

Health Help

Ashbourne and District 50+ will be holding another Open Forum on **Friday 14th July** at the Waterside Centre, Ashbourne (Elim Church) starting at 10am. All are welcome. The meeting will provide an opportunity to hear from **Dr Penny Blackwell**, Clinical Director of the South Dales Primary Care Network and who is a GP from Hannage Brook Medical Centre, Wirksworth. Penny will provide a perspective on the issues facing the public in **making GP appointments and accessing pharmacy services**. **Helen Hulme**, a Clinical Pharmacist also from Hannage Brook, will comment on the role of pharmacists in the community and the current pressures on the service. There will also be short presentations from local organisations that provide health related services in the Ashbourne area.



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DO YOU HAVE AN ISSUE? CAN WE HELP?

The local Lib Dem team want to hear from you on any issue, big or small, that you want help with.

My issue

Name..... Email.....

Tel Post code

- I can give an hour or so every few months to deliver leaflets in my area
- I would like a poster at the next election to show my support for the Liberal Democrat team
- I would like to join the Liberal Democrats

Can we keep you updated about our activities including campaigns, events, fundraising and details about how to get involved?

Yes please No thanks

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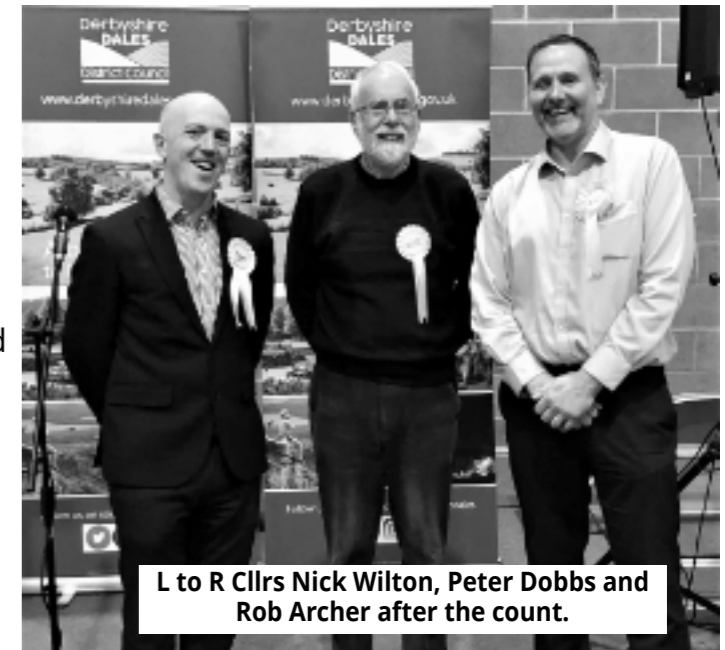
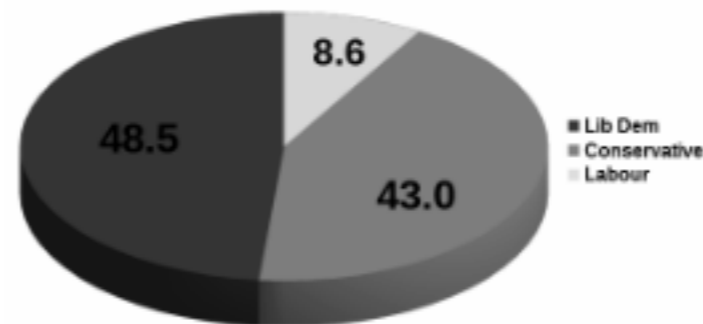
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Liberal Democrats - working for you all year round

Thank you - we did it!

Strong support for Liberal Democrat candidates in the 4th May elections in Ashbourne means that the town now has 3 Liberal Democrat District Councillors.

Rob Archer and **Nick Wilton** (Ashbourne South) and **Peter Dobbs** (Ashbourne North) also topped the polls in their respective wards. This remarkable result gave Lib Dems not only



L to R Cllrs Nick Wilton, Peter Dobbs and Rob Archer after the count.

we received from the residents of Ashbourne South was humbling. It was very clear from speaking to people on the doorstep that they decided to vote for us in such large numbers because they believed that we were engaged in local issues and ready to listen to and work hard for the residents of Ashbourne and the Derbyshire Dales, we are very much looking forward to doing just that".

the majority of the council seats in the town (3 out of 5) but also a majority of the popular vote. This level of support for Lib Dems has not been seen in Ashbourne for over 25 years.

Peter Dobbs, newly elected District Councillor for Ashbourne North, comments, "From canvassing we knew that we had many residents supporting us but to secure this result is most encouraging. Now we must set about turning our manifesto commitments into a reality for the people of the town".

