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Rising cost of living devalues the £ in your pocket

That is why cutting inflation is one of Rishi Sunak's key priorities.

When recent figures revealed that inflation has dropped from 10.1% in January to 6.7% in August, it confirmed that the Prime Minister is delivering on his pledge. But there is still more to be done.

Helping families is not just about cutting inflation. That is why this Conservative government has implemented the largest ever increase to the National Living Wage of 9.7%, frozen fuel duty, capped local bus fares, cut national insurance, and saved the average household £1,500 on energy bills through the Energy Price Guarantee.

Whilst we do this, we also take a responsible approach to your public finances. We have offered our brilliant public sector workers a fair pay deal that neither increases inflation nor tax.

And through boosting energy supplies, and helping parents back into work through the new childcare support package, we are tackling the causes of inflation.

Cost of Living Support 2023/2024

- **Pensioners Winter Fuel Payment an additional £300**
- **Low income households on means-tested benefits £900**
- **Disability benefit recipients £150**

UPDATE On A New Pedestrian Crossing On Sutton Road

Cllr Nathan Desmond, together with the St Johns Division County Cllr, Tracey Onslow, are delighted to announce that **Highways are actively exploring the option of an enhanced pedestrian crossing being installed on Sutton Road, close to Brinton Park.**

Over the summer period, discussions have been ongoing with Highways to increase the funding to enable an **upgraded pedestrian crossing, with traffic lights to be installed, instead of the proposed zebra crossing.**

Both Nathan and Tracey are committing £22k each from their devolved Highways budgets to make this project happen.

Highways have now agreed that they are prepared to increase their funding significantly to have an upgraded pedestrian crossing.

Traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing has been agreed for Sutton Road

Nathan said, "*Highways are now looking at having an enhanced crossing with traffic lights on Sutton Road, which will really improve pedestrian safety, on a very busy road. It will take longer to be installed but the wait is definitely worth it*".

A final design and location is yet to be approved but it is anticipated that the new pedestrian crossing will be installed during next summer.

Kidderminster Town Hall Levelling Up Funding Works Update

£7 million investment for a cultural hub in the heart of Kidderminster

Work on Kidderminster Town Hall is due to start this Autumn. Work was delayed due to design alterations and is **due to reopen in Spring 2025.** The Town Council is pleased to be working with the District Council as part of the programme to enhance and regenerate the local economy.

Working closely with the District Council will allow both councils to provide all residents with value for money.

Double Yellow Lines

Highways have approved double yellow lines **on the junction of Spring Grove Road and Spring Grove Crescent.**

Large vans and cars have been parking on both sides of this junction causing visibility issues.

The new double yellow lines should be installed by early 2024.

Thank you for your support in May's local elections.
We will continue to work hard on your behalf all year round

Tackling Speed

Sutton Park Road and Hoo Road

Cllr Kevin Gale has listened to and **acted on the concerns of local residents on Sutton Park Road and Hoo Road by contacting the local neighbourhood policing team to request enforcement action.**

Further police enforcement has been requested

Your Conservative team, have also **requested speed monitoring equipment to be installed on Sutton Park Road and the Speed Activated Sign is due to be installed on Hoo Road from October.**

Kevin said, "*Residents have let us know that speeding is still a problem on Sutton Park Road and we are working to tackle this by contacting the Police and having speed activated signs installed".*

New Road Drainage - FINALLY!

Stourport Road

Cllrs Nathan Desmond and Nicky Gale are delighted to announce that **Highways have finally installed the new gully and drains close to the pedestrian crossing on Stourport Road to stop the flooding.**

Previously the pedestrian crossing by Northumberland Avenue flooded when it rained heavily. Both Nathan and Nicky have been pushing Highways for well over 18 months to get a long term solution.

The work has finally been carried out and local residents are delighted.

New drains installed near pedestrian crossing to solve flooding issue

New Pavements Needed

Beauchamp Avenue and Blount Terrace

Cllr Nathan Desmond is concerned with a large section of pavements on Beauchamp Avenue and Blount Terrace.

A number of residents have contacted your Conservative Team to highlight large sections of uneven and worn pavements.

Nathan said, "*I have raised this issue with Highways and **I have secured the funding to have Blount Terrace pavements resurfaced. These should be done in early 2024 and I am also pushing Highways to have the worst sections in Beauchamp Avenue resurfaced".***

Nathan will request sections of Beauchamp Avenue pavements to be resurfaced

Landscaping The Future Connectivity

We were delighted to receive £20.5 million from the Government's Future High Street Fund. An investment to regenerate and redevelop the former Magistrates' Court in Worcester Street into a creative hub, providing office and venue space.

We are also demolishing outdated redundant buildings in Worcester Street and redeveloping the step entry to make this part of the town more accessible to Bromsgrove Street and the former Glades site. **We want to redevelop the former Glades site for residential and create urban living in the town. It is vital that there is good connectivity from this area to Worcester Street and the wider town centre.**

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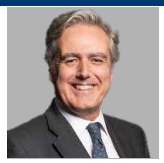

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