

WHAT THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WILL DO FOR ROTHER

Rother residents have been ruled by the Conservative majority for too long. They work for Bexhill's interests before the rest of us. If elected Rother Liberal Democrats priorities are:

A Town Council for Bexhill.

Following the overwhelming support shown by Bexhill residents we would work for a Town Council for Bexhill. This may seem distant to us but it is key to unlocking the time for Rother to meet the needs of all of its communities. It works for Rye after all.

Encourage and support Neighbourhood Plans for all rural areas.

We would encourage and support all rural Towns and Parishes to complete their own Neighbourhood Plan in order to have a say in their planning future, and provide more support from Rother's Planning Department.

More sustainable homes.

We need to build more of the right homes in the right places for local people and their children to live in. We would see whether Rother could build and manage their own housing again. We will work to achieve a five year housing supply, to protect against unwelcome development.

Emptying the bins.

With a new company collecting the bins later this year, we would insist on a better service, better monitoring and fewer mistakes this time around. We would like to simplify the collections and bring a food waste collection into the service.

Housing for the elderly.

The local housing situation is most unsatisfactory. It is impossible for elderly residents in Winchelsea to downsize because smaller homes are simply not available with the result that they are forced to leave the town and their circle of supportive friends, to our and their impoverishment. More developments like Rye's Devonport House could be part of the answer.



Rail improvements

Electrification of the Ashford – Ore rail line coupled with service improvements.
Campaign for better interchanges at Rye Station with buses and trains

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This is the big issue for Rye, but it needs to go beyond street parking enforcement. Howard & the Liberal Democrats will consult widely for an integrated solution.

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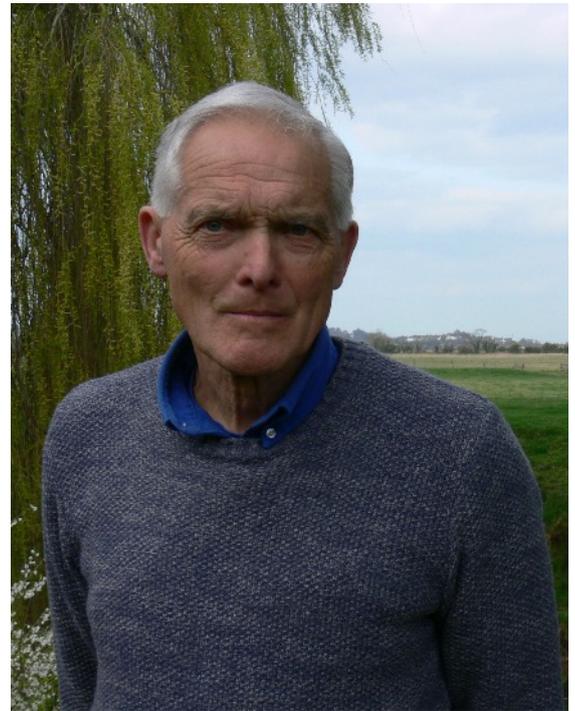
On Rye and Winchelsea

Introducing Howard Norton

Howard has lived in Winchelsea for thirteen years with his partner David.

He is a retired teacher who taught history and politics at Cranbrook School for thirteen years. Before that he worked as a vicar in south London and he is still busily active in the life of Winchelsea parish church..

Howard is deeply involved in the life of Winchelsea. He is a passionate gardener; chair of the local Garden Society; organiser of the NGS garden openings for Winchelsea; president of the Literary Society and a regular bridge player. He is a keen environmentalist who keeps bees, enthusiastically supports the work of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, Butterfly Conservation and the RSPB, and is a Friend of Great Dixter. He firmly believes that quality of life issues arising from an openness to nature should be given a high profile in local politics.



3 REASONS TO VOTE FOR HOWARD ON 2nd MAY.

1) Rother is dominated by Bexhill and the Tories. Half of the councillors, but more than half of the money and time go into Bexhill. Rye & Winchelsea need a Voice.

2) Rother's extreme application of Tory austerity policies have made its finances even worse. Austerity is now damaging the country and stifling Rother.

3) A parking strategy for Rye once street parking enforcement has started, including a review of prices and coordination with public transport.

Howard is appalled by the polarisation which afflicts British politics at present. With the Conservatives becoming the party of strident English nationalism and Labour increasingly sectarian and Intolerant. There has never been a greater need for a strong and moderating Liberal Democrat voice. Austerity or old-fashioned Socialism are no answer to the issues which matter to people in Rother. We must set our faces against tribal politics and be willing to cooperate with other voices who like us want a pragmatic approach to local problems.

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