

News from your Lib Dem team for Shurdington ward

George Porter chosen for Shurdington ward

Local resident George Porter has been chosen by the Liberal Democrats as their candidate for Shurdington ward in the upcoming Tewkesbury Borough Council elections.

George, who was born and raised in Shurdington, does a lot of work with St. Paul's church and has recently been elected as Chair of the Shurdington Parish Council.

George said "I'm honoured to have been selected to stand as the candidate for Shurdington. **Being involved with the Parish Council and with local community groups has given me the opportunity to find out about the issues that really matter to residents.**"

On hearing that George was standing as the Liberal Democrat candidate in the Borough elections, local residents have been rallying to George's campaign.

"More and more people are telling me they're now backing me instead of the Conservatives. They feel taken for granted and want someone who will put local people first."

The Tewkesbury Borough Council election is being held on **2nd May** - If you're not sure where your polling station is or want to check that you are registered to vote, email: elections@tewkesbury.gov.uk or phone **01684 272025**.



Worsening pothole woes for local residents

The Tory County Council has failed to invest enough money to properly maintain our roads and pavements



Despite calls from the Liberal Democrats to provide more funding for local councillors to improve our roads, **potholes continue to blight many roads across the area.**

The RAC reports that call-outs resulting from cars hitting potholes **was up to 5,540 incidents in the first three months of this year.**

The Liberal Democrats have called for an extra £530,000 to be given to Councillors as part of their 'Highways Local' fund to allow them to tackle local highway priorities and to help maintain our roads.

Please let us know of any roads near to you that are in urgent need of repair and we will take this up with the County Council. **You can also report potholes by ringing 0800 514514 or email: GCCHighways@Amey.co.uk**

Working for you all year round - not just at election time

George stands up for local Green Belt



George Porter, Lib Dem candidate for Shurdington, has been describing how many local residents have been shocked by the Borough plans to revise the Green Belt to make way for 160 new homes - a plan that comes up for a second round of public consultation soon.

George said "Residents have been bewildered by the inclusion for development of what's known as 'site D'; a large parcel of land opposite Shurdington Primary School where traffic is already a cause for concern."

The plan proposes that this land, currently protected by the Green Belt, is suitable for extensive development - a proposal which will have a huge impact on the future of the village.

George continued "**Our environment and attractive natural spaces are equally as important as housing**, and we should not focus on one at the expense of the other. The Conservatives are eager to fulfil as many quotas as they can, but **Liberal Democrats believe that we need to make sure we build not just houses and cul-de-sacs, but homes and communities.**"

Keeping Shurdington ward Clean and Green

The Liberal Democrats are working hard with local residents to clean up the fly-tipping and dog mess across Shurdington.

George Porter, Lib Dem candidate for Shurdington ward, said "I've had a lot of complaints from residents about the amount of dog fouling and litter in the village and it's something I want to sort out as soon as possible."

Our local candidates are also campaigning to reverse the ill-judged funding cuts to recycling centres made by the Conservative-run County Council, as well as increasing summer opening hours to 7pm in a bid to support recycling.



Tewkesbury Borough Council have a policy to prosecute fly tippers whenever possible. If you spot fly tipping you can report it on their website or by telephoning **01684 295010**

The Tory Tax Time Bomb

How long can the Conservatives keep kicking the can down the road?

The Conservatives' financial mismanagement has created a ticking time-bomb that could see soaring Council Tax hikes and slashed services.

Only the Liberal Democrats can offer the sound financial strategy our Borough desperately needs.

