

# Alison Bennett



**Who am I?** Originally from Gloucestershire, I have lived in Hurstpierpoint in Arundel & South Downs for six years. I studied Social & Political Sciences at Cambridge with a focus upon Twentieth Century political history. Upon graduation, I worked for ten years in communications and insight for blue-chip companies before taking a career break to raise my family.

## **I joined the Liberal Democrats after the 2015**

**General Election.** I felt the Lib Dems had paid too high a price for going into Coalition. More importantly, I was unhappy that the local political landscape was dominated by the Conservatives, with the UKIP candidate coming second to Nick Herbert. I decided that if I didn't like what I saw around me, then I needed to step forward and do what I could to change that.

**The rise of Corbynism** and the fallout from the EU Referendum has only strengthened my resolve. The politics of populism is pulling the Conservatives, the Labour Party and the country apart. As Liberal Democrats, we have a responsibility to offer a vigorous, credible alternative. We must bring people together; promote tolerance of our differences, and provide rational evidence-based solutions to the problems in our society today.

**Nick Herbert is letting his constituents down.** Do not forget that he chaired 'Conservatives IN' for David Cameron. Now he seems content to abandon his principles and let the Brexit negotiations take their course. On the defining issue of our era, we have an MP who puts his party's unity above the national interest. I will be the strong local candidate who will stand up for what we know to be right.

**I thrive on election campaigns and deliver results.** In 2017, Hassocks & Hurstpierpoint Liberal Democrats won a county election campaign and then a month later a district by-election. These are the only sitting Liberal Democrat councillors in our constituency. I was central to the Team's success. I designed and wrote our literature; established and grew our social media presence, and canvassed heavily. We can build upon that formula across the constituency. Later in 2017, I played a key role in the East Grinstead by-election team, where we pushed Labour back down into third place.

**My ambition as your PPC,** is to be the face of the Lib Dems in Arundel & South Downs. We will use leaflets, the press and social media to get our message out. In addition, I strongly believe in the power of meeting face to face. Canvassing is part of this, but I want to get to know you as a Party member, and then ask you to introduce me to your family, friends and the community organisations you work with.

**Vote for Alison Bennett.** You will get a hard working candidate who knows how to campaign - and win - in Arundel & South Downs.