

IN TOUCH

with the Isle of Wight

CONSERVATIVE



Andrew Turner - seeking re-election as the Island's MP

News about your local candidates inside

Positive Vision for IW Future

Andrew Turner and Island Conservatives are positive about the future. We don't believe in frightening the voters about what other parties may offer - why gaze into the crystal ball when you can read the book?

Governments don't have all the answers. But if they have the right values they can make a real difference. Trusting people, promoting responsibility, cherishing our individuality, our nationhood and our Island's unique character; rewarding hard work and encouraging excellence - these are the values of the overwhelming majority of Britons. But they've become the forgotten majority.

Mr Blair asked people to trust him - and he let you down.

The Choices on 5th May

On 5th May Islanders will have two choices to make.

- Nationally, four more years of talk from Mr Blair, or a Conservative government that will act on things that really matter to people. (The Lib-Dems are so far behind that they cannot possibly defeat Labour).

- And locally four more years of waste and misrule with the Lib-Dems* who have run the Island so badly for so long. Electing independents won't help - last time they teamed up with the Lib-Dems to keep them in control at County Hall.

Conservatives share the concerns of the forgotten majority of Islanders. More police, cleaner hospitals, school discipline, lower taxes and controlled immigration. We offer a fair deal for pensioners, and to bring back powers from Brussels. And on the Island we want to keep council tax under control by focussing on key services that matter most to Islanders.

A Conservative government will:

- Provide 60 more police for the Island, by cutting wasteful spending on asylum and immigration;
- Allow local decisions on housing numbers (so you'll need a Conservative council to keep building under control; and
- Get the state off the backs of business and public services, by reducing regulation and giving front-line staff in schools, hospitals and the police extra cash and decision-making powers.

* Since 2001 includes Independents who joined up with Lib-Dems as soon as they were elected.

Save our Schools!



It isn't only middle schools which would close under council plans

Plans to reorganize the Island's schools into a two tier system, estimated to cost £70 million, are causing consternation for parents, teachers and governors. Andrew Turner, who is up for re-election said, 'Closing middle schools and many small village schools would divert everyones attention from the essential business of getting better results.'

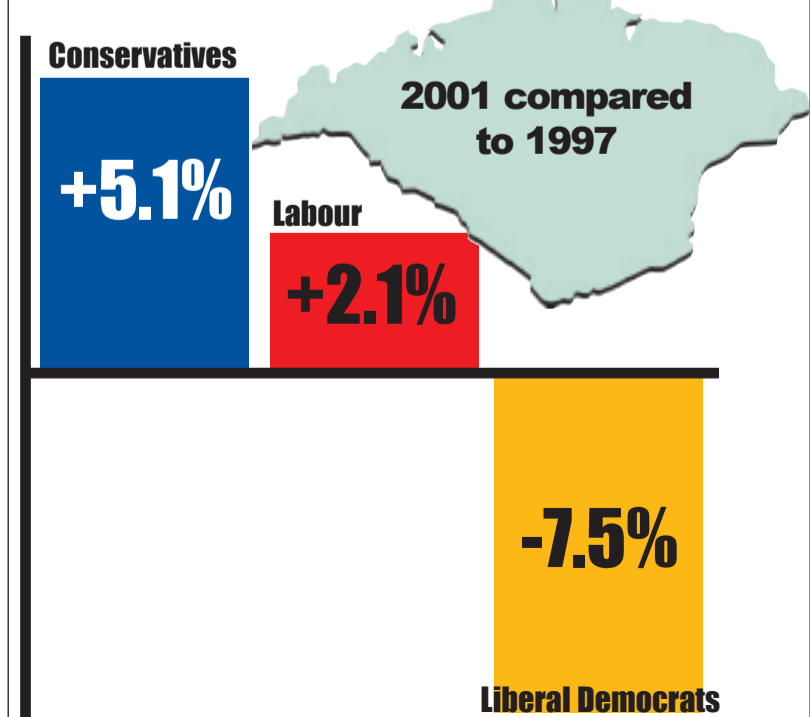
But an example of what might happen has been mooted in Ventnor. It is to close all seven primaries in an area from Chale to Godshill to Bonchurch, and then bus 4-11 year-olds to Ventnor Middle School. This could be repeated in your area, with only primaries with over 500 pupils surviving. Says Andrew "Such plans would rip the heart out of communities. It wouldn't only be villages, but places like Oakfield that would lose their primary schools."

Conservative education spokesman Patrick Joyce added, "We will focus effort on raising standards, not closing schools."

Why are schools under threat?

Because, in the words of the a top Lib-Dem councillor, "Standards are too low and County Hall has been found wanting". That's because of twenty years' failure by the Lib-Dems to hold them to account!

Change in Vote at last IW Election



Liberal Democrats