

BRIDPORT

GREEN NEWS

ELECTIONS SPECIAL



TOWN AND UNITARY ELECTIONS ON MAY 2ND A FRESH START FOR NEW COUNCIL

TWO ELECTIONS, TWO OPPORTUNITIES

BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL: voters get up to 9 votes.

The closest we get to proportional representation in Bridport! We are standing 2 candidates in each ward.

DORSET COUNCIL: voters get 3 votes each.

Everyone in the Bridport constituency can cast three votes for the new Dorset councillors. This gives a great opportunity to send three councillors who will challenge and hold to account what is likely to be a Tory run Council. We can share our votes between opposition parties to maximise the total for the lead candidate from each party. This would be Bridport style proportional representation in action. This town has always had a progressive majority of voters but Conservatives are frequently elected with under 40% of the vote due to a divided opposition. This time we must choose wisely so that Bridport stands out as a progressive island in a blue sea of rural seats.

We have chosen to stand just one candidate. Please vote for the Green Party's **Kelvin Clayton** as one of your 3 votes so we return a **strong Green voice for Bridport.**



Photo: Elliot Brown

GREEN COUNCILLORS IN DORSET:

Let's make it three!

Greens are going from strength to strength in Dorset.



Clare Sutton was elected county councillor in Weymouth in 2015.

Dr Jon Orrell (below)

joined Clare on the council in 2017 representing Melcombe Regis in Weymouth where he works as a GP.



Help us add to our tally of Green councillors by electing **Kelvin Clayton** to the unitary authority to represent Bridport.

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YOUR GREEN TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Bridport is a fiercely independent town with a strong identity. Like the towns of Frome and Totnes, Bridport could be a beacon of light for local democracy.

If you live in the town council area, please vote for both Green candidates in your ward!

Bridport South



Karen Hunt

"I want to help make Bridport a resilient and truly sustainable community. My particular interest is increasing democratic involvement in local decision-making. I've worked with volunteers (in adult education and local history projects), in community groups (supporting a women's refuge and putting sustainability into practice) and as a volunteer (school governor, Trustee Bridport Museum). If elected I will bring energy and passion to working collaboratively in meeting the local challenges of climate emergency and biting austerity."



Kelvin Clayton has served as a town councillor since 2015.

"Since being elected onto the Town Council I have become involved in a great many local projects, projects that I want to see through to a successful conclusion. I particularly want to help steer the development of our Youth & Community Centre and ensure that the Climate Emergency motion that I submitted to Council is fully implemented.

I will continue to hold weekly councillor surgery on Wednesdays at BearKat café and I will continue to be available to anyone with issues or concerns."

Bridport North



Ros Kayes

"I'm standing again for the town council because I want to continue fighting for Bridport to make the differences locally that we all want to see: establishing our own bus service, saving the youth centre, supporting organisations to promote economic well being, and to continue my role of challenging cuts to local health, housing and services that support the most vulnerable."



Julian Jones

"After one term on the Town Council I would like to be re-elected as part of a larger Green Party group and would welcome the addition of Labour councillors to provide a better balance of political representation.

While much about Bridport is wonderful it could still be better and I am keen to see the town become more suited to pedestrians, cyclists and bus users, and less dominated by cars and lorries."

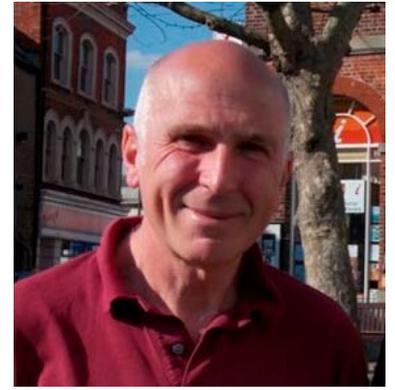
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NEW COUNCIL: FRESH START

Kelvin Clayton worked in the public sector all his working life, first as a firefighter, then as a careers adviser.

He is a passionate supporter of the need for public services.

He is currently chair of our local Green Party and the prospective parliamentary candidate for West Dorset. He is a trustee of Bridport Youth & Community Centre and a volunteer at the Bridport Job Club. He runs the Bridport *Philosophy in Pubs* group.



Kelvin's statement: "I'm standing for election onto the new Dorset Council to ensure that many vital issues do not get drowned by the potential Conservative domination of this council. These issues include the need to respond to a fast approaching climate emergency, our desperate need for social housing, our equally desperate need to develop social care for anyone in need of it, and our appalling public transport infrastructure. Democracy demands that the views of *all* the residents of Dorset be given a voice on *their* council."

"We need someone who will stand up for Bridport in Dorset. Kelvin has a superb record of action - helping run our Job Club, fighting to save the Youth Centre, buses, our local hospital and pushing a Green agenda. He's a nice bloke too! I wholeheartedly endorse him."
Ros Kayes (retired county councillor)



Green Manifesto for Change

Housing - council to build homes for social rent for local people

Climate emergency - 100% clean energy in Dorset by 2030

Public Transport - The bus service in a rural area needs to be recognised as a public service, not an opportunity for the private sector to make profits. The new Dorset Council must use the powers that are already available (since 2017) to regulate bus services to meet local need.

A Living Wage - council to work to ensure as many workers as possible in Dorset receive the Living Wage (currently £9/h)

Austerity - has increased inequality and decimated services for those who need it most—and it must end. We will challenge the cuts to services for people who are elderly, disabled or homeless.

Democracy— we'll work to develop a citizens' assembly to make sure local opinions are not drowned out in the new unitary giant.

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- Join the Green Party online at join.greenparty.org.uk
- To help with future leaflets contact Kelvin on 07952 179850
- Check our website for more news

EUROPEAN ELECTION ALERT

European Parliament elections might after all take place on May 23rd.

If so, please make the effort to turn out and vote Green in this proportional representation poll.



Molly Scott Cato MEP

We already have a brilliant Green Euro MP – Molly Scott Cato - and we may even be able to elect a second Green MEP in the South West.

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