

# Our Plan For Wyre Forest



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## 1 Double our Environmental Protection Officers

We will increase the number of Environmental Protection Officers from two to four to tackle littering, fly-tipping and dog fouling.

## 2 Increase the number of Civil Enforcement Officers

Increasing our Civil Enforcement team from six to seven will enable us to better deal with illegal parking on our estates and in our villages.

## 3 Invest in our parks

Work with Parish Councils to safeguard the future of our much-loved local parks and open spaces.

## 4 Working collaboratively with Parish Councils

Work hand-in-hand with our Parish Councils to improve local services important to you.

## 5 Scrap evening car parking charges and reintroduce free car parking

End parking charges after 6pm; restore one-hour free parking to one car park in each of our three towns; and reduce the cost of annual car parking permits for over 65's.

## 6 Reintroduce cultural events across the District

Using our parks and open spaces, we will provide festivals and music events (such as Bands in the Park) as well as offering a range of activities for children.



Wyre Forest Conservatives' exciting plan to bring energy, compassion and enthusiasm back to our district.



### Speeding

Marcus on Stakenbridge Lane, Churchill just one of the many areas across the ward where he is trying to tackle highways and speeding issues and lobby the Police for enforcement.



### School Safety Issues

Ian situated outside Wolverley Secondary School where he has tackled pedestrian safety issues and ensured that safety bollards and railings have been installed.



### Pedestrian Safety Issues

Marcus situated in Lower Chaddesley where he is lobbying for the pavement to be extended to provide a safe walking route to Rowberrys and Chaddesley Primary School.



### Lea Castle Farm Quarry

Robin and Marcus, pictured, spoke out against Lea Castle Farm planning application when it was considered by the Parish Council and Marcus spoke at the County Council planning committee and at the recent Public Inquiry.



### Blocked Drains and Gullies

Ian and Robin pictured in Wolverley checking that drains and gullies are cleansed, unblocked and reported to WFDC and WCC for action accordingly.



### Lea Castle Village

600 houses have been approved for development on the former brownfield site. We are lobbying WFDC and WCC to ensure the developer fulfils their obligations in respect of the A449 highway improvements.

Our plan to restore pride to Wyre Forest

Wyre Forest District Council Elections, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Use your 3 Votes to elect **X**

**Robin DREW**  
**Ian HARDIMAN**  
**Marcus HART**

**A strong local team for Wyre Forest Rural**

**YOU WILL NEED ID TO VOTE**



✓ We will work tirelessly all year round on the issues important to you.

✓ We will work collaboratively with the 6 parish councils, supporting them on local issues and will continue to attend their meetings regularly.

✓ We will defend our greenbelt and tackle issues important to our rural communities.

**Conservatives**

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- Passport
- Driving Licence
- Over 65 Bus Pass
- Voter Authority Certificate

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



Dear Resident,

**Robin, Ian and Marcus are delighted to be seeking election to represent you for the Wyre Forest Rural ward on Wyre Forest District Council.**

**The three of us already have a wealth of experience at representing you at all three tiers of local government.**

Robin has represented many of you by serving on Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council since 2011.

Ian has served on WFDC for 12 years and has represented the Wyre Forest Rural ward since 2015 and those in Wolverley and Cookley as your Worcestershire County Councillor since 2017.

Marcus has served on WFDC for 21 years and has represented the Wyre Forest Rural ward since 2015, those in the Parishes of Broome, Chaddesley, Churchill and Blakedown, Rushock and Stone as your Worcestershire County Councillor since 2017 and those in Wolverley and Cookley as a Parish Councillor since 2015.

We believe in defending the greenbelt which is why Marcus and Ian who currently serve on WFDC voted against the Labour/Green/Independent led WFDC's local plan which they approved in April 2022. We believe that far too much Greenbelt has been released from the District.

We believe in delivering front-line services that are important to you, working collaboratively with the six Parish Councils in the ward. The current District Council Administration has reduced the funding they give to Parish Councils and we are determined that if elected we would restore pride in our rural areas ensuring litter is picked up and that all of the verges on the main A roads in the ward are regularly litter picked.

Marcus and Robin strongly opposed the potential Quarry at Lea Castle Farm, speaking against it at the appropriate time at the Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council meeting. Marcus also spoke against the Quarry at the planning committee meeting held at Worcestershire County Council, citing the adverse impact on the Greenbelt and the detrimental effect on the local community that the development would have, and more recently at the Public Inquiry.

Our promise to you, is that we will work hard for you all year round for the next 4 years, if you spare just 5 minutes to vote for us.

Yours faithfully,

**Robin Drew, Ian Hardiman and Marcus Hart**  
For the Wyre Forest Rural ward

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# What is at stake in Wyre Forest Rural at this election?

**Together we have made real progress on delivering for Wyre Forest Rural, but there is still much more to do. So for a strong and effective local team who will get things done, vote for Robin Drew, Ian Hardiman and Marcus Hart on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May.**

## Protecting Our Greenbelt

Our Greenbelt is at stake under a Labour/Green/Independent led Council. On 26th April 2022 they approved the Local Plan. Having a Local Plan is vital and indeed a legal requirement and whilst some release from the Greenbelt was inevitable we believe that the current Council has released far too much Greenbelt land for development. This is something the Conservative group did not support.



Robin, Ian and Marcus by the Blakedown field allocated by the Labour, Green and Independent led Council in the Local Plan. The Conservatives opposed this allocation.

## Supporting Our Parish Councils

The current Council has reduced the support and services they give to Parish Councils. With six Parish Councils in the ward we will work tirelessly to ensure that you get your fair share of services such as funding for litter picking and bin emptying and street cleansing. WFDC has cut the funding that they give the Parish Councils to carry out this work when in fact they have a statutory duty to undertake it. This is something that we oppose.



Ian, Marcus and Robin pictured at one of the many gateways in the ward.



The Conservatives successfully negotiated and agreed the demolition of Crown House by the owners at no cost to the tax payer.

## Regenerating Our Town Centre

We support the economic regeneration of Kidderminster town centre. The Conservative Government allocated WFDC back in 2020 £20 million from the Future High Streets Fund which was an application submitted back in early 2019 by the then Conservative led WFDC. We feel that the Labour/Green/Independent led Council has not delivered on this project quickly enough and that it is essential that the redundant brownfield sites in the town centre are re-developed.

## Your Priorities are our Priorities

We support matters that are important to you like investing in front line services such as street cleansing, tackling fly tipping, dog fouling and addressing illegal parking. We will invest far more heavily in officers to tackle these issues on the ground. We will also work with other partners such as the Police to tackle anti-social behaviour and speeding and with Worcestershire County Council to tackle highways issues.



Robin, Marcus and Ian looking at school parking issues.

**For a hardworking team who will get things done for Wyre Forest Rural  
Vote Conservative on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**