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Andrew Rushton

Liberal Democrat Candidate for
Lichfield Rural East division

Dear Friend,

I am writing to ask for your support in the upcoming County Council elections on 1st May, because this area of Staffordshire deserves a strong, sensible, and hard-working councillor who will work hard for our area. I grew up here, went to school here and worked here, I understand the challenges and problems faced by our division.

We need better and well-balanced investment in our schools, local healthcare, and public transport. Rural areas like ours have seen public transport slashed at every opportunity, leaving residents and schoolchildren without affordable methods of travel to get to their local amenities. I will fight for a balanced budget that puts the needs of residents first, ensuring there is no waste of taxpayers' money.

Our division is currently plagued by potholes, and whilst we can all appreciate that these cannot be fixed overnight, the length of time taken to complete repairs to our roads leaves drivers and pedestrians in danger. The Conservatives in Staffordshire have left infrastructure projects like the Chetwynd Bridge unresolved for far too long. It is time the County Council had proactive councillors like myself, who are ambitious and get projects done as I have been doing in my time in Lichfield District Council, calling for developments on the Birmingham Road Site and Leisure Centre.

It is time to end the status quo; the Conservatives have led Staffordshire for far too long and residents are left with major developments, but without the infrastructure and services to go alongside them. The Labour Party has no solutions to these problems either, increasing National Insurance on our local hospices and health care providers; and the Reform Party offers no solutions to the challenges that face our county.

This election is our best chance of delivering real change to Staffordshire and our local area. This is your chance to elect a councillor who will work hard for you all year round.

I hope that I can count on your support.

Best wishes

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P.S. if you are voting in person, remember to bring photo ID with you.

Andrew Rushton currently represents Whittington & Streethay in Lichfield District Council, and Leomansley in Lichfield City Council. He has worked hard to support residents in both roles, and in 2024 was elected by the full District Council as Deputy Chair.

A few areas where Andrew is making a difference:

◆ SAFER ROADS

Fixing our roads riddled with potholes

◆ RURAL TRANSPORT LINKS

Fighting hard for all our villages to be connected with a bus service

◆ FLYTIPPING

Andrew has been instrumental in leading the charge against flytipping

◆ A CHAMPION FOR THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH

As the youngest member of the council, Andrew has been a champion for projects that will benefit residents of all ages.



Andrew RUSHTON
for Lichfield Rural East



Why you should support the Lib Dems



After 14 years of Conservative chaos, we now have a Labour government. They must deliver change; the country is in desperate need of a functioning government, and the Liberal Democrats are ready to work with them to achieve that.

But Labour have already made some very disappointing decisions: the increase in National Insurance contributions which has hit the businesses we need to generate economic growth, the axing of Winter Fuel Payments from many pensioners who rely on it, cutting vital benefits for many, and delaying proposed reforms on social care until at least 2028!

Liberal Democrats provide a practical roadmap for real reform, and will:

- ◆ **Ensure** that everyone entitled to a benefit will receive it, following a compassionate review of the current system.
- ◆ **Push** for a fair taxation system for individuals and for companies – those with broadest shoulders pay more.
- ◆ **Fight** to keep the NHS free at the point of care and to introduce a care system that works properly.
- ◆ **Oppose** Putin and support Ukraine, standing up to Trump.
- ◆ **Set** realistic targets and policies for climate change control.
- ◆ **Work** to rebuild a more friendly cooperative relationship with Europe.

We are a party which aims high, while keeping our feet on the ground.



More about Andrew: <https://www.libdems.org.uk/scc2025/andrew-rushton>

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