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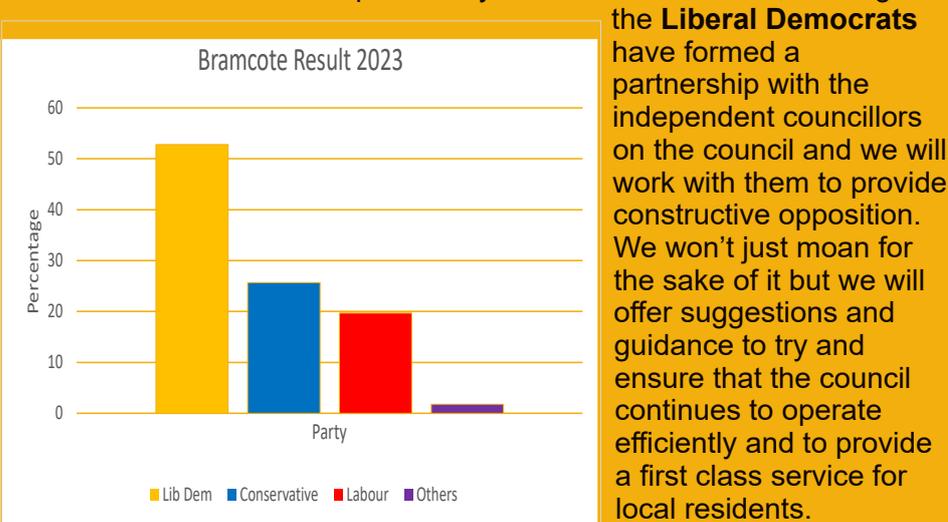
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THANK YOU

The local elections in May saw Bramcote once again return three **Liberal Democrats** to the council. **Hannah Land, Andy Kingdon** and **David Watts** are your borough councillors for the next four years. Overall our vote share was up on 2019 and our total votes cast was also up. Bramcote had the highest turnout of any ward in Broxtowe, so thank you all for your support. It really is an honour and a privilege to be able to represent the place where we all live.

The principal role of a councillor is to be an advocate for the local community. This is something that we take very seriously. If there are any issues that we can help with then please do not hesitate to let us know. You can use the response form overleaf, write to us, telephone us or email us. If we can help then we will, and if not we'll try and put you in contact with someone who can.

One change that happened as a result of the election is that the Labour Party now have a majority on the borough council. They have decided, as is their right, that they will run Broxtowe on their own. The coalition that ran the council for the past four years has now finished, although



the **Liberal Democrats** have formed a partnership with the independent councillors on the council and we will work with them to provide constructive opposition. We won't just moan for the sake of it but we will offer suggestions and guidance to try and ensure that the council continues to operate efficiently and to provide a first class service for local residents.

Climate Change Consultation

The new Labour administration on the borough council are consulting on updating the councils climate change strategy. They are no longer talking about achieving "net zero" but a lesser target of "carbon neutral." We are very disappointed about this and also about the limited proposals within the document. The **Liberal Democrats** are and always have been the true party of the environment and we will be pushing for the council to be much more ambitious in how it tackles climate change. We do face a climate emergency and local authorities should take a lead in responding to it, not be watering down their proposals.

A Record Of Action - A Promise Of More

Active All Year Round - Not Just At Election Time

Defibrillators

A new defibrillator has been installed on Carwood Road, off Sandy Lane, paid for by our County Councillor **Steve Carr**. We are delighted at this and will continue to try and increase the number of defibrillators across the borough. We are also campaigning for maps to be placed on all council noticeboards showing where the nearest defibrillator is. The increase in machines is really important but they are only useful if people can find where they are.

CAT Meeting

Because of the election it wasn't possible to organise a Community Action Team meeting for this quarter so the next one will take place in September. If you've never been to a CAT meeting before why not come along? They are an opportunity for local residents to raise any concerns or issues that they have. Meetings take place at the Memorial Hall on Church Street and are also shown on Zoom for those unable to attend in person. We are very disappointed that the new Labour administration on Broxtowe Borough Council want to stop supporting CAT meetings but we will continue to hold them, even if we have to pay all the costs ourselves. They didn't say anything about this prior to the election but one of the first things they did on taking power was to start the process to scrap them.

Battery Storage

We were delighted that the borough councils planning committee have rejected plans to install a battery storage system on green belt land near Southfield Farm. Battery storage schemes are vital for creating a zero carbon electricity system but they need to be installed in the right place. This would have taken a huge chunk of green belt land and would have had a massive visual impact for residents on and around Valmont Road. Councillors Kingdon, Watts and Carr all spoke against this proposal.

Old School Field

At the time of writing the developers wanting to build on the old school field have submitted revised plans which are being considered by the council. We have already identified several areas of concern which we have raised with the council and we will continue to press for the best quality development that can be built. The development is proposed to generate the funds to rebuild Bramcote School, a project that we fully support, but that does not justify a sub-standard scheme.

Time to Join the Lib Dems

More than half of the votes cast in Bramcote in the elections were for the **Liberal Democrats**. Many of you told us during the election that you really like the way that we stay in touch all year round and that we really fight for our community. If you are one of those then why not join the **Lib-Dems**? Unlike the other parties we are not funded by big business or the unions, so we rely entirely on our members and supporters for our funds. Membership costs from just £12 per year (less for students) and every member can be as involved as they want. We have members who are councillors and campaigners, others who deliver Focus leaflets and others whose support is purely by being a member. Every single one is appreciated. All members can also be involved in developing policy, both locally and nationally. You can join online via our website at www.broxtowelibdems.org.uk, by returning the form below or by contacting a local councillor and we can arrange a time to meet and complete a membership form.

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 I can help deliver Focus around my area for one hour per quarter
 I would like to join the Liberal Democrats

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