Rob Archer, who first won his seat on the District Council in 2019 adds "The level of support that

Nick Wilton, another newly elected Lib Dem Councillor, also representing Ashbourne South added "It is clear that people voted for change and chose our party as the one best placed to deliver that. To steer such a large organisation as the District Council onto a new path is no easy task but it is one the electorate has given us and we are determined to do all we can to bring it about".

To find out more visit our website <http://dales.lib.dm>

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Robert Court



General Election Candidate

Robert Court, Parliamentary Candidate for Derbyshire Dales, writes:

For the first time for 24 years, the Conservatives are not running Derbyshire Dales District Council. Following the May elections, we have a progressive alliance in charge led by the Liberal Democrats. Three parties will be collaborating after the electorate clearly voted for change. No longer can one party do whatever it likes and take voters for granted.



Robert Court

Next year's General Election will give you an opportunity to vote for change at national level too. Change to a fairer society - fairer to nurses, teachers, carers and farmers. Fairer votes: we don't have to go on using a voting system shared in Europe only by Putin's stooge in Belarus.

I expect you are fed up with food prices and mortgages skyrocketing while trust in the government drops through the floor. If ever there was a time to restore integrity to public life, this is it.

Locally, with more councillors and more votes than any other party, the Lib Dems overtook the Conservatives. We can beat them at the General Election too. If you want to make change happen, vote Liberal Democrat.

Elite thank EU!



Elite Cinema and Theatre, Market Square

Local businessman Mick Gallimore has created a magnificent new venue that is sure to attract visitors to Ashbourne.

Although the Elite started life as a cinema, the

It's not just NOx!



Particles on St John's Street, Ashbourne

It seems likely that this **black powder** that collects on the pavements and windows of Buxton Road and St John's Street is made up of fine particles from vehicles' tyres and brakes, perhaps with some from their exhausts.

Not only is it unsightly but the danger it may represent to health has yet to be established. We know that particles fine enough to be caught up in the air and breathed in (sometimes referred to as PM2.5 and PM10 based on their size) are associated with such issues as asthma and heart disease.

Lib Dem councillors are hoping that the District Council will extend its monitoring of air quality to include particulates as well as nitrogen oxides (NOx).

This would be consistent with the April 2023 'Air Quality Strategy Framework' published by the government that urges local authorities to take effective action on air pollution.

silver screen went dark in the late 70s and the upper floor became a night club with the ground floor used as retail space.

Now he has turned the upper floor into a high spec cinema and theatre that retains some of the best of the original features yet has impressive sound and picture quality.

Some funding for the project came from a **European Union** Rural Communities Grant. Mick was assisted in this application by Albert Golding.

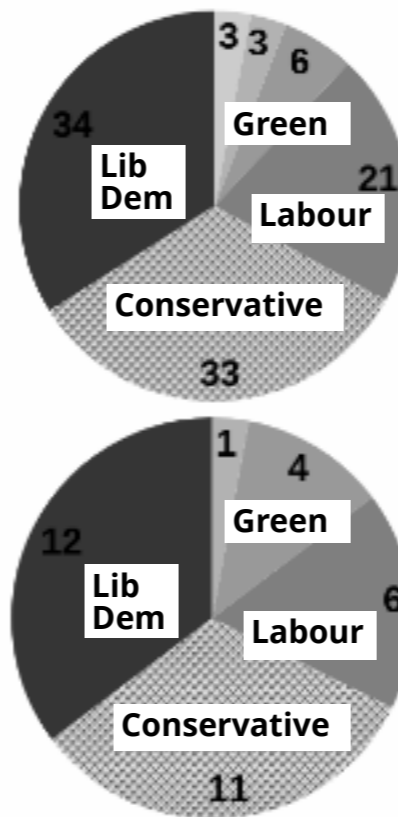
All change at Derbyshire Dales



The 'Progressive Alliance' now in charge at Derbyshire Dales

With the Conservatives reduced to just 11 councillors on the 34 strong Derbyshire Dales District Council, the Liberal Democrat group of 12 councillors have joined forces with the two other progressive parties (Labour and Greens) to form a 23 strong 'Progressive Alliance' to lead the Council - shown above (one absentee).

At last - a fairer representation on the Council



In Derbyshire Dales in 2019 the Conservatives won more than half the seats with just 40% of the vote. This year they have won a third of the seats with a third of the votes - a remarkably fair result.

If England had a fairer voting system the 2019 result would never have happened.

The 'First Past the Post' system that creates these distortions is almost unknown in Europe with Belarus being the only other country that still uses it.

This year in Derbyshire Dales the result was good for democracy but there is no guarantee that future elections will be so, unless we have electoral reform.

If you want to find out more about electoral reform visit the **Make Votes Matter** website www.makevotesmatter.org.uk. This will tell you how you can join the campaign for proportional representation in local and national elections in the UK.



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