

# It's Lib Dem or Labour in Bristol South

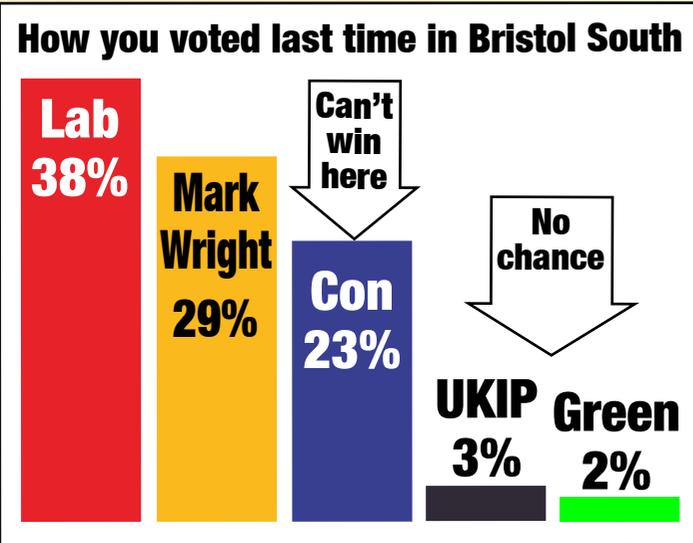
Bristol South has been Labour for generations. The Conservatives couldn't even win here in 1983 when Margaret Thatcher won her landslide victory.

The Conservatives simply can't win here.

At the last two elections, the Lib Dems have come second here. The Lib Dems are the challenger to Labour. In 2010, Dr Mark Wright was the candidate, and he secured the best Liberal result since the 1920s!

Now he's back for more, so our next MP will be popular local Lib Dem Mark Wright, or Labour's candidate.

All it needs is for enough of you - the voters - to decide to vote for Mark Wright and we will have a great new MP.



Remember, Mark Wright and the Lib Dems came second in Bristol South at the last two General Elections and are the only challengers to Labour.

## We need an MP who is hard working and a local champion



Dr Mark Wright is 40 years old and is local born and bred. He grew up on Hartcliffe council estate in south Bristol and lives in Windmill Hill.

He went to Bristol University and is now a scientist and computer programmer. He is married to fellow Bristolian, Lena.

He has been a leading city councillor for 10 years, and has previously run the Housing, Value for Money, and IT departments in the Council. In 2010

he made history by starting the first building of council houses in 30 years.

He is a proven campaigner who has fought against Bristol Post Office closures and ID-cards; fought for tidal power in the Severn estuary, for Low Emission Zones, and for civil liberties; and helped save St Pius school from closure.

Like other Lib Dems, Mark wants to change the whole system of British politics, and is committed to fighting inequality.

**My commitment to you...**

First, thank-you so much to all of you who voted for me last time in 2010 - I got the best Liberal result since the 1920s! I'm still here, and still want to be your MP. Bristol has been my home all my life. I went to school and university here, I work here, I am also a city councillor here. I love this city!

As your next MP I will:

- Put Bristol South first, all the time.
- Have a high-profile office inside the constituency
- Hold weekly surgeries in communities in the constituency
- Be your champion in Parliament

Bristol South deserves the best from its MP. It needs an MP with commitment, honesty and integrity. I promise to be an MP that you can be proud of.

**Please support me in this election.** *Mark Wright*

# Mark Wright

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The Lib Dem plan for a Stronger Economy:

- Fairer taxes
- Sound finances
- Tackling inequality

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## Health - Trust in our doctors

The Lib Dems propose to increase spending on the NHS by £8 billion a year, and also put mental health treatment on an equal footing with that of physical health.

*Did you know?* Labour has run the NHS in Wales since 1997, but it lags behind NHS England, spending more for worse outcomes.



**Mark Wright** says “People are understandably worried about ‘privatisation’ in the NHS. The previous Labour government let 4.5% of contracts to private providers. But the Coalition has only let 2%! That means 93.5% are still let only to public providers.”

*Did you know?* The Coalition has increased the NHS budget each year since 2010 to improve services, and hired 6,000 more doctors. That’s the Lib Dem influence!

## Crime - Be free from fear

One of the first things Lib Dems did on joining the coalition was scrap Labour’s plans to spend £10 billion on compulsory ID cards.

*Did you know?* Overall crime has fallen by a quarter under the coalition. It is now the lowest since 1981.

**Mark** says “The ‘War on Drugs’ has failed its only goal, which is to keep us safe - drugs are more numerous and cheap than ever. We cannot go on ignoring this failure. Other countries are now decriminalising drugs, and treating addiction as a medical issue, not a criminal one. Their experience is that crime drops and drug use doesn’t rise. It’s time for us to try this approach.”



## Environment - Real action, now

*Did you know?* Renewable power generation more than doubled under the Coalition. This is the biggest increase in green energy in UK history. That’s the Lib Dem influence!

Lib Dems propose 5 new “Green Laws” in the next government:

- Zero carbon UK - tougher climate change targets
- Nature UK - legal targets for bio-diversity and cutting pollution
- Zero waste UK - reduce waste and end landfill
- Green Transport UK - electrifying the railways, more cycling and walking
- Heating and Energy UK - tough new energy standards, boost district heating schemes

**Mark Wright** was the first politician in Bristol to campaign for a Low Emission Zone in the city, way back in 2012. And it was Mark who blocked the Council’s attempt to bring in by-laws that would have banned climbing trees, BBQs, and “annoying” childrens’ games in Bristol’s parks.



## Economy - Let’s get fair!

Tackling inequality is vital. That’s why Vince Cable and the Lib Dems in the Coalition cut income taxes on the low paid by increasing the personal allowance to £10k, helping to make work pay. It’s also why **Mark Wright** is backing plans for more tax-dodging laws to crack down on tax havens and those who evade taxes.

*Did you know?* A record 1.8 million jobs and 2 million apprentices have been created since 2010, there is record employment, and the UK is the fastest growing developed economy.

The Lib Dems will balance the books in a fair way. We will steer a careful path between Labour’s irresponsible borrowing, and the Conservatives’ irresponsible cutting.”

*Did you know?* The Coalition stopped much more tax dodging than any other government before - it collected £24bn by closing tax loopholes. That’s the Lib Dem influence!



# Building a stronger economy and a fairer society for all

## Education - Delivering for parents

**Mark Wright** says “We need to tackle inequality and social exclusion in our schools. This is why the Lib Dems brought in the *Pupil Premium*. This is £1,300 to schools per child receiving free school dinners - that’s nearly £1 million per secondary school in Bristol South. This is stopping the main predictor of children’s success at school being their parents’ salary.”

*Did you know?* In government, the Lib Dems have introduced 15 hours of free childcare for many 2 year olds and all 3 and 4 year olds, and free school meals for infants, saving parents money. Working parents can now get tax relief for childcare for under-12s and share parental leave how they wish. That’s the Lib Dem influence!



Lib Dems now propose:

- introduce free school meals for all primary school children
- extend the hours of free childcare for 2 to 4 year olds
- protect education spending from cradle to college
- grant 4 extra weeks paternity leave

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