

# South Derbyshire FOCUS

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From your local **Liberal Democrat** team

## Vote for Lucy Care and the Liberal Democrats



Lucy Care is an active campaigner keen to improve life in South Derbyshire.

Do you agree that:

- The Conservatives are not popular at present,
- We need a society that works and is fair to everyone, and
- Politics is broken?

Do you also know that candidates in South Derbyshire include two

versions of Labour,

two versions of Conservative, an extreme right candidate and two others.

Of the other two, one is experienced with an excellent record working for her electorate. She is well respected, and generally felt to be slightly to the left of the centre of politics. She has a background in science and engineering, is dedicated, determined and a good listener.

If you would like to be represented by someone like this, please vote for **Lucy Care, Liberal Democrat**, on 4<sup>th</sup> July (or sooner if you are voting by post).

## Who is Lucy Care?



### A brief CV:

#### Career:

- Professional engineer, worked in manufacturing in Derby.

#### Politics:

- Elected councillor, first to Derbyshire County Council, then Derby City Council.
- Has been a Council Cabinet member (Planning & Transport).
- Well-respected as a helpful and responsive local councillor.
- Specialist topics: housing, planning, climate change, recycling, food and wildlife.

#### Other experience:

- On management bodies including Derbyshire Environmental Trust and Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum.
- Governor at Derby and Burton Hospitals. And on Board of a Social Housing provider.

#### Family and hobbies:

- Married.
- Three adult children.
- Enjoys gardening, crafts and reading.

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# Opinion Piece

Councillor **Lucy Care** says:



"People vote for - and join - the **Liberal Democrats** because they want the world to be a better place for everyone, now and in the future.

"The last few years have been full of division and struggle. A lot of bad policies need to be undone as well as new actions taken.

"The **Lib Dems** want a fairer world. A world where people:

- are supported when they need support, and
- can play a full part in society when they are able.

"To do this we need an NHS that works, good schools and homes for people who need them. Young people need to have hope for the future, and help needs to be available for older and disabled people.

"As a councillor I already have lots of experience helping individuals and groups. My experience in industry and local government will help me press for the right policies for a sustainable future.

"Please vote for me."

## More about the Lib Dem manifesto...

The manifesto is available to download in five versions - pdf, clear print, plain text, easy read and braille. This is so that it is as accessible to as many people as possible. [www.libdems.org.uk/manifesto](http://www.libdems.org.uk/manifesto)



Lib Dem policy making is led by members. There is a policy committee with members elected from across the party. Members debate and vote on policy at Conference.



<https://www.libdems.org.uk/members/make-policy>

This means that even if our leader changes, Lib Dem policies don't.

If you'd like to join the party, or help us; sign up at [www.libdems.org.uk/supporter](http://www.libdems.org.uk/supporter)



**At the last local elections in May, more Lib Dems were elected than Conservatives.**

**You can read the Lib Dem 2024 manifesto at [www.libdems.org.uk/manifesto](http://www.libdems.org.uk/manifesto)**



Nine of the ten top Councils for recycling are run by Lib Dems.

The Lib Dems have over 3000 councillors and lead 68 councils in England. See: [www.lga-ld24](http://www.lga-ld24)

## A few points about the Liberal Democrats and their policies

Unlike the other big parties who receive BIG donations from wealthy people and Trades Unions, the Lib Dems are funded by thousands of small donations from ordinary people, like you.



During the 2010-2015 Parliament, the Lib Dems delivered most of their manifesto despite only having 52 MPs. See [www.whatthellhavethelibdemsdone.com](http://www.whatthellhavethelibdemsdone.com) for some highlights. (It's fun!)



**"The Liberal Democrats exist to build and safeguard a fair, free and open society, in which we seek to balance the fundamental values of liberty, equality and community, and in which no one shall be enslaved by poverty, ignorance or conformity. We believe that each generation is responsible for the fate of our planet and, by safeguarding the balance of nature and the environment, for the long-term continuity of life in all its forms."**

This is from the Lib Dem Constitution. Read more about our values at: [www.libdems.org.uk/values](http://www.libdems.org.uk/values)  
If you agree with us, why not join us? [www.libdems.org.uk/join-local](http://www.libdems.org.uk/join-local)

# What a stink!

In 2023 there were more than 1300 sewage escapes into streams and rivers in South Derbyshire, lasting a total of nearly 11,000 hours. This damages wildlife and can threaten human health.



Meanwhile the top executives of water companies, like Severn Trent, are still being paid extra bonuses worth millions of pounds a year.

**Lucy Care** and **Lib Dems** across the country are calling for bonuses for water company executives to be banned until this sewage scandal is sorted.

To join the **Lib Dem** call for action, sign the petition [www.libdems.org.uk/stop-sewage](http://www.libdems.org.uk/stop-sewage) and vote for **Lucy Care** to take this campaign to parliament.



## Action needed, not talk

Almost every month new weather records are being set. Britain's weather is getting more unpredictable, making it harder for farmers, and even harder to plan general life. Across the globe, floods and heat waves are becoming more common. Global warming - global heating - is arriving sooner than scientists had predicted.

