

Press release: Interim Housing Ombudsman

David Connolly will act as the interim Housing Ombudsman from 5 June 2017.

David Connolly will act as the interim Housing Ombudsman whilst recruitment for a permanent post-holder takes place. This will be effective from 5 June 2017 when the current Housing Ombudsman, Denise Fowler, leaves to take up her new role.

News story: Use the Charity Commission website to answer your query

Our online guidance and services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

How to change your correspondence or email address

Use our online service to [change your charity's details](#).

How to request a new password

If you are an established, registered charity you can request a [new or replacement password online](#). You'll need to enter your charity number and the password will be emailed to the address we have on file.

If you are applying to register a charity and need a new password, you can request it through our [online service](#)

How to get a copy of a governing document

You should contact the charity first. Some charities may provide governing documents on request or through their website.

If you are a trustee, professional advisor or a member of the charity you can ask for a copy of the governing document. All members of the trustee body should be given a copy as part of normal governance processes.

If you can't get a governing document from the charity you can use our [general enquiry form](#) to request one.

How to submit an annual return

The annual return service for the financial period ending in 2017 will be available on this website in the summer.

You can read our guidance to help you [submit your annual return](#).

Response times for general queries

If you have sent a query to the Charity Commission we will aim to respond within 15 working days.

Our [contact information and opening times](#) are available on the homepage.

[UKIP Deputy Leader Peter Whittle to stand in South Basildon and East Thurrock](#)



UKIP Deputy Leader Peter Whittle today announced that he will stand for Member of Parliament for South Basildon and East Thurrock.

He said “In 2015 UKIP put in a very strong showing in the election and came a strong second in South Basildon and East Thurrock, and I hope to do one better this time.

“Basildon and East Thurrock voted overwhelmingly to leave the European Union last year and deserves an MP who will truly stand up for their views.

“UKIP are the only party that want to see the type of Brexit that people voted for last June, so that we can get back control of our borders and our laws.

Greens take second place in Isle of Wight



5 May 2017

The Green Party is celebrating becoming the second party on the Isle of Wight coming second to the Conservatives on vote share.

Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party, will be on the island this afternoon [1] to celebrate the party's first councillor on the island – Michael Lilley.

The Green Party's total vote of 5,607 is a huge increase on 2013 when the party stood in one ward and got 297 votes. This time Greens left Labour in second place on 4,134 votes with the Lib Dems in third with 2,783. [2]

The combined Green, Labour, Liberal, Independent vote was more than 50%, from a turn-out of about 40%.

It's been a good night for the Greens nationwide with net gains of +7 nationwide including in Wales and first seats in the Isle of Wight and Orkney.

Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party, said:

"There are still lots of results to come but so far these results look good for the Green Party. We're offering people a real alternative to business-as-usual politics.

"Across the country Greens have gained seats – with first seats in Orkney and the Isle of Wight, and a first win in Wales. People who believe things can change for the better, and that the next generation must be defined by fairness, not foodbanks, are choosing to back politicians they can trust.

"It's clear the Greens are challenging the Tory reign in the Isle of Wight – and are set to run our boldest ever General Election campaign in the coming weeks. "

Notes:

Isle of Wight stats:

- GREEN GAIN UKIP LOSS (+1/-1)
- Greens win first seat on Council (Ryde East, Michael Lilley)
- Greens came second to Conservatives in a significant 14/24 wards – the remainder second places were independent (loss of council control). No Labour second places where Greens stood.

- Greens beat Labour in 14 wards. Labour beat Greens in only 2.
- Greens total vote greater than both Labour and Lib Dem (5607 Green, 4134 Labour, 2783 Lib Dem)
- Combined Green, Labour, Liberal, Independent vote is greater than 50% with a turn-out of around 40%

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Press release: New air quality plan published for consultation

Options open for consultation to reduce nitrogen dioxide in our towns and cities.

The government today published a draft plan to improve air quality by reducing nitrogen dioxide levels in the UK.

The options now open for [consultation on reducing nitrogen dioxide in our towns and cities](#) are designed to reduce the impact of diesel vehicles, and accelerate the move to cleaner transport.

Local authorities are already responsible for improving air quality in their area, but will now be expected to develop new and creative solutions to reduce emissions as quickly as possible, while avoiding undue impact on the motorist.

The government is consulting on a range of measures that could be taken to mitigate the impact of action to improve air quality.

In line with the timetable directed by the Courts the government is seeking views on these proposals in advance of preparing its final plan for publication by 31 July. All final decisions will be taken by the incoming government.

This consultation will run until 15 June.