



Independent Community and Health Concern

Caring for the Community in Wyre Forest



With it's finger on the Pulse

How can you not be FED-UP with the brawling parties at Westminster ?

Conservatives:

Everyone with their own policy

Labour:

A leader who seems unsure what his own policies are

Lib-Dem:

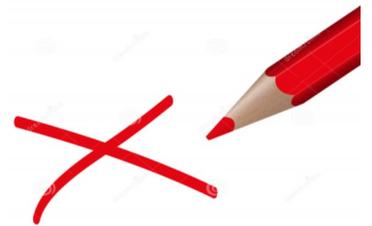
Every wild idea that's left

We ask you NOT to give-up voting - rather, put your vote somewhere sensible - somewhere caring - somewhere INDEPENDENT.



*You've despaired of the rest
Come support the best !*

As **Dr. Richard Taylor** M.B.E. says



"**Health Concern** was the party I helped form some 20 years ago and which I led, from Parliament. for 2 terms - getting you through the post-millennial financial crises. We now need **Health Concern** more than ever!"

Vote for **Claire Barnett** in **Areley Kings & Riverside**, who has my full support.



I am a new candidate standing for Areley Kings and Riverside.

I live (and also work) in Stourport with my husband and our two young children and am active in supporting local initiatives and defending our Town's heritage.

I have strong feelings on local issues and would ask you to read my letter to you, on the reverse side of this address.

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Claire Barnett - Independent Community and Health Concern

I am a new candidate standing for **Areley Kings and Riverside** as someone who lives (and also work) in Stourport with my husband and our two young children. I am a member of the "Friends of Patrick's Field" group who are challenging the proposal for housing on Greenbelt along the scenic Severn Valley River Corridor.

I have very recently become involved with the Independent Community and Health concern party after becoming disheartened with current affairs and political propaganda. I hope by representing a party independent of other political agenda, I can focus on voicing the opinion of local people, who are often affected by decisions made by Wyre Forest District Council who do not, I believe, have our town's best interests at heart.

An example of this and one that is still frequently brought up because it riled so many, was the closure of our **Leisure centre**. I think, and have read, that many residents like myself were against this and whilst Kidderminster has now benefitted from a great new facility, it has left us with a derelict building and lack of leisure facilities here in Stourport.

I often hear of and have myself experienced (especially with small children frequently in tow), the need for **public toilets** in the town. I think most Stourport residents would support public facilities that do not involve a walk out of the main shopping area of our town. I believe it is especially important for those residents and visitors who for many reasons, may not be able to access river-side toilets, to have somewhere convenient in the town. I would also like to see a "changing places" toilet which would allow for all residents and visitors to be facilitated. The Stourport Town Council had a financial plan in place for a second toilet facility but this was unfortunately not supported by the district council at the time. Having a stronger independent voice at the district council and giving more authority to the town council is needed for Stourport to get services and facilities it needs.

Like many, I read Stourport social media pages and quite often the '**young people**' in our town are mentioned. If elected I would be keen to promote positive changes to counteract the less desirable & anti-social behaviour that does sometimes occur. I believe Stourport has a good online **Neighbourhood Watch** and also has a police **Safer Neighbourhood** team which does its best to patrol the town. I believe it would be an ongoing community effort to work towards eradicating anti-social behaviour all together but, especially as a resident with young children growing up in the town and elderly relatives residing, one I would like to see pursued.

I was so disappointed when I read the **revised Local Plan 2018**. Many residents were unaware of changes from the original 2017 draft plan and I was personally appalled about the many contradictions in it. I, and fellow "Friends of Patrick's Field" members, have been in contact with the planning team and also had a meeting with our current MP, Mark Garnier about it. We have had ongoing support from the local community and press. **Protecting greenbelt land** is a priority, especially when it is inhabited by protected animal species that we are privileged to have. The lack of thorough research into sites and infrastructure support is concerning.

I am pursuing this, as again, I do not feel this plan represents our Town's best interests.

I support the need for **coach parking** in the town. This would be a great incentive for tourism and help to bring revenue.

I fully support the need for a **doctor led urgent care centre** at Kidderminster hospital combining minor injuries and GP out of hours services. I think we are all aware of the pressures on the Worcestershire Royal Hospital and anything that can be done to alleviate pressure there (and potentially save lives!) should be done.

Looking after the best interests of Stourport residents will be my main priority should I get elected, making Stourport a greater place to live, visit, work, enjoy retirement and raise a family. Our small town has a lot of potential and deserves to have the support and representation it needs to thrive.

What makes Health Concern different ?

Well, we're INDEPENDENT .. and that's something that this area has always been strong about. Health Concern councillors think for themselves - without having to respond to a 'party whip' and troop through the lobbies obeying the 'party line'.

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Remind me .. Who are Health Concern ?

Ours is the party which was formed from the Protest Movement which resisted the closure of our local Kidderminster hospital in 1999.

The Party is formed of local, Wyre Forest people who represent their community - in all three towns _ Bewdley, Kidderminster & Stourport _ and in the villages and rural areas across Wyre Forest.

What have you done for me ?

You - the voters of Wyre Forest - have elected Health Concern candidates to represent you at Town, District and County levels of government and, before that, you sent Dr. Richard Taylor to Parliament as your M.P. for two terms (2001—2010), sitting as an Independent and contributing to the Health Select Committee governance of the NHS.

So numerous Councillors have been giving of their time and energy to improve things and develop all manner of initiatives in our localities - both urban and rural.

How have you tried to keep in touch with me ?

Our Councillors have been available to be consulted throughout their terms in office - with their contact details listed on the Council websites and literature.

Details also appear on our party website www.healthconcern.org.uk which also lists the various council committees to which they contribute.

Health Concern has held monthly meetings at its headquarters (Comberton Hill, next to the SVR station) where councillors have been available to receive questions as well as for individual consultation.

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