majority to 16,914, beating local councillor Jackie Porter. Since then, however, his majority has been significantly reduced – to 9,999 in 2017 against Jackie Porter again, and in 2019 new candidate Paula Ferguson produced one of the country's tightest results - losing by just 985 votes.

In 2024, after boundary changes removed Chandler's Ford from the constituency and added parts of the Meon Valley, Danny Chambers retook the seat for the Liberal Democrats with a majority of 13,821.



WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL: WHEN, WHAT & WHY

The current district boundaries for Winchester City Council were set on 1 April 1974 when the City of Winchester was merged with the former Droxford Rural District and part of the former Winchester Rural District council area.

The leadership of the City Council has varied with Conservative or Liberal control mixed with periods of no overall control. The Lib Dems won the Council in 1995 and held it for 9 years, until June 2004 when they lost overall control of the council to no overall control. The Conservatives gained control in the 2006 election (after the scandal involving Mark Oaten).

In 2010, however, the Lib Dems gained five seats which gave them an overall majority of one seat. Control was again lost, though, in 2011. A period of Conservative control followed but in the highly successful 2019 elections,

the Lib Dems secured a majority of 9 seats and were once again in control. The Lib Dems also fared very well in the 2019 European elections.

In 2020, the local elections were postponed due to the Covid 19 pandemic. As a result, they took place in May 2021 alongside the County Council and Police and Crime Commissioner elections. The Lib Dems retained control of the City Council. In 2022, the first Green Party councillor was elected and all our incumbents were returned with significantly increased majorities.

The May 2024 local elections saw the Liberal Democrats rise to a record 33 seats, with the Conservatives reduced to just eight and the Green Party on three.



Members' stories

We're thrilled that you've joined the Lib Dems and we'd love to know what motivated you to join and all about the things you're interested in.

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Adrian Brophy

There's lots of ways to help out. Initially, I just delivered leaflets, but then realised I could probably have more impact by donating professional skills.

I'm a PR consultant and photographer. I helped in the 2019 General Election campaign with **media relations, press releases and taking photos!**

As part of a brilliant team, we increased our positive press coverage locally, while photography let me see politics close up: as well as working with our candidate, Paula, it was lovely to meet so many local people, and photograph Vince Cable, Jo Swinson and Ed Davey along the way!

In Spring 2023, I was delighted to be elected as a councillor to the City Council.

I have continued to help the team with photography and the 2024 General Election, working with Danny was another highlight of my volunteering experience.

Whatever you do, volunteering gives you back so much more.

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Gillie Boddy



In Spring 2019 I offered to deliver some leaflets. After much encouragement I then had a go at canvassing and found that I not only met lots of interesting, friendly people but I also actually enjoyed doing it!

During the 2019 General Election, I organised our candidate's diary and drove her to meetings. This was a real privilege as I got to know Paula really well and met some amazing individuals working in both the public and private sectors.

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2020 saw me organising events including the annual dinner and then various virtual social and political events during the lockdowns.

I was then asked to take on the role of **Membership Development Officer**. This has been very rewarding and I've set in place a number of new initiatives, including this Members' Guide!

Nathan Eve

I first campaigned for the Lib Dems during the 2017 General Election while still at Peter Symonds. Since then, I've been involved in local elections and two more General Election campaigns in between my University studies.

I feel our Lib-Dem-run council has made really good progress making Winchester a greener, cleaner, and more prosperous place to live and work in and I stood in the Spring 2023 Local Elections being elected as a councillor for St Bartholomew!

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Recently, I've been leading the **Winchester Young Liberals**. If you know of any under 30s who'd like to get involved, message me on nathan.b.eve.yl@gmail.com.

After Danny Chambers was elected, I was really excited to get a job as one of his caseworkers. I am currently working as the Winchester local party's Campaign Organiser.



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Sas Dunlop

In Spring 2017, I offered to deliver leaflets in my village which I still do. Eventually, I tried canvassing and was pleasantly surprised that actually the majority of people want a chance to talk about how they feel about politics.

Over the years I've had a go at lots of different Lib Dem volunteer activities: whether bundling leaflets, helping plan and run events, hand addressing the famous blue envelopes, supervising office volunteers or 'telling' at polling stations. Generally, if the volunteer activity is indoors there's very often tea and cake involved, a friendly welcome and quite a bit of laughter.

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Along the way, my husband and both my children have also been recruited to the cause and between them they've delivered leaflets, put up garden posters and waited at tables!

Christine Nuttall

In 2022, I moved to a small village near Alresford and, having volunteered previously for the Lib Dems in Buckinghamshire, I got in touch with the local party to offer help, first with delivering and then campaigning.

In the run up to the General Election I also helped to answer the many emails that Danny was getting. **I am now the Secretary of the Alresford and Itchen Valley Lib Dem branch** and help with canvassing and also to put on events for our members and supporters.

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Andrew Rolt

I've been volunteering with Win LD for 20+ years: initially as the South Wonston 'wholesaler' and now 'wholesaler' plus 'anything else'!

This is, dare I say, 'exciting' as I get the feeling I'm a really useful Member!

And it continues my ambition of contributing to the *national democratic process*, i.e. in my case aligning myself with a caring and responsible political party

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that actively promotes the well-established aims and objectives of the Liberal Democrat Party.

I'm as enthusiastic as ever about supporting the Liberal Democrats — especially after helping to elect Danny Chambers as MP for Winchester. On the doorstep I often said, 'Party politics aside, this man is by far the best choice to represent our constituency.' Danny's election result proved that point — and all the hard work he has done since to champion the constituency has reinforced it.

Danny is a pleasure to work with. He has an infectious smile and is a natural leader. Every time I've met him, he has made the time to ask thoughtful questions, really listen to the answers, consider new ideas and explain his thinking clearly.'

I get quite a 'buzz' from canvassing, operating a leaflet distribution team and generally supporting the Bar End office team well, being retired helps!

Certainly, there are elements of my management career in Civil Engineering, building contracting and design and Waste Management that help, e.g. dealing with people and promoting team working, thinking about programmes, resources, costs, working place welfare and human resources development. Some of these things, I think fundamental to Lib Dem thinking and ethos and developing and maintaining issues relating to national direction and needs.

And before all this, I'm sure my life skills and attitudes were promoted by those excellent post-war standards in housing and education and such things as the Boys Brigade, Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Outward Bound, particularly encouraging sports and the 'great outdoors'.

I keenly attend our Winchester Sports and Leisure Centre as much as three times a week and also volunteer with the Sutton Scotney Gratton Surgery: all in all, I feel my volunteering contributes to my social, mental and physical wellbeing - can't be a better advert for volunteering than that!



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