



JOINED TOGETHER BETTER TOGETHER

Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole are already intertwined. Just take a look at the picture to see how interconnected we already are.

■ People flit easily across the "borders" of our three towns as they go about their day-to-day business whether at work or play. We each have our own individual identities, but having one Council focused on joined-up services makes so much more sense.

It simply defies logic to have refuse and recycling lorries doing U-turns because they are on the boundary. What about tractors doing the same on the beach? It just seems crazy.

And when your kids can't go to the school you can see from your door because it's in a

neighbouring town? When it comes to good schools there shouldn't be any artificial boundaries.

That's why Conservatives across Dorset have got together to improve services and save money by streamlining 9 Councils into just 2 - including the new Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council which comes into being from 1st April next year.

Working together we can deliver services more effectively and save you money not just now but in the years to come. And that's a promise.



Working Together

News from Central Bournemouth

PROTECTING PARKING IN THE TOWN CENTRE

■ Your Conservative Ward Councillors are committed to protecting parking in Bournemouth Town Centre - and are pleased to announce that Council car parking spaces have actually increased!

Contrary to many news reports, we have committed to seeing no loss of parking in the town centre and actually are looking to see parking improve. The Bournemouth Development Company, which is building houses with the Council, ALWAYS replaces parking on any new town centre developments; often with new multistorey parking on site. To date, there is now MORE PARKING in the centre - not less!



Protecting our Town Centre Parking

KEEPING COUNCIL TAX AS LOW AS POSSIBLE

■ As Conservatives, we never forget whose money it is that we spend.

Our aim is always to keep your Council Tax as low as we possibly can. In Bournemouth, this year has seen only the third Council Tax increase in the last eight years.

With Local Government Reorganisation, we have committed to Council Tax rises being kept to a minimum for the next SEVEN YEARS - with any rises being lower than if LGR hadn't gone ahead.

This shows the impact that changing our Councils is having already on the money you keep in YOUR pocket.

DID YOU KNOW...?

■ Did you know that protecting the most vulnerable through Adult Social Care and Children's Services now takes up almost 80% of the Council's budget?

Behind the duty that we have to provide these demand-led, statutory social care services, there are stories of real need and hardship. That's why it's an obligation to help that we don't shy away from. We are dedicated to making sure that the highest standards of care

and safeguarding will continue.

Creating the new Council for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole doesn't just help us save money to make sure we continue these services, but also gives us a real opportunity to improve them.

Councils now do more than collect bins and fix potholes - and we have to make sure we do the best job possible.



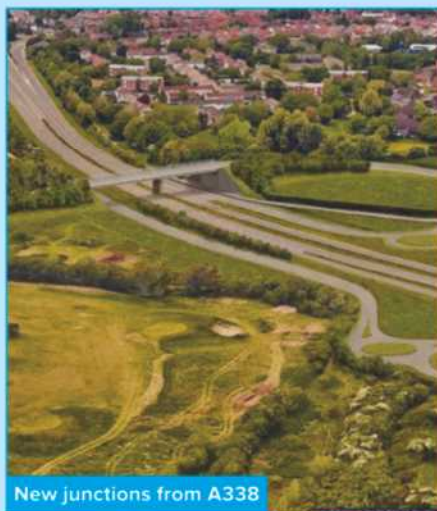
Looking after the most in need

SECURING INVESTMENT FOR IMPROVING OUR ROADS

■ Bournemouth Council has secured funding for a number of road improvement schemes recently, with your local Conservative Council working with your Conservative MP Conor Burns to deliver for the future of our infrastructure.

Coming soon are improvements to Wallisdown, an £8m injection into Lansdowne, new access to the hospital and further work in the Town Centre.

Joining together with Christchurch and Poole will also give us the added clout to work with the Government to make sure we plan for the future and start some real joined-up thinking to make sure our roads keep moving.



New junctions from A338

News SNIPPETS

BOURNEMOUTH LEADS WAY ON PLASTIC FIGHT

Not only do we have one of the best recycling rates in the country, and also look after the environment with our food waste collection, but Bournemouth Council has just committed to the Plastic-Free Coastline Pledge - meaning we'll be doing everything in our power to reducing the plastic scourge which is destroying our oceans. Poole has followed our lead and together we can make a difference.

SEA FRONT REFRESH

Works have just been completed on the multi-million £ improvements of the Pier Approach. Once again, this shows Conservatives building a town for visitors and residents alike. Not yet been? Make sure you check it out.

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