

Matters



Conservatives

Franchise & Habberley North – February 2021

LOCAL NEWS AND UPDATE ON LOCALISM

Kidderminster Town Council came into being in 2016 and since then your Conservative Group has worked hard to develop and grow your Town Council.

WE ARE PLEASED to support the potential transfer of Brinton Park, White Wickets Park, Springfield Park and St George's Park to Kidderminster Town Council to ensure these essential open spaces are protected for the enjoyment of all.

Cllr David Ross, Leader of the Conservative Group on Kidderminster Town Council, has worked hard as part of the negotiating team, and successfully pushed any transitional funding from the District Council, to make sure that any precept changes needed will be as low as possible.

Cllr David Ross said, "We know that we are all living through very hard times at the moment so protecting the parks for families to use and minimising precept changes are both important for us".

Your Town Council Conservative Group will continue to painstakingly go through the transfer details to make sure residents get the best possible deal and subject to full legal and financial due diligence, and all information we have requested provided by WFDC promptly, we look forward to protecting these assets for the future.



PARKING CHARGES MUST STOP!

PARKING CHARGES must be cut to help businesses recover. UK Councils have raked in almost £900 million profit from fees. This vast sum was generated during the early part of the Covid pandemic and first lockdown!

We have repeatedly urged WFDC to help local businesses by bringing back the one hour of free car parking across all WFDC-owned car parks in the Town Centre and getting rid of the extension of car parking charges to 9pm.

But, WFDC is still not listening. With local businesses struggling through a third lockdown ... when is WFDC going to take action to help them?



WE STAND FOR ...

- ◇ Holding the Progressive Alliance-led Wyre Forest District Council (WFDC) to account to protect the interests of Kidderminster residents.
- ◇ Stopping the Progressive Alliance-led WFDC from dumping services onto Kidderminster Town Council at a cost to you as Kidderminster residents.
- ◇ Working to make sure Kidderminster residents do not have to pay twice for the same service.
- ◇ Working closely with Town Council officers to secure funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to protect the future of your much-loved and historic Town Hall.

Working Hard for Franchise & Habberley North All Year Round

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LEFT WITHOUT HEATING

Cllr David Ross was contacted by an elderly resident living in Wilton Avenue in distress having been left without heating in her living room.

Having no radiator and with her gas fire condemned she was left with no heat meaning she was unable to sit and watch TV in the evening and forced to go to bed to keep warm. She had contacted Community Housing but had not been able to get anyone to attend.

Cllr David Ross was able to get through to the team at Community Housing and would like to thank them for their immediate response.

Emergency heating was delivered that day and within 3 days a new radiator had been installed allowing her to use her living room.

Cllr Ross said, "At this time of the year it is not acceptable to be without heat and I would like to thank CHG for their help".



DISCUSSING WARD ISSUES WITH JOHN CAMPION, PCC

Cllr David Ross, recently took the opportunity to virtually 'meet' with Police and Crime Commissioner, John Campion, to discuss a range of policing issues, including the 300 more police officers we now have in West Mercia (compared to 2016) and the 91 more being recruited this year.

"I was keen to meet with John and I am pleased to report that I raised the concerns of residents regarding speeding on the Franche Road and Habberley Lane."

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO ...

Cllr David Ross, Bill Hopkins and George Connolly are all delighted to hear that Kidderminster Town Council will be planning celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

See our FHN Facebook page @Franche & Habberley North Matters for more information on our priorities and visit @WestMerciaPCC for more information on PCC activities

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TEAM MEMBERS ...

With Cllr Ross, your Conservative team in Franche & Habberley North is complemented by George Connolly (who lives locally and is a builder working for his family's construction company) and Bill Hopkins (who has lived in Kidderminster all his life, has recently retired and been a Governor of 2 schools.



Photo taken prior to COVID restrictions coming into effect in early 2020.

MARPOOL LANE...

Cllr Ross is pleased to report that the problem with the oversized speed humps in Marpool Lane has been dealt with. Many thanks to Cllr Anne Hingley for dealing with this promptly.

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