

# Chris Smowton

## A strong voice for our community



**Local residents are backing Chris Smowton to be re-elected as our City Councillor here in Headington Ward.**

Chris Smowton and the Lib Dem team are campaigning for better quality cycle paths and public transport locally.

They want to see brownfield land within the city used for much needed homes instead of more retail and employment, which increases traffic and pushes up the cost of living for Oxford residents.

He has also been joining efforts of fellow Liberal Democrats to get Bathing Water Status for the Thames at Wolvercote and to put pressure on the Conservative Government to ban the practice of dumping raw sewage into our local rivers.

If re-elected Chris will rejoin fellow councillors for our area Roz Smith and Mohammed Altaf-Khan, continuing to work as a strong team for our area.

**On May 5th, use you vote to elect a local champion for our area by supporting Chris Smowton.**



## Two Horse Race Here

**Lib Dem  
48%**

Elections in Headington ward are always between the Liberal Democrats and the Labour Party.

A vote for anyone else helps Labour win.

**Lab  
30%**

Labour already have a huge majority on the council and electing Lib Dem Councillors ensures we have a strong opposition on Oxford City Council.

**Grn 11%**

**Con 8%**

Headington ward election result May 2021

## Rethink needed on planning

**The Liberal Democrats want to see a change in the City Council's approach to planning and housing, with far more homes being built in the city itself.**

The Council's current approach of prioritising sites for even more employment and retail, is leading to significant problems including:

- More commuting, adding to congestion
- Ever-rising house prices
- More development in the Green Belt

"Oxford City Council should be prioritising homes for local people over new employment sites," said Chris Smowton.

"The Council's current plans will mean more commuting from outside the city, more clogged up roads and even higher demand for homes which drives up prices."

"There is a desperate need for more homes in Oxford, and a better mix of housing. If elected, I will back plans to change the council's approach."

# Action on the issues that matter with Chris

## London Road Post Office

The London Road Post Office could be put out of use for years if a planned hotel goes ahead on the site.

The local Lib Dem team have been working with planning officers and the developers to secure a temporary post office in the event the development goes ahead.



Post offices are vital for some in our community



Oxford Labour keep making decisions that drive up prices for local people.

## Affordable homes

Oxford City Council's current direction on planning is leading to more expensive homes and more people needing to commute into our city. Oxford is already one of the most expensive places to live in the country. Liberal Democrats would prioritise homes over new offices.

## Holding the Labour Council to account

Parts of Headington are being left behind by the Labour City Council. While projects like the Oxford Brookes Planting project are helping fill gaps. We have empty tree pits to fill, run-down buildings that need renovation, and we need to maintain the truly exceptional Bury Knowle Park.



Bury Knowle Park needs to be maintained

## About Chris Smowton ...

Dr. Christopher Smowton is a software engineer and researcher, previously in the field of cancer research and more recently software security analysis. He grew up near York, but has lived in Oxford for the last five years.

He is particularly interested in housing issues, and campaigns for affordable, carbon-efficient housing for the next generation. He was first elected in May 2020, and has since relished the opportunity to speak up for local people and secure the improvements our area needs. He is an enthusiastic amateur runner and kayaker.

Chris became a councillor to put in the work to find solutions to difficult local problems. Whether that's getting the right balance on housing, making our roads safer or campaigning for a cleaner, greener Headington, he is willing to get into the issues in depth and find solutions that really work.



# Police probe Downing St. parties

Police have opened a criminal investigation into lockdown-busting parties in Downing Street.

Almost every day sees new allegations that Boris Johnson and his Conservative aides held boozy parties while suffering families couldn't meet up.

In a few weeks there will be local council elections. It is a chance for local voters to send a message to the Conservative government that they have had enough of their lies and sleaze.



Boris Johnson is facing one of the worst Tory local election results in over 50 years...

- Evening Standard, Jan 2022

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