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News and views from your Lib Dem councillors and Jonathan Smith



THANK YOU

LYMM RESIDENTS BACK THE LIB DEMS IN RECORD NUMBERS

All of us in the Lymm Lib Dem team wanted to extend a huge thank you to all of our residents for the show of support we received at the local elections last month. In May, you re-elected hard-working Lib Dems to every single borough and 11 parish council seats in Lymm. To all the residents who have put their trust in us - thank you. We will never take your support for granted.

Across Warrington anger over years of Tory sleaze was clear, with the Conservatives losing all but one of their borough councillors and the post of Police and Crime Commissioner.

In Lymm, it was the Lib Dems that disaffected Tories turned to -achieving a record-breaking 62% of the vote across Lymm's two borough seats.

I'M BACKING JONATHAN

by Clir Ian Marks MBE

The country is in crisis. The Tories have cut local council funding to the bone and driven us deep into a cost of living crisis. We need fresh ideas and real change, delivered by honest hard-working people.

I have had the pleasure of working alongside Jonathan Smith - our Lib Dem Parliamentary Candidate - for a while. He is hard-working, committed, and would be a fantastic voice for Lymm in Parliament. A vote for Jonathan Smith is a vote for us here in Lymm.



OUR PLAN FOR SOCIAL CARE

In Cheshire its been estimated that 1 in 10 people are unpaid carers. The Lib Dems are the only party fighting to give our carers a fair deal; with a pledge to introduce paid carer's leave and a statutory guarantee of respite breaks.

The Tories promised to "fix" the crisis in our social care system, that no one would have to sell their house to pay for care, and that they would not raise taxes to do it. They have since broken all three of these promises, just pushing the problem onto our over-stretched hospitals.

We believe that everyone deserves high-quality care when they need it. Everyone should be able to live independently and with dignity, and receive any personal care they need in their own home wherever possible at no cost to them.

LYMM JOINS TATTON

Constituency boundary changes at this General Election

Lymm is moving out of Warrington South and into the Tatton constituency at this general election. This was decided by the Boundary Commission, in spite of the protests we made here. This won't affect your polling station and we remain part of Warrington Borough Council.

You will no longer be able to vote for our former MP Andy Carter, who is standing in Warrington South. Our Conservative candidate is now Tatton's previous MP, Esther McVey. But what does she stand for?

McVey spent much of the last parliament as a presenter on the TV channel GBNews. She has twice been fined by OFCOM for the show, and twice found in breach of the rules by Parliament's the second jobs watchdog. She also started a film production company and writes newspaper columns; putting her

career ahead of her constituents.

In 2021 McVey took over £18k in freebies from sports and gambling companies in just over two months, whilst lobbying parliament for fewer restrictions on gambling.

McVey is a member of the 'NZSG' group of MPs, which has taken millions of pounds in donations from oil and gas financiers. She then campaigned against net zero and for more fossil fuel extraction.

This year McVey was made the 'Minister for Common Sense', and made headlines for trying to ban rainbow lanyards. She also voted against equal marriage in 2014.

This is not the moderate Conservatism we once knew. Your choice at this election is between am hard-working, moderate Lib Dem MP, or a far-right Tory candidate working to further her own career.



On his first day as Prime Minister Rishi Sunak stood on the steps of Number 10 and pledged to lead a government with "integrity, professionalism and accountability at every level". Since then Sunak and the Tories have squandered any shred of trust left in politics. They've wasted millions flip-flopping on HS2, broken promises on the NHS and social care, stoked division and inequality, taken funding from a racists and misogynists, and brokered dodgy back-room deals for their mates - leaving a trail of mistrust and hypocrisy in their wake.

This General Election is going to decide the fate of many things: the future of the NHS, a stagnant

economy, collapsing public services, and the climate emergency – to name just a few. If politics is the only way to make the changes and improvements we so desperately need, it is vital that our politicians demonstrate the best of public service values.

In 2019, after having increased the Lib Dem vote in Tatton by 74%, I kept campaigning day in and day out with our hard-working team of local councillors to make our area a better place.

If I become your MP, I would be just that; *your* MP, working round the clock to serve you. I was both a director of Social Services and an NHS Chief Executive with 20+ years experience making healthcare better My Pledges

If elected as your MP, I vow to:

- Never take a second job
- **Never** accept personal freebies, from anyone
- Always give 100% to my role as your MP
- **Regularly** offer walk-in surgeries across Tatton
- Constantly put my duty to serve the public before my own interests

In other words - *I will do my job!* It might not seem like a lot to ask, but how much of this has been true of my Conservative opponent?

for all. I would relish the chance to continue that work as your MP.

THE CHOICE IN LYMM AT THIS GENERAL ELECTION...



Diagram showing the most recent local election results (2023-4) for wards in the new Tatton constituency

This feels like the most important election in a generation. The Tories have brought our country to the brink of collapse; with schools crumbling, roads collapsing, and hospitals at breaking point.

The last local elections show clearly that the race is between the Lib Dems and the Conservatives in the new Tatton, with Labour trialling the Lib Dems by more than 25%.

Jonathan Smith is a local candidate with decades of experience working in the NHS and social care sector. The Tory candidate is a farright Truss-supporter, who backed this awful government time and again. Labour's candidate lives in London and the Labour party admits that he can't win here.

Let's get a local MP who works for us - vote Jonathan Smith.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Your local Lib Dem team are here to help you with issues big and small all year round - not just at election time. If you need our help, please get in touch! Jonathan Smith - your Lib Dem Parliamentary Candidate for Tatton: Jonathan Smith Jonathansmith4tatton@gmail.com 07984 665111

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