

NEWS FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR

Councillor Supports Coffee Morning Surgery with MP

District Councillor Andrew Rushton joined residents in Whittington at a coffee morning hosted by MP Sarah Edwards. Attendees discussed their concerns about rural crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB), highlighting a lack of police presence and limited public transport links in local villages for residents.

Cllr Rushton pledged to continue pushing for:

- ◇ greater police visibility,
- ◇ improved Staffordshire County Council bus services,
- ◇ and an expansion of the District Council's LinkUp Bus Service to connect our rural communities.

Thank you to Sarah Edwards for the invitation, despite our political differences.

And of course, Andrew is answering and helping with residents' queries and issues all year round – not just at election time.



TORIES VOTE AGAINST LIB DEM MOTION

Lib Dems win vote calling for research on solar panels and a greener community

In July, Lib Dem Cllr Hugh Ashton (Stowe) introduced a motion to Lichfield District Council calling for an analysis of installing solar panels over Council properties, including car parks.

The motion was eventually passed, with all Conservatives and Independents and the sole Reform member voting against it, with all Lib Dems and Labour councillors voting in favour.

Ashton comments, "I am disappointed that the Conservatives, despite their pledges for a greener and forward-looking Lichfield District, are determined to play party politics when they meet constructive proposals from outside their party. Lichfield deserves better than this."



WE NEED BETTER FROM LABOUR

After 14 years of Conservative chaos, we needed better from the new government

Instead, we have been let down by Labour. Our pensioners have had their winter fuel payments cut. The increase in employers' NI contributions has made it hugely difficult for businesses – especially small businesses – to keep going. The cost of living crisis is not going away.



The Liberal Democrats stand for:

- ◇ improving and reforming our NHS
- ◇ fixing the social care crisis
- ◇ public investment in infrastructure
- ◇ a stronger relationship with Europe. Without that, we will never have the economic growth that the UK needs.

With 72 MPs in Westminster, and strong voices in local government throughout the country, the Liberal Democrats are ready and able to make the changes that other parties seem unable to bring about.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Reform UK is not the answer



Cllr Andrew Rushton

Low turnouts in local elections show widespread distrust of politics.

Lib Dem leader Ed Davey is the only major political leader calling out Farage and his followers, pointing out that most British people do not want Trump-style government. We agree that we

need controls around immigration, but Farage has no workable policies to tackle this or other problems. He just has soundbites.

Reform UK are now running many county councils, including Staffordshire – and they are already showing poor management and divisive politics.

Andrew Rushton, Lib Dem District councillor for Whittington & Streethay, says, “We will hold them to account. Lib Dems are honest and straight talking and we stand for fairer taxes to pay for our roads, schools, GPs etc, a closer relationship with Europe to boost jobs - and we say that you cannot fix the NHS unless you fix our care system. That will give a better and brighter future for us and our children.”

CITY CENTRE PLAN SLAMMED BY LIB DEMS

The plans for the Birmingham Road Site opposite Lichfield City station are just not right for Lichfield.

We say:

- ♦ they are so **unimaginative**. They create just big blocks of housing in the centre of our beautiful city.
- ♦ the plans involve just **too many homes** on this site: over 300.
- ♦ the original plan was that there would open space where people can meet, have a coffee and relax. That has been replaced with **another block of housing** (edged in red).

The original objective was to make this development a place of impact and style as it is a gateway into the city. These plans just do not achieve that.



The Conservatives and Labour support these plans but your Lib Dem councillors do not. We say that we can do so much better with the Birmingham Road Site.

We are asking you, “Is this really what you want?” and to get in touch with us to let us know your views.

GET IN TOUCH!

Your local Lib Dem team work all year round for local people. If you would like their help or to comment on a local or national problem please do contact us by email or phone.

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