



Roz Savage - Your MP for South Cotswolds

Thames Water and the South Cotswolds

It was wonderful to be at the **Liberal Democrat Conference** last week, catching up with colleagues, sharing ideas, and making sure that issues affecting the South Cotswolds were firmly on the agenda.

One of those issues is the future of **Thames Water**. For too long, customers have been paying the price for a system that has allowed huge debts to accumulate, while substantial bonuses have been paid to senior executives and money has flowed to investors.

Meanwhile, **our rivers have been treated as open sewers**. Ofwat's investigation found serious and systemic failures in Thames Water's wastewater operations, resulting in a £104.5 million penalty.

But behind those statistics are rivers that should be teeming with life, wildlife that depends on clean water, and communities who rightly expect better. **Our water system should serve people and nature, not the financial interests of those who profit from it.**



Another important issue at Conference was the **cost of living**, particularly for those of us in rural areas. **I backed Ed Davey's call for an immediate 10p-a-litre cut in fuel duty**. When public transport is infrequent, or simply doesn't exist, people have little choice but to drive to work, take their children to school or attend hospital appointments.

I also met representatives from **farming, conservation and rural organisations** to hear directly about the challenges they face. Our countryside is not just a beautiful landscape to be admired. It is a living, working environment, home to people who produce our food, care for our land and sustain our communities. **Their voices need to be heard in Westminster.**

By the end of Conference, I was running largely on enthusiasm and caffeine. Much as I enjoyed Brighton, it is lovely to be home. Conference is a chance to **exchange ideas** and **look at the bigger picture**. The real test is **what we do with those ideas when we get home**. And for me, that means getting back to work alongside the people and communities of the **South Cotswolds**.

Visit My New Website

Lib Dems Plan for Water Company Ownership

During party conference, I spoke with **Matt Chorley** on **BBC Radio 5 Live** about the **health of our waterways**, and how we are planning to overcome the issues we have been facing for decades.



Click the picture to hear the full interview. It begins **50 minutes** into the show, so fast forward and listen to our seaside chat.

Seeing it for Myself: Bringing South Cotswolds to Party Conference

During conference, I spent so much time talking about a range of issues that matter to the constituents.

🗣️ Whether it was speaking on panels on the best Liberal pathway forward for our countryside, forever chemicals or the rights of nature - everything I spoke on always linked back to our communities.

🏠 I also launched my new look website this week. I'm so glad to have an updated home for everything I will be doing in the constituency and beyond. Click [here](#) to visit.

Readers Weekly Poll

The **weekly poll** is **back!** With Party Conference now behind us, this poll is about simple one, but one I am intrigued to find out the results for.

Did you come to conference this year?



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WEEKLY POLL

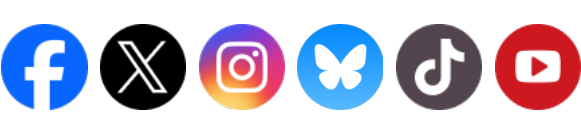
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Quote of the Week

“The communities are the experts. The people affected are the experts. We are just the facilitators.”

— **Nazir Afzal**

Have a great week!!



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