



Ben Brookes

Your Conservative candidate for Wribbenhall, Low Habberley & Trimpley

In the Division of Cookley, Wolverley & Wribbenhall

County Council elections
1st May

Building on our strong record of delivery for Wribbenhall, Trimpley & Low Habberley

As Deputy Leader of Wyre Forest District Council, I have a record of delivery not only in the area I represent but across the district. I have worked closely with Cllrs. Hardiman, Byng and Harrison on a number of issues and I am delighted to have the opportunity to represent you on the County Council.

One issue that affects us all is speeding. Not only is Wribbenhall a destination area, it is also used by a number of road users as a through route. This through route seems to have attracted a number of drivers who drive above the speed limit and even those sticking to the speed limit are still doing 70 mph in parts. That's why it is vital the speed limit is permanently reduced on the A456. I have been in discussion with our MP, PCC and County Councillors to ensure we have a permanent 50mph in place of the national

speed limit along the bypass and in front of the Safari Park.

We have seen a huge amount of house building take place across Wribbenhall! Whilst it is right that everywhere should have some areas of development, I will be campaigning to ensure that no further sites are developed – particularly following the Labour government's increased housing quota which has been imposed on Wyre Forest. This new target means the houses required to be built each year increases from 276 to 584.



Ben & Ian campaigning for 50mph on the A456, outside the Safari Park.



Ben is adamant that no further housing sites should be developed in Wribbenhall.

Introducing Ben Brookes

Foremost we would like to thank Cllr Ian Hardiman for serving our local community for the last 8 years and we wish him and his wife, Lyn, all the best in his retirement.

As an introductory, Ben lives locally, in Highfield Road, and runs Hodgehill Garden Centre in Kidderminster. In June 2022, he was first elected to WFDC, subsequently re-elected in May 2023 as well as to Wolverley & Cookley Parish Council. Last year Ben was elected as Deputy Leader of

WFDC and Vice Chairman of Wolverley & Cookley Parish Council.

Ben says *"I have always been a champion for local people and have worked tirelessly since being elected to serve those that I represent. As a Parish and District Councillor I already have a great understanding of the needs of our local community and being able to represent those views on the County Council will help me to better communicate these within the strategic tier of local government."*

Ben Brookes- Working For You All Year Round

My plan for Wribbenhall, Low Habberley & Trimpley

1 Campaigning for 50mph on the A456

It is vital that all road users and pedestrians are kept safe. Whilst the temporary reduction on parts of the A456 is welcome, we must reduce the speed to 50 mph permanently.



2 Keeping our Children Safe

Ben will continue the good work started by Ian Hardiman in ensuring that pinch points, such as the Stourport Road, are as safe as possible for pedestrians, particularly school children.



3 Part of the Community

Ben has already previously attended Kidderminster Foreign Parish Council, as vice chairman of the neighbouring parish. He has also been to services at Holy Trinity, Trimpley on Sundays.



4 Liaising with the police to enforce speed limits

During recent discussions with the PCC, Ben has requested continuing and heightened enforcement in hot spots through Wribbenhall, particularly on Habberley Road.



5 Resurfacing our roads and pavements

So much work has already been done to improve and repair our roads and pavements, there is always more to do and Ben will get it done.



6 Supporting residents through tough times

The role of a councillor is not just about potholes and pavements. Being able to talk with and provide support to residents is a key part of supporting our local community.



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“ Ben Brookes is clearly the ideal person to fill the role of County Councillor for Cookley, Wolverley and Wribbenhall. He can draw on his now considerable experience gained from performing his duties as a Parish Councillor and as a District Councillor where his strategic skills have been captured in the role of Cabinet Member.

But most importantly, Ben is committed to supporting local residents for whom he will efficiently resolve any issues that may arise. I am sure his attention to detail along with his personable approach will be seen as his most important asset. ”

Cllr Ian Hardiman