

Homes that locals can afford

With hundreds of people living in temporary accommodation, private rentals being beyond the means of many families and a homelessness crisis in Torbay, the need for decent Council Housing at rents that local people can afford has never been greater. I will fight tooth and nail to see those council houses built, and that priority is given to local people in housing need.



Housing is a basic human need - I won't rest until homelessness in the bay is eradicated

Supporting Those In Need



In the 6th largest economy in the world, nobody should sleep rough or go hungry

"Poverty in the Bay is at unacceptable levels. Urgent action is needed"

7,000 children in poverty in the Bay. Foodbanks handing out thousands of parcels and meals each week. Families struggling to put food on the table and pay their bills. This is Torbay in 2021. It doesn't have to be like this. My priority is helping Torbay

residents who are struggling to make ends meet. The Lib Dem council prioritises high-end visitors to the bay. If you prefer my approach, vote Labour on May 6th.

KEEP IN TOUCH



ANDY SYMONS

Candidate for Clifton with Maidenway

Andy is your Labour candidate in the Clifton with Maidenway by-election. He's already been busy helping residents with various issues including potholed roads, council tax and seafront toilet facilities. He'll continue to work hard for residents if elected on May 6th

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CLIFTON WITH MAIDENWAY

SAY NO TO THE 5% COUNCIL TAX RISE



Council Tax rises hit the poorest hardest.

One of the most talked about issues on the doorstep during this by-election campaign has been the 5% rise in Council Tax, introduced by the Lib Dem administration. I oppose this rise as fundamentally unfair. Council spending should receive far more support from central Government - and this rise will have a huge effect on young families, those on lower incomes and the many older people who find themselves being property rich but cash poor. If elected, I will be pushing for three immediate policy changes:

- A 100% reduction in council tax for those on the lowest income. Other local councils do it, so why not Torbay? The cost of recovery from people on low incomes and the cost of support services mean it's actually cheaper to give the 100% reduction
- Increased financial support to voluntary organisations who support and help people struggling with debt.
- A council campaign to raise awareness of benefits entitlement, particularly aimed at families and the elderly.

"7000 children live in poverty in Torbay. We must take steps to change this."

What one thing could Torbay Council do to improve life for your family?

Which of the following do you worry about the most?

- Roads Bins Poverty Health
 Culture Other (please state) _____

If there was a General Election tomorrow, who would you vote for?

- Labour Conservative Lib Dem
 UKIP Green Other

Your Details

Name: _____

Email/Mobile: _____

Address: _____

Postcode _____

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A Strong Opposition Voice

For too long, Torbay Council has been run by either the Tories or Lib Dems, with what seems to be a closed-shop agreement that those two parties won't offer any opposition to whoever holds power at a particular time. That's allowed the Lib Dems a free rein over the past couple of years. There's been no vocal opposition, no critiquing or criticising the actions of the ruling Lib Dems - indeed it sometimes seems as if they simply give each other a free

pass in order to maintain the status quo and have a quiet life.

That needs to change.

The election of a Labour councillor on May 6th will give a voice to those who are currently unheard. It will ensure genuine scrutiny of decisions and policy at a level that the sitting administration simply haven't had before. Vote Labour on May 6th

"Put an end to the LibDem/Tory Closed Shop"



Torbay - A Family Resort?

The summer economy is vital to Torbay's prosperity - never more so than now, as we come out of lockdown at the end of the Covid pandemic. Torbay council should be doing everything in its power to bring families to the Bay this summer. Instead what we're seeing is a council which panders to high-end visitors and second home owners. The focus should be on supporting all the small businesses that depend on families visiting for their summer holidays - the Guest Houses, the B&B's, the small family run hotels. Instead, we see the council announcing plans to convert a harbourside shop into expensive flats and chain restaurants. A council spending money from the Child Services budget on fancy coloured lights at the Harbourside.

I believe that the best way to support our small businesses in the holiday trade is to promote Torbay as a family-friendly destination, with accommodation and events to suit all ages and all budgets.

Austerity - A Political Choice, Not An Economic Necessity



The lie of Austerity has well and truly been exposed during this pandemic. A Tory Government, enabled by its Lib Dem partners in 2010 claimed that there simply wasn't the money available; not for Schools, not for the NHS and not for Local Government. And yet, here we are with the Tory Party now spending money like it's going out of fashion. The cost of the HS2 train line is estimated between £65 and £88 BILLION, while here in the South West we are stranded if there are rough seas at Dawlish. The cost of Test and Trace is estimated at somewhere in excess of £37 BILLION. And of course it's being run by Dido Harding, a close friend of the Health Secretary. In fact if you're friends with the health Secretary you've done very nicely out of the pandemic. The landlord of Matt Hancock's local pub secured a £30 Million contract to supply PPE.

The money was always there - the Tories just prefer to spend it on contracts for their friends rather than essential public services. It's corruption, pure and simple.

"The Government has shown that there's money available - lets fund public services properly"

ANDY'S PLEDGES TO YOU



ADDRESS THE STATE OF OUR ROADS

This should be fundamental to any local authority, but the evidence shows that Lib Dem Torbay Council is neglecting its basic duties



INVEST IN THE BAY

An end to council investments in projects away from Torbay - support investment in capital projects that bring well paid secure jobs to Torbay



A GREEN REVOLUTION

Action to make Torbay a centre for eco-tourism. Invest in alternative energy and safeguard our local green spaces



SUPPORT LOCAL ARTS AND CULTURE

Campaign to fund a summer festival of music and culture, promoting local musicians and performers and putting Torbay on the cultural map.



A SEAFRONT OPEN TO ALL

Abolish parking charges on the seafront, end the practice of charging to use public conveniences and establish a Beach Wheelchair scheme that will enable our beaches to be open to all

WE'RE BACKING ANDY



Andy has shown that he has the ideas and energy to make positive changes for Paignton

**Jane,
Clifton with Maidenway**

Young people in Paignton need an advocate who will listen to them and involve them in decisions that affect them. Andy will do that!

**Otis,
Clifton with Maidenway**



Andy Symons - The Right Choice for Clifton with Maidenway

Vote Labour



MAKE TORBAY AN ECO-RESORT

One of the most popular attractions in Torbay is free, environmentally friendly and easily accessible - The Geo Park on Paignton Green. We should be working towards making Torbay a holiday resort with an environmentally friendly outlook. More emphasis on the natural beauty of the area. Restrictions on the use of diesel engines by craft entering the Bay. Investing in Green energy will provide well paid jobs and a long term boost to our economy.