

Wyre Forest District Council's Conservative Group Propose Alternative Budget

Conservative Group Leader on WFDC Cllr Marcus Hart says, "This Labour, Green and Independent led Council is letting residents down. Consistently now you are being asked to pay more Council Tax for less. **We believe that front line services that are important to you should not only be protected but enhanced.** That is why we are proposing":-

- **To increase the number of Environmental Protection Officers** that tackle fly tipping from two to four officers.
- **To increase the number of Civil Enforcement Officers** from six to seven to specifically tackle parking enforcement on double yellow lines in our villages.
- **To increase the number of litter pickers** at peak seasonal times across the District.
- **To increase the grant support to our Parish Councils** to undertake litter picking, bin emptying and grass cutting on a local level.
- **To invest in arts, leisure and cultural activities** in our District.

Cllr Ian Hardiman says, "We believe these investments will make a real difference to the lives of local residents."

Parish Cllr Robin Drew added, "It is clear that your local Wyre Forest Rural Conservatives are on your side, tackling the issues that matter you. I recognise and support the need for the additional officers to tackle illegal fly tipping and illegal car parking."

Pension Triple Lock

GUARANTEED

The Chancellor has announced that the September inflation rate of 10.1% is confirmed for increasing the State Pension from April 2023.

The triple lock was brought in under a Conservative Government to rectify the low pension rate after years of low rises under Labour.

State Pension increased by only 44% in the last 10 years of the previous Labour government, compared to 72% between 2011-2021 with the Conservatives.

* All benefits will increase by 10.1% including the benefit cap

Harvington Hall Pavement Resurfaced

Marcus is delighted to have been able to finally get the pavement properly resurfaced from the junction of Morton Road along Harvington Hall Lane. He was also delighted that the steep pavement outside 3 and 5 Morton Road has finally been addressed.



The pavement for Harvington Hall Lane has been resurfaced

Litter and Fly Tipping

We continue to report fly tipping across the ward to WFDC for action. Robin says, "This seems to have been particularly prevalent in Stone over the last few months. This is why if the Conservatives take back control of the Council in May we will invest much more heavily in enforcement and environmental protection officers."

Supporting our Parishes

As a team, we really value our strong working relationship with our three Parish Councils and we always make sure one of the team attends. Ian says, "We are here to help and support our Parish Councils and communities in any way we can."



Marcus and Robin were pleased to chat with local residents at the monthly coffee morning in Rushock held at the village hall

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. For further information visit: electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or phone: 0800 328 0280

Restore **PRIDE** in our District by removing the **CHAOS** of the Labour, Green and Independent controlled council

Highways Round Up

Update from your County Councillor, Marcus Hart, on local Highway issues:

Chaddesley

- Continuing to press for a pavement extension along the A448 from Lower Chaddesley to the Primary School.
- Chasing for the tigers teeth on the A448 at Brockencote to be repainted.
- Flooding issues in Cakebole Lane and Tandys Lane: asked WCC to assess the drains and gullies to ensure they are operating correctly.
- Can report that trees removed in Tanwood Lane were not highways trees.

Rushock

- WCC highways have given consent for a bench to be installed on Lunnon Lane, funded from Marcus' councillors' divisional funding.
- Tackling blocked gullies and drainage issues along Clattercut Lane and Well Lane and chasing WCC highways for action.

Stone

- Lobbying the police for speed enforcement on the A450.
- Pleased that the gateways funded largely from his councillor's divisional funding have been installed by the Parish Council.



Robin, Ian and Marcus out and about in the ward

Community Leadership Fund

Thanks to the Conservatives for forcing a U-turn by Labour, Green and Independent Councillors

The Community Leadership Fund of £1,000 per councillor was introduced by the Conservatives some years ago. Last year it was reduced to £500 with nothing allocated for 2023-2024. This is something we opposed as this money is used to grant funds to groups and organisations within the ward, which do excellent work for

the local community. Marcus says, "I always liked to support 4 or 5 organisations granting them a couple of hundred pounds which meant they were able to make a real difference in the local community." Ian added, "I am delighted we have been able to persuade Labour, Green and the Independents to see sense."



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.

The King's Coronation

Marcus is pleased to be making an allocation of **£500 from his devolved county council's divisional funding to each of the three Parish Council's** to assist with the celebrations. Marcus added, "I am also pleased to announce that the Conservative led County Council is proposing allocating £50,000 to support groups arranging events and road closures for The King's Coronation."

Your Conservative team for Chaddesley, Rushock and Stone



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