

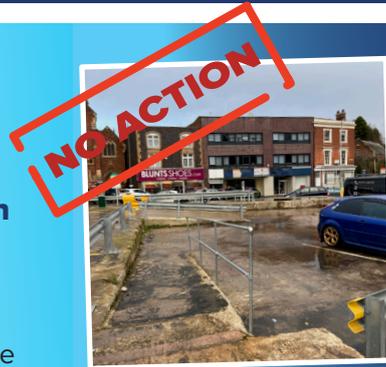
## Kidderminster Town Centre

### What has the current District Administration done to date?

As a Conservative Group we feel that the Labour / Independent / Green led Council is not acting fast enough on the regeneration of our largest town in the District.

**The previous Conservative-led Council was successful in securing £20.5 million from the Conservative Government's Future High Street's Fund and yet the former Glades site still lies empty, Worcester Street is still full of empty shops and the Crown House site is still a car park with no sign of re-development.**

Robin says, "The Progressive Alliance have promised so much and delivered nothing. If the Conservatives regain control of the Council we will act with much more urgency. Redundant brownfield sites lie empty whilst they are happy to release land from the Greenbelt."



Former Crown House Site



Worcester Street



The Old Magistrates Court



Former Glades Leisure Centre



**Cllr Marcus Hart, Leader of the Conservative Group at Wyre Forest District Council**

## Wyre Forest District Council's Budget

At 22nd February budget setting meeting of Full Council, your Conservative Group on WFDC were able to force the Labour /Independent / Green Progressive Alliance led Council to invest in more front line officers for the District namely two generic civil and environmental protection enforcement officers, more money for arts and culture and

make them more open and transparent by webcasting Cabinet meetings which they scrapped when they came to power in May 2019.

Conservative Group Leader, Cllr. Marcus Hart says, "Whilst this is a start it went nowhere near far enough and so we could not possibly support a budget that didn't invest in services important to local residents."

### The Conservatives alternative budget proposed:-

- Two additional Environmental Protection Officers to tackle fly tipping, dog fouling and littering.
- Two additional Civil enforcement Officers to tackle illegal parking on double yellow lines.
- Investing in Bewdley Museum to safeguard its long term future.
- Additional money for Parish Councils for litter picking and bin emptying.
- Investing in play equipment in our parks for disabled children.
- Investing in arts, culture and leisure activities across the District and an officer to support these events.
- Investing in more street cleansing and litter pickers in the summer months.

The Labour, Independent, Green and Liberal Democrat councillors voted against our proposals.

## Voter ID for Election Day

From May it will be a legal requirement to show photographic ID to vote. For a full list of accepted ID, which includes either your passport, driving licence, over 65s bus pass. Visit: [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID) or phone: 0800 328 0280



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## A456 Road Safety Update

**Marcus has been campaigning for improvements to road safety on the A456** and is pleased that WCC have now installed circa 15 verge markers outside Hodgehill. Marcus says, "Four vehicles have left the road in the last 6 months in this vicinity and I am pleased that some action has been taken to try to improve the situation." A bend warning sign and no U-turn signs have also been installed and a tree stump ground out. Robin added,

*"These measures will never stop those who are determined to drive irresponsibly and too fast."*

We are also aware of several RTAs on the A456 when leaving Blakedown heading towards Hagley, including one at the end of February near Harborough Hill House where all emergency services were called when two cars left the road. **We have asked WCC to look at what safety improvements could be made here too.**



**Additional road safety improvements for the A456 which has seen a number of RTAs.**

## Broome Highway Updates

Your Conservative Team have **requested that the Police tackle speeding on the A450 at Hackmans Gate.** Robin says, "Many local residents have raised concerns that drivers simply don't stick to the 30 mph limit." Marcus added, "I am

currently working with WCC and Broome Parish Council to **install some further locations for a new flashing vehicle activated speed sign** and was pleased to work with Broome Parish Council to part fund this."

## A450 Drainage Issues

We have reported a number of drains for cleansing and requested a full inspection to ensure that the drainage system including gully connections are all operating effectively **to ensure flooding is minimised on the A450.**

## Blakedown Station Train Timetable



Your Conservative Team are aware of proposed changes to trains stopping at Blakedown which we believe are detrimental to local residents across the two Parishes, both for commuters going to work and school children. **We are lobbying West Midlands Trains and working with our MP on this issue.** At the time of going to print we have had some reassurance that school pupils will still be able to access certain trains to go to and from school but are keeping a keen eye on this issue. We are also concerned about the removal of the service to London by Chiltern Railways and have written to them.

## Cllr Lisa Jones' Retirement



We are very sorry to report that after four years, Cllr Lisa Jones is stepping down from the District Council in May due to work and family commitments. Marcus says, "It has been a real pleasure to work with Lisa as a ward colleague over the last four years." Ian added, "Lisa always gave her best and she will be sadly missed."

We have now selected our candidate to replace Lisa at this May's elections and that is Robin Drew, who lives in the ward and has been a Parish Councillor since 2011.

## Stakenbridge Lane Highways Update

Marcus was delighted to facilitate a residents meeting working with the Parish Council at Churchill Village Hall on 31st January. Marcus says, "It was great to see so many residents come along to raise their ideas and have their say. I am working with WCC highways to do whatever we can to make the road safer and I will be reporting back over the coming months. I am also lobbying the police for speed enforcement and have recently met Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion to discuss this issue."

**As promised at the end of February there were vehicle speed and volume surveys in place in two locations to ensure we have up to date data in the first instance.**

Your Conservative team for **Blakedown, Churchill and Broome** - working hard all year round



Cllrs Ian Hardiman, Marcus Hart and Robin Drew

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