

## Significant investment for Hoobrook Island

Cllr Nathan Desmond is delighted that specific funding has been allocated by the County Council to tackle the Hoobrook Island congestion.

Nathan has worked with fellow County Councillor Marcus Hart over the last two years to raise awareness of the problems at this island and on the A449 and to ask Highways to take action.

Both Nathan and Marcus have lobbied senior Conservative councillors at County Hall for capital investment to be made available specifically for the Hoobrook Island. As part of the County budget passed on the 14th February, the Hoobrook Island was one of four strategic sites across Worcestershire to obtain money from a £5 million "Cutting Congestion Fund".



Nathan Desmond said, "I'm grateful to the Leader of the County Council for listening to the concerns of Marcus and myself. The opening up of the Worcester Road to two lane traffic has helped but is nowhere near enough, that is why we have pushed for extra investment. Our fair share of the £5 million capital to

tackle congestion is a game changer and will really make a huge difference."

Tony Muir said, "This is excellent news for local residents. Congestion is still bad and I'm sure this money will be a huge benefit in tackling this issue."

## Crime falls in West Mercia

Recorded crime in West Mercia is decreasing year on year. The figures which show a 2.4% decrease in overall crime, are welcomed by the Police and Crime Commissioner, who has been supporting West Mercia Police to be more effective.

The figures from ONS also show reductions in violence with injury, drugs offences, burglary, robbery, sexual offences, public order, vehicle offences and theft.

Conversely to the national trend, cyber crime offences have fallen in West Mercia and there are low numbers of offences involving knives and other bladed weapons.

Work will continue to ensure the Force is able address some of the areas, where increases have been seen including offences relating to death and serious

injury caused by unlawful driving, shoplifting and possession of weapons.

John Campion said, "I made a commitment to reform West Mercia Police and the latest crime figures show this approach is working. West Mercia is a place where people are safe and feel safe, and it is reassuring to see a decrease in the types of crimes which affect our communities the most. We are not complacent however and there are always areas to improve. I will continue to ensure the police can continue to work efficiently and effectively to tackle these."



John Campion

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## Election Day is on Thursday 2nd May 2019

Forest Community Housing Group. He works for a locally based facilities management company.

Aggborough County Councillor Nathan Desmond says, "As Conservatives we have been working very hard to give you a strong voice and an alternative voice. Please support Tony on 2nd May to give Aggborough Conservative representation on Wyre Forest District Council. You have three votes, please use just one of them to Vote Conservative."

Tony Muir has been adopted as the Conservative Candidate to stand in the Wyre Forest District Council election.

Tony was born and lives in Kidderminster, so he has a vested interest in helping to make Kidderminster the best it can be.

Tony has previously served as a County and District Councillor, as well as serving as a board member at Wyre



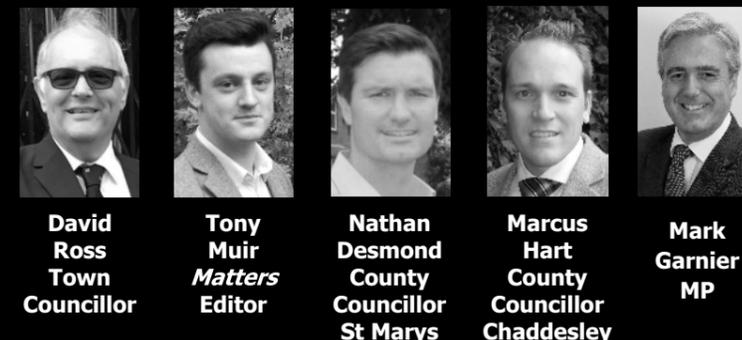
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## Tony's pledges to the residents of Aggborough and Spennells



- pushing for highway resurfacing and repairs
- keeping the area litter free
- championing better bus services
- tackling speeding hot spots
- working hard to ensure the area continues to be a safe place to live
- ensuring the voices of all residents are listened to and acted upon.

Please spare just a couple of minutes on Thursday 2nd May to vote for Tony Muir in order for him to be a strong voice for Aggborough and Spennells.

## Car parking charges frozen 2019/2020

Tony says, "As reported in our February edition, thanks to the Conservatives all pay and display and season ticket car parking charges are to be frozen. However, as an extra way of encouraging residents to use the Bromsgrove Street car park, the Council are offering the opportunity to buy a season ticket for £300 per year. This can be paid in 10 monthly instalments which is even better. If you work in the Town this is excellent value and far less than a full season ticket or restricted season ticket."

## Election Day Thursday 2nd May 2019

On Thursday 2nd May, there will be 'All Out' elections for **Wyre Forest District Council**. You have three District Councillors in the **Aggborough and Spennells Ward** and will have **up to three votes**.

The Councillors elected will all serve four-year terms. Please vote for the Conservative candidate who will work hard for you all year round.

If you are going to be away on Election Day then do you need a **Postal Vote** or a **Proxy Vote**? You can contact the Wyre Forest District Council elections office on **01562 732762** or e-mail: **electoral@wyreforestdc.gov.uk** to ask them to send you a form.

## Crown House is finally coming down



Your Spennells Conservative Team is absolutely delighted that Crown House is finally going to be demolished.

Tony says, "Well done to Conservative-led Wyre Forest District Council for sticking to their guns and negotiating to ensure that it is Telereal Trillium that pay the substantial cost for demolition and not you the taxpayer."

Tony added, "I always felt that it was the easy option to take for the Council to fund the demolition, something that some opposition parties supported. The cost will run into hundreds of thousands of pounds and under Cllr Marcus Hart's leadership residents will now benefit from the building coming down and them handing the Council back a cleared site which is in a prime location for redevelopment."

## Parking app is a resounding success

Thousands of motorists are now paying to park on Wyre Forest District Council car parks using the secure 'JustPark' website and phone app. The app has overtaken card payments, which are now just 5% of payments. The Council will soon remove card readers from the pay and display machines, as new encryption regulations would otherwise require all the machines to be replaced.

Cllr Nathan Desmond said, "Drivers will still be able to pay for parking with credit and debit cards, but by using their phones. With the number of people using the pay and display machines to pay by card declining it does not make sense to spend thousands of pounds to replace them in order to comply with the new regulations."

Tony Muir said, "The Council will continue to accept cash in all pay and display machines. We are seeing a growing number of people switching to the JustPark app. It costs exactly the same and it also offers extras such as real-time reminders and the ability to extend car parking if needed."

## Tony campaigns for litter bins

Tony Muir says, "I am campaigning for litter bins at each entrance of the woodlands from College Road and Aggborough Crescent. Litter bins are important if we want to keep our area clean and tidy. Please do contact me if you feel that litter is an issue that could be resolved by installing litter bins in other areas."



## Comberton Road roundabout



Tony Muir is working with Conservative colleagues at Worcestershire County Council to action resurfacing of the roundabout connecting Comberton Road with Spennells Valley Road.

Tony says, "The roundabout is heavily used and an important highway intersection that needs to be kept safe and high standard of repair."

## Keeping our footpaths clear

Wyre Forest District Council has been working hard to ensure that all alleyways are kept clear, not only of litter but also vegetation. Tony has been around the Ward checking all of the alleyways to ensure none have been overlooked.

Tony Muir says, "It is not only more pleasant to have clean and tidy alleyways, but it's important from a safety point of view. Please do get in contact if you wish to raise any issues."



**Aggborough and Spennells Conservatives: working hard all year round, not just at election time.**