

# VOTE KEITH CRITCHLEY

## The best choice for Wareham on 1st May

# TIME FOR CHANGE

### 9 WASTED YEARS

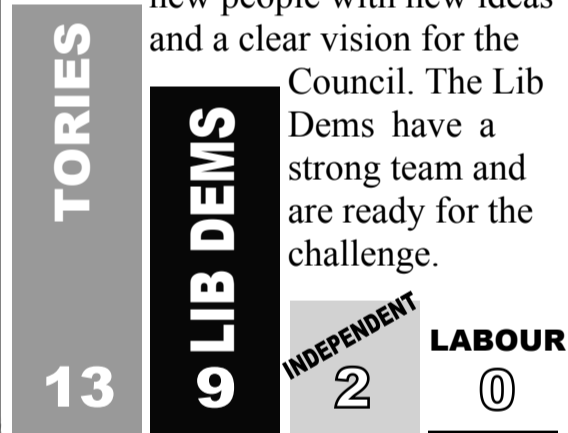
**Purbeck Conservatives** have controlled the District Council for the last 9 years without any clear purpose, direction or policy of what they wish to achieve apart from a promise to hold down your Council Tax bills. With **Council Tax more than doubling** since they took control they have clearly failed.

At the same time, despite claims to have made massive savings, **spending has rocketed** up by 57%, from just under £4 million to over £6 ¼ million, with little improvement in services. How can they claim to be spending your money wisely?



### Fresh Approach

After 9 years of Conservative rule; **it's time for a change.** Only the Liberal Democrats can break the dominance of the Tories at Purbeck. Last years the Lib Dems polled more votes and won more seats than the Conservatives. The Council need new people with new ideas and a clear vision for the Council. The Lib Dems have a strong team and are ready for the challenge.



**Councillors in Purbeck Following May 2007 Election**

### Lib Dems Offer A REAL Alternative

The Liberal Democrats offer a real alternative. A set of policies entitled 'Ambitious for Purbeck' which sets out a programme for clear leadership and a vision for the future.

**The Wareham Lib Dem Team**  
**KEITH CRITCHLEY and the Lib Dems will:**



- Support and extend initiatives to fight crime and anti-social behaviour
- At the earliest opportunity extend the kerbside recycling schemes
- Support small developments of affordable housing in line with local community needs and priorities
- Oppose the massive housing expansion proposed for Purbeck

# WORKING ALL YEAR ROUND NOT JUST AT ELECTION TIME



Liberal Democrats are pressing for a meeting with Network Rail and South West Trains to ensure that the pedestrian crossing of the railway at the station remains open. "This is the only pedestrian link between the north and the south of the town, it is vital that it remains open" says **Keith Critchley**.



**Keith Critchley**, like Cllrs David Budd and Eric Osmond use bicycles for those local journeys to reduce their 'carbon footprint'.

**Liberal Democrats are nationally recognised as the greenest of the major parties.**



**Keith Critchley and the Liberal Democrats** will seek to re-introduce all day concessional bus travel to allow bus pass holders to travel before 9.30am.

**Keith Critchley** is a member of Wareham Partners and Communities Together (PACT), a joint venture with the police to tackle issues of crime and anti-social behaviour.  
**Liberal Democrats will support and extend such initiatives.**



Purbeck Council received millions of pounds when it sold its Council housing, but has **spent little** of that on new housing for Purbeck. "The Council needs to review its capital resources and aim to transfer more money into providing new homes for those in genuine need" says **Keith Critchley**.



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Well known local author  
Hugh Elmes' letter supporting  
Keith Critchley

Mr H Elmes  
Back to Basics  
Northport  
Wareham  
8th April 2008

Dear Keith,

I would like to take this opportunity in wishing you all the success in the May elections. I have always voted Conservative in General Elections, but when it comes to a local election, I don't believe that politics should come into it at all. I look for someone with common sense, who is prepared to do all that he can for the good of the town.

I feel now you have retired, you have the time that this position requires. You also have the energy that will be needed to carry out these duties. I know that it will be a challenge but with the interest that you have always shown regarding Wareham, I feel that you are the ideal candidate for this job.

All the best,

*Hugh Elmes*



The Wareham  
Lib Dem Team



### TORIES IN DISARRAY AT PURBECK

It is often said that things happen in threes, it appears true for the ruling Conservative group at Purbeck District Council.

1. In late February Conservative Cllr Bill Trite **resigned** as Leader of the Council less than three months from the end of his term of office citing it was time for a change.
2. In early April Cllr Colin Bright, Chairman of the Planning Board, announced that he had **left the Conservatives** due to their lack of direction, purpose and leadership, and **joined the Lib Dems**.
3. Again in April, Rosemary Hodder, a Conservative Cllr for Wool until defeated by a Lib Dem last year **stands as an Independent Candidate against the Official Conservative Candidate** in Wool.

It does pose the question, **are the Conservatives in a fit state to run Purbeck District Council?**

### Lib Dems LISTEN Conservative Action COSTS YOU MONEY

Parking charges in Wareham car parks increased from 1st April. Wareham's Chamber of Trade did not oppose the increases provided the charges did not increase again next year. Wareham's Lib Dem District Councillors therefore proposed holding the charge for two years, but this was rejected by the Conservatives.

The changes to ticket machines and signs will cost about half the additional income, so the question has to be asked, **is it sensible to change the charges every year?**



Cllr Eric Osmond's proposal for fixed car park charges for 2 years was rejected by the Tory run Council

**Council taxpayers in Wareham will be paying the equivalent of at least 25 pence on their Council tax** due to a former Wareham Town Councillor and current Conservative Candidate in the May election reporting the Town Council to the District Auditor for putting the wrong date on a notice calling a meeting, an error which was corrected within a day.

**The District Auditor's fees are already £360 and the cost will easily exceed £500 when the Council's staff costs are added. This is a shocking waste of your money for no perceivable benefit.**

### New Town Councillors

**Liberal Democrats Daniel Critchley (son of Keith Critchley) and Tony Williams have been elected unopposed to Wareham Town Council.**

25 year old Daniel adds youth and Tony experience to the Lib Dem Team, having previously been a Parish Councillor.

## YOU HAVE A CHOICE ON THURSDAY 1ST MAY

Elect Keith Critchley to complete the Liberal Democrat Team of Councillors David Budd and Eric Osmond, working all year round not just at election time, keeping in touch and speaking up for you and the best interests of Wareham.

**OR...**

The Conservative who always votes the party line and has broken his commitment of four years ago to speak up for Wareham week in week out and to fully participate in the work of the Council. There has been very little heard from him between elections or in the Council Chamber.

You can still vote if you have mislaid your Polling Card.



For a lift to and from the Polling Station phone 552651. Northmoor Park Electors **don't forget** your Polling Station is now The Committee Room at Wareham Golf Club.

**ON 1ST MAY VOTE CRITCHLEY, KEITH X**