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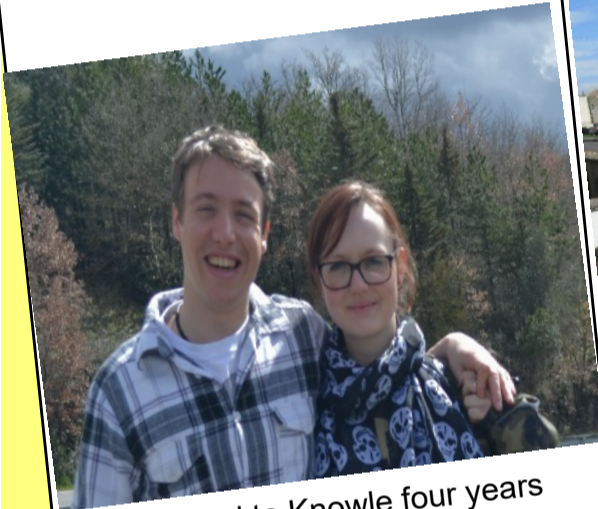
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3 SEPARATE ELECTIONS ON 1 DAY

You have 2 votes to elect 2 ward representatives for Knowle on to the council. Chris and Gary (the Knowle Lib Dem Focus team) are standing again. We have been asked a few local people for their views.

Knowle People Give Their Views

CHRIS AND EMILY
Talbot Road



"We moved to Knowle four years ago, but knew little about the area beforehand, as neither of us are from Bristol originally."

"Reading the Knowle Focus helped us get an understanding of the local area and we soon grew to realise how tirelessly and selflessly Chris and Gary work on behalf of the community. Their commitment to fighting for local issues is always evident on the pages of the Knowle Focus, and they clearly have an understanding of what's most important to people in the area."

"As dog walkers, we visit Redcatch Park, Arnos Vale and Callington Nature Reserve daily, and we're hugely appreciative of the work that goes into maintaining the parks."

"Keep up the good work and here's to May 5th!"

MIKE AND DOREEN
Crossways Rd



"We will both be voting for Chris and Gary."

"Everywhere around Knowle you see evidence of the hard work done by our Councillors. Redcatch Community Centre, the best in Bristol: award winning Redcatch Park, a joy to visit and use and Jubilee Swimming Pool."

"Many forget that the other parties wanted to close Jubilee but Chris and Gary not only kept it open but invested in the mini Gym, which Doreen found a huge benefit when needing recuperation after health problems." Says Mike.

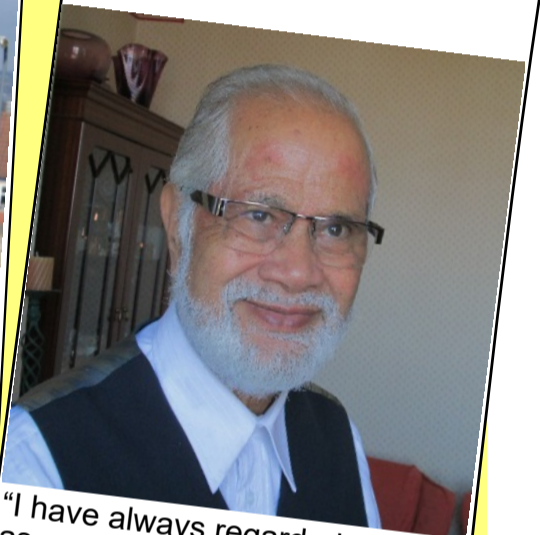
DAVE - St Agnes Road



Dave says "I do not vote Lib Dem in National Politics but locally I do. This is because I believe Chris and Gary, who live, and can be seen often in the community here, do an honest, good job for the people and community of Knowle."

They have worked very effectively with me on developing the youth services in Knowle, and because of their positive attitude we have been able to achieve so much more. And the youth services in Redcatch Park gained better facilities with their support and contributed to the park."

ABDUL - Rookery Rd



"I have always regarded myself as a grass roots campaigner and have over the years met many Councillors across the city."

"There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that Chris and Gary are the best Councillor team that I have ever encountered. They keep us fully informed and, importantly, always seem to come up with the right local solution and work hard to deliver it."

"They have both also had an important role in promoting good community relations across the city and as a governor of a charitable school I have been happy to turn to Gary for help and assistance." Said Abdul.

"I know if I have a problem and get in touch you will call back or visit and make sure you do everything you can to help." Resident of Broadfield Road

"We are very happy that we're moving into Knowle. We feel things will improve because we've heard that Gary and Chris listen to people and get things done."

Said resident in Newquay Road

All previous Focus at <http://www.knowlelibdems.com/focus-editions.php>

In the Mayor election you have 2 votes but only 1 mayor is elected. If your first choice does not finish in the first 2 places your second vote will count. This means you can vote for who you really want on the first, and tactically with your second choice. The Police and Crime Commissioner election is run in the same way as the mayor election.

