

Election Day  
Thursday  
6th June



# Sarah Gibson

Your Lib Dem Candidate for BoA South

## What people say about Sarah

**PRACTICAL POLITICS**



**Issy Gillham said:**  
*"Sarah's doing a sterling job on Wiltshire Council and I think it would be good to have someone on the town council who knows what's happening in the bigger picture."*



**Euan Keene said:**  
*"Sarah and I have worked on numerous building projects together. She's always focused on getting the job done."*

**Sarah Keene added:**  
*"Sarah has a genuine passion for making the experience of living in our beautiful town better for everyone."*



**Katrina Edwards said:**  
*"I have known Sarah since primary school. I trust her, I admire her integrity, her professionalism and her honesty. I would be able to go to her with any problem and know that she would deal with it with respect."*

## Sarah writes:

"Two years ago I was elected to Wiltshire Council for Bradford South, determined to make a difference. Since then, I have worked with others to achieve things from small improvements like repairing the path from Poulton to Southway Park to accelerating the forthcoming transfer of more county facilities to the town, so they can be properly maintained. But I want us to achieve much more – we still need:

- Big improvements in pedestrian safety
- A proper air quality programme
- And a long-term planning strategy

We've knocked on hundreds of doors so far in this by-election campaign and we hope to reach many more before polling day. It's been great to hear your views.

"We are at an important moment for the future of Bradford and if we get things right over the next five years, we can achieve a sustainable, thriving town to benefit us all.

"None of this will happen with an insular approach that looks at things just from the town or just from the county angle. We need a coordinated approach, across both councils, which is why I'm now also standing for election to the town council to help that process."

**STOP PRESS:** Sarah has just heard that the proposed Station Approach pedestrian safety improvements scheme is now going forward for funding by Wiltshire Council.





# NATIONAL VALUES LOCAL ACTION



## PRACTICAL POLITICS

Lib Dem deputy leader Jo Swinson MP pictured here in Bradford on Avon with Sarah Gibson and Cllr Jennie Parker. On the local debate about whether national parties have a place on local councils, Jo said "...as a Lib Dem, people know what values you have; you're going to approach things with liberal values and that's also values of community and collaboration..."

### So how has that worked in Bradford on Avon?

- We encourage local people, like Sarah and Jennie, who were not previously involved in politics, to stand for election, and we don't tell them how to vote - it's up to them!
- We work with key voluntary groups such as Streets Ahead, Climate Friendly Bradford, Dementia Action Alliance, BoA Business, the Preservation Trust and more to promote the best outcomes for BoA.

### When leading the town council until 2017, we:

- saved the youth centre and the public toilets from closure by Wiltshire Council in 2016, bringing them under town council management and beginning the process of other asset transfers such as Culver Close.
- along with volunteer experts, wrote and submitted the Neighbourhood Plan, which protects our green spaces.
- adopted Climate Friendly Bradford's original proposal for carbon neutrality back in 2012; followed in 2019 by Wiltshire Lib Dem councillors leading on the Wiltshire Council commitment to carbon zero by 2030.
- achieved practical improvements to make our town safer for pedestrians.
- renovated St Margaret's Hall in 2014 to create a multi-purpose space.

## Factfile

### When is the by-election?

Thursday 6 June. Voting is between 7am and 10pm.

### Where can I vote?

Either the Coach House at The Swan or the Youth Centre, Frome Road - depending where you live. See your polling card.

### I've lost my polling card; do I need it?

No, you can vote without it.

### Why is there a by-election?

To fill a vacancy on Bradford Town Council caused by the resignation of a councillor.

### Can everyone in Bradford vote?

No, the election is for a new councillor for Bradford South, so only registered voters in the South Ward can vote - this extends north as far as Tory, Whiteheads Lane and Belcombe Road.

### What are the options?

As well as Lib Dem Sarah Gibson, there is an Independent candidate, a Conservative party candidate and an Ideal Bradford party candidate.

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