

## Burlish Crossing - timing is everything!

**Cllr David Little has been contacted by residents regarding Burlish Crossing traffic lights.**

Many readers will recognise the frustration of sitting in a traffic queue at Burlish Crossing. It seems the frequency of the lights need adjustment. David will be speaking with Highways and the local County Councillors to ensure that the traffic lights are correctly

timed to ensure the best flow of traffic for this crossroads.

Adding to the congestion, it also appears that the road surface on the actual crossroads is uneven, not with pot holes, but with a hump or dip, which causes slow moving traffic from a standstill contributing to more than needed tailbacks.

Dave will contact the relevant authorities to investigate this.



**From traffic light timings to uneven road sections all appear to be increasing congestion at Burlish Crossing**

## 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.

Local Stourport Town Cllr David Little, who represents Lickhill says, "I fully support my colleagues at District and believe these investments will make a real difference to residents. It is clear that your local Wyre Forest Rural Conservatives are on your side, tackling the issues that matter to you. I recognise and support the need for the additional officers to tackle illegal fly tipping and illegal car parking."



**Local Town Councillor, David Little, supports the proposals to protect and enhance front line services at District**

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

## 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.

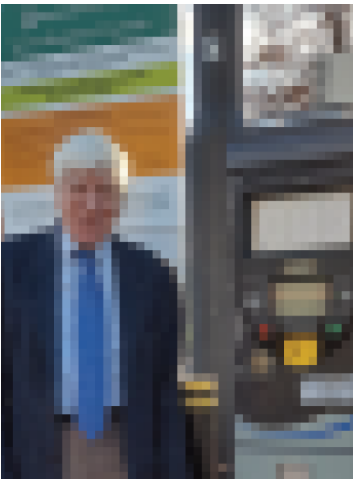
\* All benefits will increase by 10.1% including the benefit cap

## 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.

Both local Town Cllrs David Little and Danny Russell welcome the news that their District Colleagues persuaded Labour, Green and the Independent councillors at Wyre Forest District Council to see sense and to continue to support local groups and charities for the benefit of our community.



## Support the return of Free Parking

Your local Conservatives continue to call for the return of free parking in our town's car parks, which will not only assist local residents in these times of increased pressure on household budgets, but will help to support our much loved High Street businesses for the future.

**Cllr Danny Russell supports the return of 1 hour Free Parking for the Town**

## Tackling Illegal Immigrants

The number of people entering the UK illegally in small boats has more than quadrupled in the last two years, from 8,404 in 2020 to more than 40,000 people in 2022.

A problem shared across Europe with the number of illegal arrivals up by over 50 per cent, with France alone receiving 100,000 asylum applications this year. Our co-operation with the French has led to 31,000 small boats crossings being stopped in 2022 – almost 50 per cent of the total crossings.

But more needs to be done to protect our beaches in Kent and to speed up the number of Asylum claims, with the Government announcing the following actions:

- **A new agreement with Albania so that the vast majority of Albanian claimants can be removed** with weekly flights until all Albanians in our backlog are sent home.
- **A new, permanent, unified Small Boats Operational Command in the channel with 700 new staff** to bring together military and civilian capabilities.
- **Tougher immigration enforcement with 200 new staff and better data sharing with banks** so they are unable to open bank accounts.
- **Cheaper accommodation sites so we can move migrants out of expensive hotels.** We will identify a range of alternative sites such as disused holiday parks, former student halls and surplus military land.
- **Clear the initial asylum backlog in 2023** by doubling the number of caseworkers and radically streamlining the process.

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