

# WHY LOCAL PEOPLE SUPPORT JAMES

" I support James and the Lib Dems, they keep in touch with their regular Focus newsletter and hold monthly surgeries at the Cellar House.



If I have a problem I know how to contact them for help.

- Helen, Newmarket Road area

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" James works really hard for our local community, addressing the issues that really matter to people.



He and his his fellow councillors always highlight issues that matter in our area.

- Bob, South Park Avenue area

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" Some councillors say they care about the local community but you never see them!



James is a real part of the local scene - he's a regular volunteer at junior parkrun in Eaton Park.

- Imogen, parkrun volunteer

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# JAMES WRIGHT

Liberal Democrats

# EATON'S LOCAL CHAMPION

# JAMES WRIGHT



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## James Wright and the Lib Dems: Standing up for Norwich

As well as working hard for the residents of Eaton, James and the Lib Dem team champion issues on a city wide level.

When the Tourist Information Centre in the Forum closed in April 2021, the Lib Dems were quick to highlight this in our campaigns and began work to rectify what we saw as a mistake, and we are delighted that our recent budget amendment will help make this possible.

Leader of the Norwich Lib Dems, Cllr James Wright commented, "There is a commitment to finance an options

appraisal followed by up to £100,000 to deliver, with partners, a TIC somewhere in the city – it could operate from a market stall, City Hall, or another suitable venue."

### Remember...

- Only by re-electing Cllr James Wright can we continue the hard work that puts Eaton and Norwich ahead of party politics.
- Polling day is on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7am to 10pm, and any postal vote forms that have not yet been sent off can be handed in at your polling station.

## Save the Tourist Information Centre

Lib Dems in Norwich are campaigning to get the Labour-run City Council to reconsider in-person Tourism advice.

Cllr James Wright said, "Our city's heritage is Norwich's 'crown jewel' and we should do everything possible to help to tourists. If it is too costly to run the centre, then why not work with local businesses to fill the gap? **Please support our campaign.**"

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We call on Norwich City Council to think again about the closure of the Tourist Information Centre

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**Can we keep you updated about campaigns, events, fundraising and how to get involved?**  Yes  No

The Lib Dems highlighted the issue in our Focus back in April 2021



The Norwich Evening News reported on the new centre in February 2024

### New tourist centre

A new £100,000 tourist information centre is set to open in Norwich this summer in a bid to boost the city's holiday sector.

Norwich City Council has committed thousands of pounds to the development following the closure of the tourist centre in the Forum in 2021.

This comes as the authority faces "tough financial challenges", having agreed to hike council tax by nearly 3pc.

This means people living in Band D properties will see their bill rise to £297.22, paying an extra £8.63 a year - although those receiving council tax support will continue to receive a 100pc reduction.

Liberal Democrat councillor James Wright, who proposed the new centre, said: "Tourism is one of Norfolk's largest economic sectors.

"We cannot afford to miss out on this opportunity to promote to visitors the city's wealth of leisure, culture and heritage opportunities. This is an investment in the future of the city."

He has suggested a market stall, or a space in City Hall, could make a good home for the centre.

## Contact James and the local Lib Dem Team



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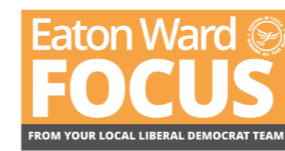
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## We keep in touch throughout the year - not just at election time

Our regular FOCUS newsletter keeps residents up to date with our activities and local news about Eaton, Norwich and Norfolk.

We also send out letters and surveys from time to time so we can understand your views better.

Not receiving them? **Get in touch.**



**NORWICH HAS A NEW CIVIC TEAM**

Eaton City Councillor James Wright has been chosen as the new Lord Mayor of Norwich.

At the formal ceremony in City Hall James spoke of the trust involved in the 'prestigious role' and that it is the greatest honour someone born and bred in Norwich can have bestowed upon them. He said he was committed to doing his utmost to repay that trust in the year ahead.

The new Sheriff is Dr Jan Sheldon the CEO of St Martins Housing Trust. James described the events he and the Sheriff would attend during their Civic Year as an opportunity to say thank you, on behalf of the city, to the many citizens who work tirelessly, day in and day out, for the benefit of others.

Eaton City Councillor Caroline Ackroyd was appointed as Deputy Lord Mayor. This is perhaps the first time a mother and son have held these civic roles in the same year.

The Civic Charity will be Norfolk Community Foundation and their 'Nourishing Norfolk' initiative addressing the rapidly rising food prices affecting those on low incomes and offering people in Norwich a local place to shop on a budget and the chance to access the support they need.

For more information and to donate visit [www.norwich.gov.uk/CivicCharity](http://www.norwich.gov.uk/CivicCharity)

**Eaton Ward Focus**

**Council ploughs £40m into road that probably won't be built**

The Norwich Western Link, declared as an environmental disaster by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, has been shelved by the government, facing an indefinite delay. This leaves our council roughly £40m out of pocket on the money it has already spent on the project without a spade even hitting the ground.

This comes as Norfolk County Council raised council tax by the maximum legally permitted amount this year, while cutting back service provision to the bone. All the while debt grows ever higher, with levels accrued last year costing the taxpayer **£86,000 a day in interest alone**. That has only increased since. Yet after all this pain, they will still face another budget deficit next year of **£42.6m**, so more cuts, and more tax rises will be thrust upon us in the coming year.

Eaton county councillor Brian Watkins said: "In essence, we will be paying the price of poor economic decision making by the council, who decided to pump so much of our money into a project that wasn't even guaranteed to happen, the losses from which almost entirely total the amount of 'new money' that will have to be found to keep them afloat."

Working hard all year round



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There is growing concern amongst the residents of Daisy Hill, Coralie Court and Leander Court that the shared Bluebell Road path is a deathtrap with cyclists travelling very fast in both directions.

City Councillor for Eaton Caroline Ackroyd said, "With 120 flats in all and more residences being built the call for action on this path will only increase. As councillors we have approached the County Council and asked for a white line down the middle of the path to segregate the cyclists from the pedestrians, the pedestrians being on the inside of the path and cyclists on the outside nearest the road. This would give some assurance to residents that when they step on to the path they will not collide with a cycle. We are awaiting a response to our request."

The elderly are not asking for much but just some consideration of their age, in perhaps not being as nimble on their feet, not seeing the quick cyclists and not hearing them as often they don't have bells. As councillors we just want to do something to help prevent accidents and the residents' fear of being knocked down."

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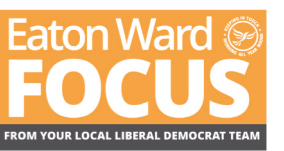


**Bluebell Road shared pedestrian / cycle path - a potential deathtrap?**



Eaton councillors first raised this issue back in 2019.

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**Lib Dems secure Tourist Information Centre for Norwich**



A TIC for Norwich could be up and running, ready for summer visitors following a successful Liberal Democrat budget amendment to February's City Council's budget meeting.

Eaton Lib Dem Cllr James Wright who spearheaded the proposal said, "There is a commitment to finance an options appraisal followed by up to £100,000 to deliver with partners a TIC somewhere in the city - it could operate from a market stall, City Hall or another suitable venue."

"Tourism is one of Norfolk's largest economic sectors and set to grow by 3.8% in the coming year. We cannot afford to miss out on this opportunity to promote to visitors the city's wealth of leisure, culture and heritage opportunities. This is an investment in the future of the city, creating many more jobs."

The previous TIC in the Forum closed in April 2021. It has been a long term aim of the Norwich Liberal Democrats to see the re-opening of a TIC for Norwich.

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