

campaigning for change in Heswall, Barnston & Gayton

Lib Dems on verge of historic win in Heswall

All the signs are that **Phil Waterfield**, **Elizabeth Brame** and **David Jones** are poised to be elected as Heswall's first Liberal Democrat councillors on May 4th.

On the doorstep, more and more residents are telling the Focus Team that they have lost patience with the Conservative government and want to see a change in Heswall.

In 2022, the Lib Dems were just 299 votes behind the Conservatives.

Unlike last year, there is no Green candidate standing in this election.

Labour has no realistic prospect of winning in Heswall and don't appear to be running a campaign here.

It's no surprise that many of their voters are pledging support for Phil, Elizabeth and David, recognising this is the only way to defeat the Conservatives.

This is the chance for Heswall to make a new start, with councillors who will keep in touch all-year-round, respond to local concerns and work constructively with other parties in to get the best deal for Heswall and Wirral.

How Heswall voted in 2022

LIB DEM 35%

CON 41%

LAB 18%

GRN 7%

Last year's voting figures show there is no Tory majority in Heswall - but only the Lib Dems can beat them

What you're telling us on the doorstep



Phil Waterfield In Tower Road South

"Heswall has had Conservative councillors for as long as I can remember, but local services just get worse.

We get promises of action, but nothing ever seems to happen."



Elizabeth Brame In The Splinney

"It was so refreshing to have Elizabeth call at my door. No other party has taken the time to ask my opinions about local issues."



David Jones In Riverbank Road

"It has been so impressive receiving your leaflets almost every month. No other parties keep us informed so regularly."

A message to Green Party supporters

We appreciate it is frustrating not to have a candidate from your own party in this election. Lib Dem and Green councillors cooperate effectively on the Council, so we urge you to use your vote for the Focus team.

The Conservative record of incompetence and failure

The NHS

There are over 7 million people waiting for treatment. 3 million of these patients have been waiting over 18 weeks. Nearly 400,000 of these patients have been waiting over a year for treatment.

FAIL

The Economy

The UK is set to be the worst-performing major economy in the G20 this year, according to the International Monetary Fund.

FAIL

Environment

A government-sponsored review shows that the Conservatives have failed on nearly every aspect of net zero policy. They have totally failed to get to grips with the annual 350,000 sewage discharges into our rivers and seas.

FAIL

Social Care

There are 165,000 vacancies for care workers that cannot be filled. Meanwhile, over 13,000, mainly elderly, people are stuck in hospital when they are medically fit to be discharged.

FAIL

Strikes

Doctors, teachers, nurses and ambulance staff have all been forced to strike for acceptable pay settlements, given that inflation has been over 10%. The government will have to come to an agreement with all these groups that we all rely on. Why wait for damaging strikes before having meaningful discussions?

FAIL

Policing

Less than 7% of burglaries end in the offender being charged. For theft it's 4%. Despite all their tough talk on crime, the Conservatives aren't even getting the basics right.

FAIL

But what about Heswall?

Heswall has only ever had Conservative councillors since Wirral Council was created 50 years ago.

Can you honestly say that it is better today ?

Many of our roads are full of potholes. Many pavements are uneven and hazardous for our elderly residents.

When it rains, several roads flood because drains are not cleared regularly.

Despite promises last year in a Conservative leaflet, the tennis courts on Whitfield Common remain abandoned. The changing rooms have been locked up for over a decade.

Sewage is regularly discharged onto the Dee shore.

We've had two Conservative councillors since last Autumn. The third was disqualified - only attending two Council meetings whilst in office but still receiving over £5000.

We say it's time to give someone else a chance. It's time to elect **Phil Waterfield**, **Elizabeth Brame** and **David Jones**, the Lib Dem Focus team.

