

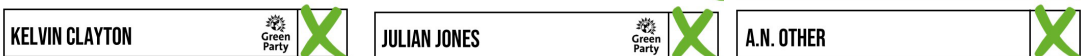
IT'S A LOCAL ELECTIONS YEAR IN DORSET!

Voters in Bridport will get 3 ballot papers for the elections on May 2nd, one for the town (or parish if you are outside the town boundary), one for Dorset Council and one for the Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

FOR BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL you will be voting in your ward and there are 5 wards in Bridport, West Bay (2 councillors), Bothenhampton & Walditch (3), Allington & West Bridport (5), Bradpole (5) and Central Bridport (5). We aim to have at least one Green Party candidate in each areas

FOR DORSET COUNCIL you will get 3 votes because Bridport has 3 councillors on Dorset Council. Councillor Kelvin Clayton and Julian Jones will be standing for the Greens. Vote for these two hard working councillors and for a strong Green voice on the council!

YOU GET 3 VOTES FOR DORSET COUNCIL



For more information about our candidates please go to our website www.dorset.greenparty.org.uk/local-elections

WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN & ACT

You can meet and chat with town and Dorset councillor **Kelvin Clayton** every Wednesday between 9.30 and 10.30am. You'll find him sitting in the window of Soulshine, South Street, or outside if the weather is fine.

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To find out what we are doing for local people or to join a party that cares about the future visit

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BRIDPORT

GREEN NEWS



KELVIN CLAYTON WORKING TO FIX LISTED BUILDING ISSUE

Bridport has approximately 500 listed buildings, most of which are ordinary residential houses, and many are small and at the cheaper end of the housing market. However, a constant issue raised by the residents of these houses is the difficulty in getting planning permission to install solar panels (even of rear elevations that can't be seen from the road) and fit wooden double glazing.

One solution being pursued by Green Party Councillor Kelvin Clayton is for Dorset Council to pass a Listed Building Consent Order, an order that allows people to install solar panels and double glazing on / in listed building without planning permission provided certain criteria are met.

I am raising this issue with the Council at every opportunity," says Kelvin, "and so far have had a reasonably positive reaction. This will be high on my list of priorities if re-elected in May."

WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE OF BRIDPORT.



GET YOUR PHOTO ID READY FOR MAY ELECTIONS ...

In order to vote at the local elections in May, and the General election whenever it is called, you will need to have photo ID.

For some people this may be problematic. The chair of the Electoral Commission, John Pullinger recently warned that Conservative ministers have "opened themselves" up to accusations that this

newly introduced scheme is designed to benefit the Tory party.

The "very, very tight" rules that have been imposed, he said, could disenfranchise certain groups like young people and the unemployed. Please don't allow this to happen. Please don't allow the Tories to create an unfair advantage.

Please ensure that you have your photo ID ready! You can find a list of acceptable forms of photo ID at the Electoral Commission website, where you can also apply for free voter ID.

www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id



MEET YOUR GREENS!



Hello, I'm **Bob Hamblett** and I will be seeking election onto the new Bridport Town Council.

I worked as a teacher for over 20 years before forming my own company running summer schools. I now volunteer at the Charmouth Coast Heritage Centre, welcoming people and helping on fossil walks.

I like our independent way of going about things in Bridport. We're fortunate to have such a rich cultural life here, plus an amazing market and shops.

After decades of political inaction, I got off my backside and joined the Green Party. I'm a grandfather now and want to do something to help future generations.

If I was elected as a town councillor, I would use my position to amplify what people tell me is important to them.

INEQUALITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

Our country is massively unequal in terms of income and above all wealth. Even Labour governments have been hopelessly timid about tackling this injustice which is the driver of so many social problems.

The Green Party are clear that radical redistribution of wealth is central to tackling climate change, in fact essential.

If whole swathes of our population in the UK and across the world struggle to get by from week to week it is near impossible to concentrate on the longer-term issues. Right wing media controlled by billionaires take advantage of this - whipping up resentment against almost any attempt to protect and improve our environment. Global heating is occurring even faster than forecast and the effects seen to date are just a foretaste of what will follow unless we treat this as the top priority for our nation. A response on the scale of 1939, when the whole country united to play its part in the second world war, is needed.

Locally we have an opportunity in May to throw out the Tory majority running Dorset Council. Green Party councillors would then have the possibility of sharing power or continuing to provide active, principled and constructive opposition that a non-Tory administration will need.

GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE JULIAN JONES MAKES THE CONNECTION BETWEEN INEQUALITY AND ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE.



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