The time for talk is over. Britain needs to take action, working together with countries across the whole world.

**Liberal Democrats** want Britain to be back in the centre of global affairs, not sidelined, starting with a closer relationship with Europe.



Lucy Care has been campaigning for renewables and energy efficiency for decades! This is from 2009.

**Lib Dems** led on investment in renewable energy. Getting private money into solar panels and wind turbines with the 'feed in tariff' back in 2011.

Britain needs to push forward with more renewables, more energy

saving and research to take carbon dioxide out of the air.

**Lib Dems** have strong policies in this area and are determined to make them happen. As an engineer **Lucy Care** is well-placed to press for action if elected to parliament. Please vote for her.

# Also...

## Local Access Forum

This is a voluntary group that provides advice to the County Council and others about about making improvements to public access for outdoor recreation and sustainable travel. Find out more at [tinyurl.com/dadlaf24](http://tinyurl.com/dadlaf24).



## Street lights not working...

or street drains blocked? This is a good time of year to report them to the County Council to get them repaired. They'll go on a list, but hopefully be done before next winter! Go to [tinyurl.com/dcc-rr24](http://tinyurl.com/dcc-rr24) or phone 01629 533190.



## Parish Council

Nearly all of South Derbyshire has parish councils. Joining one can be a good first step to making your area work better for all local people. Do go along to a meeting to find out more about what it is about.

## Dogs

Most dog walkers now clear up if their dog fouls the street. Please also pick up on footpaths, to avoid messy shoes and polluting the area for wildlife. Thanks.

## Local Nature Recovery Strategy

The County Council is writing a plan to help nature across the county. Find out more at [tinyurl.com/d-lnrs24](http://tinyurl.com/d-lnrs24)



## Hedges and bushes

Birds are still nesting, but hedges are growing fast. If your hedge or bush is starting to block the pavement or path, please cut it back avoiding disturbing any nests. If a harder prune is needed, do this later in the year after nesting is finished.

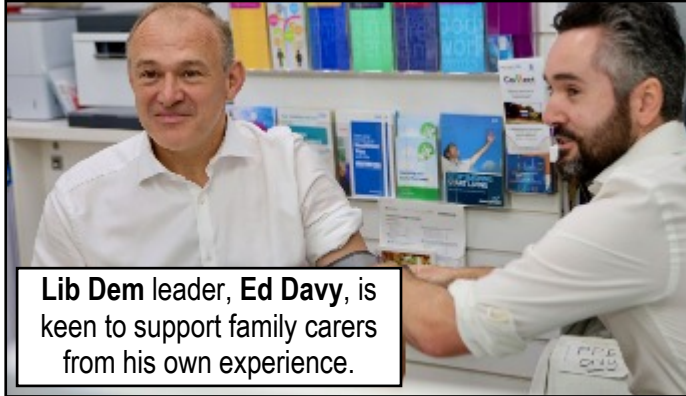
# NHS and Caring: Priorities for the Lib Dems

NHS services, like GPs, dentists, hospitals and community services are struggling to cope. It isn't their fault. Most of the answer need to come from the top.

Costs are rising as medicine is able to solve more problems. Demand is rising as the population ages. The Government has failed to plan for staff and burdened hospitals like the Royal Derby with the high costs of 'PFI' buildings, profiting the private sector.

**Liberal Democrats** are making priorities for:

- Getting a GP appointment
- Starting treatment if you get cancer
- Training more staff
- Improving mental health services.



Lib Dem leader, Ed Davy, is keen to support family carers from his own experience.

**Lib Dems** will also going to set a new, higher, minimum wage for carers to encourage more people to choose this as a career.

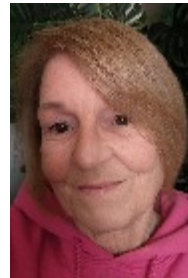
## Why we are voting Lib Dem...

Derek Winter from Repton says:



*"I've known Lucy for years. She is bright and hard-working. She'll get things done for people in South Derbyshire and contribute thoughtfully and brilliantly in parliament on lots of issues."*

Bridjitte Readett from Weston on Trent says:



"Labour and Tories look after their funders' interests, not ours. The Lib Dems are for the people, for us. The Lib Dems also look wider and deeper, to the world and the future. So I'm voting for Lucy with my heart and my head."

## To represent you and South Derbyshire in Parliament...

# Vote

# Lucy Care Liberal Democrats



## Also...

### Local Plan

The District Council makes a Local Plan to guide where housing and business should happen and which areas should be protected. Local Plans are reviewed about every five years. The next one is being written now. To find out more, see...

### Beat the Streets...

...is back in Swadlincote now! Do join in if you aren't already to help you and your family keep fit and active. See: [tinyurl.com/bts24-s](https://tinyurl.com/bts24-s)

### Empowering people

The **Lib Dems** want people to be able to be heard and help make their areas work well. **Lucy Care** said "We've included info here that might help. Please get in touch if you'd like more info like this. And do ask for a poster to display for the election. Email [lucycare@hotmail.com](mailto:lucycare@hotmail.com)

**Lib Dems - Work hard all year round** 