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From your Liberal Democrat councillors Martin Barrett & Stan Pajak
Working for you all year round not just at election time

THANK YOU!

SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Congratulations to our new Councillor Martin Barrett on his election as Swindon Borough Councillor for Wroughton & Wichelstowe.

One of our other two candidates, Stan Pajak, missed being elected for Wroughton & Wichelstowe by just **22 votes!** Stan was elected as a member of the Parish Council for Wroughton & Wichelstowe (as was Martin) so will carry on campaigning for local residents.

Our two great Chiseldon & Ridgeway candidates, **Liz and Callum**, were not elected this time. Importantly the **Lib Dems came second place** in both wards to the Conservatives with **Reform in third place.** The Lib Dems are the clear contenders to the Conservatives locally with growing momentum and support.

A **huge thank you** to everyone who came out to vote – turnout was around 50% - one of the highest in



Election Success for Martin Barrett.

the area. A special thank you to everyone who lent us their vote this time. While we would have liked to have won more seats it is important that we have one councillor to represent the Lib Dems in Swindon.

Martin will work hard for every resident, no matter how you voted, and is here to support the whole community.

MARTIN & STAN WORKING TOGETHER

Swindon Council will be considering a controversial planning application for an additional **185 homes on Artis Farm.** Martin will be opposing this plan amid concerns on the **need for a new Health Centre**, ever increasing traffic and residents opposition.

Close to this proposed new development is a zebra crossing on **Swindon Road** with poor road visibility for drivers. Martin and Stan are campaigning for the zebra crossing to be changed to a **pelican crossing** to alert drivers and better protect pedestrians.

Stan has been elected as the Chair of the **Swindon Local Council Forum United Against Government Planning Reform.** This Forum brings together all the Parish Councils in Swindon.



Cllr Barrett and Pajak working hard for local residents.

The Forum will be opposing the Government policy which stops local Parish Councils calling for planning applications to be reviewed by Swindon Council's Planning Committee - and therefore ensuring that residents' views are heard.



Martin's Updates

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Thank you to everyone who supported me in Wroughton & Wichelstowe in the recent election. I am incredibly grateful for the encouragement and trust that residents have shown me. I will work hard to represent you as a community. I am very proud to be your councillor and already I feel I've done things to help local people.

I'm a person who takes things in my stride. I'm finding my way through the Council. I haven't missed a Council meeting or training sessions. I'm learning how the Council works and I'm grateful to everyone who has made me feel welcome and supported.

I am setting up **surgeries in Wroughton and in Wichelstowe** - see my Facebook page for more details – and see my details below. Feel free to get in touch and discuss any concerns you may have.

Thank you again for your support. ”

GET IN TOUCH

Do you have an issue you want us to look into?



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Scan the QR Code to find Cllr Martin Barrett's Facebook page and keep up to date with local news



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COLLAPSED WALL THE LIB DEMS CALL FOR ACTION

Cllr Martin Barrett reports that residents' and drivers' worries and fears over the collapsed wall on **Brimble Hill / Marlborough Road** have been ignored for years.

The arguments continue about who is to pay for the repairs with both Swindon Council and the owner of the wall denying it's their responsibility to undertake the work required.

The end result are delays for users of this busy road, and increased dangers to pedestrians, including both the elderly and children.

Martin says, **"This has gone on long enough and I am pressing Swindon Council for actions and not empty words."**



COUNCILLOR UPDATE ON THE WROUGHTON M4 BRIDGE

The National Highways barriers on the **bridge over the M4** created over three years ago as a response to two suicides **will not be disappearing any time soon**, reports Stan.

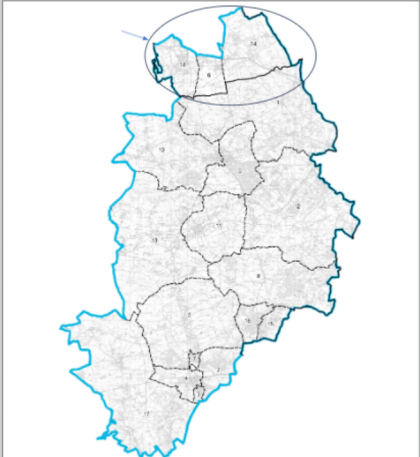
"The sighs of motorists annoyed at the conversion of the dual lanes to single lanes I'm afraid must continue. Any future scheme to improve the layout and its visual appearance will not include a dual carriageway over the bridge."

There is no National Highways money currently available to pay for a scheme but following a meeting with the Parish and Chris Hildrup, representing the agency, some **small mitigation measures will be considered and a design created** in case money might one day be available.



In Brief... News

East Wiltshire Constituency Explained



Many residents have asked on the doorsteps why parts of Swindon Borough fall within the **East Wiltshire parliamentary constituency**.

The two boundaries aren't linked. East Wiltshire was **created in 2024** after a national boundary review.

Constituency boundaries change over time so each area has roughly the same population; East Wiltshire and Swindon South **each have about 73,000 residents**.

East Wiltshire stretches from **Wichelstowe, Wroughton, Wanborough and Chiseldon** down through **Marlborough, Pewsey Vale and Amesbury**.

Two of the electoral wards fall under Swindon Borough Council (Wroughton & Wichelstowe, and Chiseldon & Ridgeway) and the remainder (sixteen) fall under Wiltshire Council. **In 2025 the Lib Dems took over the leadership of Wiltshire Council from the Conservatives.**

Its **current MP is Danny Kruger**, elected as a Conservative in 2024 and later joining Reform in 2025.

Got an issue you want Martin Barrett & Stan Pajak to look into?

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YES! I can help the team...

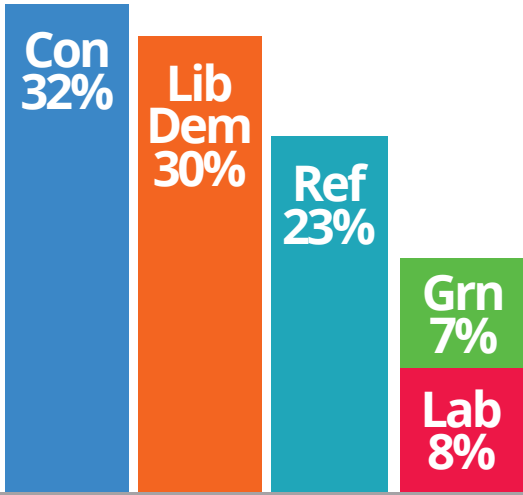
- ☐ I can help deliver leaflets for the Lib Dems
- ☐ I can make a donation to help the Lib Dems
- ☐ I will be voting for the Lib Dems
- ☐ I will join the Lib Dems

Can we keep you updated about the Liberal Democrats' campaigns and ways to get involved?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Lib Dems are the main challengers here!



Wroughton & Wichelstowe Average Results
Swindon Local Election, May 2026

Voting for anyone other than the Lib Dems here only helps Reform UK and the Conservatives.