

GET GATESHEAD GOING

2026



**INSIDE:
THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS'
PLAN TO GET GATESHEAD
GROWING AND THRIVING**



After 52 years of Labour control...

The Gateshead Flyover, still standing after Labour promised it would be down by December 2025



Site of a former social club, still no plans to build here



The "Arena" site, still empty eight years on



Gateshead High Street, let down for decades



The former Clasper Village site, vacant for years

FOUNDATIONS FOR A BETTER FUTURE



Daniel Duggan and Susan Craig planting trees

- A new youth service and skills guarantee
- More trees, meadows, and improved green spaces
- Make it easier to install charging points for electric vehicles
- Improved mental health support

"The Liberal Democrats have a real plan for Gateshead's future. We believe that investing in our young people and our environment will benefit everyone."

– Jonathan Aibi, Candidate for Bridges



HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT



The Sister Winifred Laver Promoting Independence Centre in Felling

- Help children stay in Gateshead when they need care
- Better monitoring of care providers
- Improved services for carers (including kinship carers)
- Support for all of our communities

"As a health practitioner I am proud that the Liberal Democrats always support vulnerable people and carers. We believe in all our communities and will support children and adults with Special Needs." – **Councillor Susan Craig, Wickham**



FAIR VALUE FOR TAXPAYERS



Cleaning up Labour's mess

- Reduce Councillors' Allowances and spending on Council Communications
- Modernise Council systems and incorporate new technology
- End pet projects and focus on priorities such as potholes
- Reduce spending on senior management

"We know that every penny spent by the Council comes from taxpayers and businesses. We will reduce unnecessary spending and savings from councillor allowances will support volunteers."

– Councillor Joe Sowerby, Birtley



MORE AND BETTER HOMES



Dixon Street, a potential housing site left empty for years

- Encourage housing associations and other ways to increase affordable housing
- Make Council homes more energy efficient to reduce bills and protect the environment
- Replace the Arena scheme with housing and businesses
- Prioritise house building in the centre of Gateshead

"Gateshead has been losing population, especially young people. We want to make it more attractive for families to build their future here." – **Councillor Dawn Welsh, Low Fell**



CLEANER STREETS



Edita Petrylaite reporting fly-tipping in Saltwell

- Spend more every year on street cleaning and make rotas available to the public
- Increase action against dog mess
- A dedicated team to make Gateshead graffiti free
- Stricter enforcement against fly-tipping

"Residents' number one concern is improving the state of our streets. So we will put more money into local environmental services every year and clamp down on fly tipping, graffiti and dog fouling." – **Jason Meecham, Candidate for Dunston Hill**



BETTER SERVICES



Extend free parking in Council car parks

- Improve online repair reporting
- Extend free parking to 30 minutes in all Council car parks
- Restore new residents' parking schemes and extend the green bin collection
- Make it easier to apply for dropped kerbs and other adaptations

"You shouldn't have to contact your councillor to get updates on repairs or maintenance. We will keep residents informed." – **Councillor Amanda Wintcher, Pelaw, Heworth and Bill Quay**



REVIVE OUR HIGH STREETS



Cleaning up the town centre

- Listen to local businesses
- Fund High Street renewal projects
- Enable pop up shops, cultural events and other temporary uses for empty units
- Encourage the development of distinctive town centres

"Local businesses and communities are working so hard to keep the High Streets going, doing clean ups, planting flowers and so much more. We need a Council that will support us and be creative too." – **Luisa Scott, Business Owner and Candidate for Bridges**



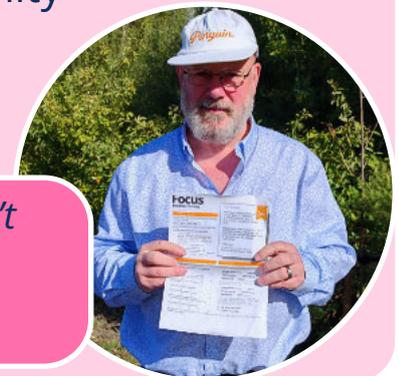
A COUNCIL THAT LISTENS



Lib Dem Councillors listening to a resident

- Involve residents directly in local decisions
- Make it easier to have your questions answered at Council meetings
- Better support for community groups bidding for funds
- End Council secrecy

"I joined the Liberal Democrats because the Council just wasn't listening. They wouldn't even give our estate a grit bin when we asked for one. A new Lib Dem Council will listen properly." – **Steve Kelly, Candidate for Ryton, Crookhill and Stella**



OUR COMMITMENT TO WORK FOR YOU



Our team with Lib Dem leader Ed Davey

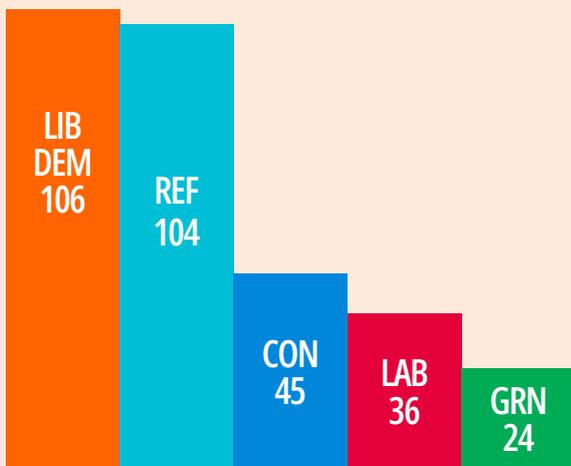
- The skills to get things done
- The judgement to make practical decisions
- The experience to solve problems
- The commitment to listen and learn

"The Gateshead Lib Dem team brings years of experience, local knowledge, and a record of getting things done. We're prepared, capable, and committed to delivering the Council our community deserves." – **Councillor Jonathan Mohammed, Wickham**



It's Lib Dems versus Reform!

Liberal Democrats won more Council by-elections than any other party in 2025.



Number of seats won by each party in council by-elections held in 2025. Source: Andrew Teale.

Labour support is **collapsing** in Gateshead.

Reform-run councils have been plagued by **upheaval and poor leadership**.

The Liberal Democrats are the only opposition party with a plan for Gateshead.

Stop Reform chaos and **vote Lib Dem on 7 May.**

You can help get Gateshead going!

Scan the QR code for more details about our plans for Gateshead:



- Foundations for a better future
- Help when you need it
- Fair value for taxpayers
- More and better homes
- Cleaner streets
- Better services
- Revive our high streets
- A Council that listens to you

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