ANN - Queensdale Cres

"As ex military and a senior Guide leader I appreciate honesty and straight talking which is exactly what we get from Chris and Gary."

"I see so many people who just fail to deliver what they say they will but there are no false promises from our Councillors and huge effort is put in to helping local people. I have seen the difference it makes when Chris and Gary chase up the council or other organisations that are letting people down. Polite but persistent and effective."

RICHARD - St Martin's Rd

"I was for some years involved in national award winning community work in the Dings. I know how important building an effective community is and what a difference it can make to people's lives. I am happy to help out with Chris and Gary because I see the genuine work that they put in and the real results. It's not just showing up for a photo opportunity or empty promises before an election, it is making the area safer, improving our local schools and helping so many people to contribute to making Knowle the great place it is."

DAVE & BARBARA - Maesknoll Rd

"Before Gary and Chris stood for council in Knowle we always voted Labour. The difference is that now we see our councillors putting in effort to improve the area all the time rather than just putting out a couple of election leaflets. We live not far from Redcatch Park and remember what a poor state that was in 15 years ago. It took sheer hard work."

MIKE - Bayham Road

In national elections I am a Conservative voter. When it comes to the local elections though I vote for Gary and Chris. They are always around and I know that they will always visit if someone has a query or a problem. I know how much effort goes in to their newsletter and it makes all the difference. I have been particularly impressed with the effort made to make sure that Knowle does not suffer problems as a result of the arena.

Arena Planning - an opportunity missed

The planning committee has now granted planning permission for the arena to be built. After the first meeting, when quite frankly there was no effort put in to convincing the committee that there had been any thought put in to the travel arrangements, there was progress. Liberal Democrats from Knowle Windmill Hill and Brislington all submitted representations and had worked to achieve recognition of the local issues.

Our campaigning had finally made the planners pay attention.

1 It was acknowledged that the arena parking issues needed to be addressed with £700,000 put aside to provide a scheme to protect local residents.

2 Lots of warm words about consultation with local residents upon design and how any scheme will operate. We are very sceptical about this because the power, to approve or not, was not given to the local neighbourhood partnership. Definitions of effective consultation seem to mean very different things to different people.

3 The big failure was that Councillors refused to support the extra condition, proposed by Liberal Democrat committee members, that would have put a cap on charges for local residents, so that the scheme would run to break even, rather than as others are, to make a profit. With the set up costs covered charges would have been minimal. This now means that any mayor can charge local residents whatever they want. It had been admitted by the head of transport that charges bore no relation to what is required to cover costs.

Planning mitigation has therefore been turned on its head by the Labour, Tory and Green Councillors who effectively decided to impose an extra local tax. Remember this when the bills comes thudding through your letterboxes later. The boundary of the RPZ emerged in the planning papers.

4 Liberal democrat Councillors also raised the 3 lamps junction remodelling and the need for a widening of the pavement from 3 lamps to Temple meads. Assurances were given of these being dealt with but no clear time scales.

You can register to vote or get application at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>
Deadline for May election is 18 April 2016.

BITS AND PIECES AROUND KNOWLE

POTHLES - Axbridge roundabout, St Agnes/Ravenshill, Broad Walk, Ponsford, Newquay and Sydenham holes - Chris has been chasing Highways to get these filled.

LIBRARY SITE - Sadly there is no good news about development but Chris has pursued the matter of the litter and unsightly fencing. At last the litter has been cleared and the management has agreed to fund boarding around the site. They hope to get schools involved in decorating these as an arts project. We will keep you posted on this.

PLANNING APPLICATION Proposal 249 Redcatch Rd: Application for removal or variation of a conditions 5 Contamination, 4 variations, 5 SUDs, 6 Bird Nesting and Bat Roosting, 10 further details and 15 list of approved plans and drawings following grant of planning permission 14/06254/F. If you wish to comment on the application, please reply by 3 May 2016 www.bristol.gov.uk/planningonline - development.management@bristol.gov.uk or Development Management, (Brunel/2nd/Baz), Bristol City Council, PO Box 3176, BS3 9FS

Arts in the Park Fest in Redcatch Park on Sunday 11 September 12 - 5pm. Stalls to sell or showcase your talents £10. Musicians, artists, crafts people for workshops/demos register on www.elknowle.wix/elknowle. Brought to you by Entertaining Local Knowle your events team from Redcatch Community Centre.

South Bristol Skyline Walk 7 May 2pm - as part of the Bristol Walk Fest 2016. Visiting our great local green spaces - Arnos Cemetery, Redcatch Pk, Perrett's Pk and Northern Slopes.

"I know it was you tried to freeze our Council Tax every year, but all the other parties, and that mayor, voted to put it up!" Beckington Rd.

"I never knew who my councillors were before or what they were doing. You both have my vote. Good Luck." resident of Wedmore Vale.

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