

# FOCUS LICHFIELD CITY SOUTH



## A record of action and a promise of more ...

### Darwin Park Estate - Taylor Wimpey takes a step forward, but we're still waiting for Persimmon

Liberal Democrat councillors have been at the forefront of the pressure to force the Darwin Park developers to live up to their promises.

When the Darwin Park development was first approved, it was on the understanding that the builders and developers, Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon Homes, would maintain the grounds, including the lagoons near Walnut Walk, before the council would take over maintenance duties.

At least in part due to continued action by Liberal Democrats over the years, Taylor Wimpey have now taken action to the point where the council can take over. We will continue to make sure Persimmon follow suit, allowing these spaces to be managed efficiently by the council.

#### Hugh Ashton writes:

Since my wife Yoshiko and I arrived in Lichfield five years ago, re-establishing my links with Staffordshire and the city where my father worked for many years, we have been struck by the warmth and generosity of the people of Lichfield.

It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to return this welcome in several ways, which have brought me into contact with a wide range of Lichfield residents.

As a volunteer with the Cathedral at various events, I have been able to share the joy and celebration of special occasions; with Places of Welcome, to listen to the everyday problems faced by the people of this area and to help them find solutions; with the Lichfield Emergency Night Shelter, to come to terms with the issues faced by the most unfortunate in our society; and assisting with the vaccination programme at the Cathedral has allowed me to talk to many, however briefly, about their worries and anxieties associated with the pandemic.

However, my 2019 election as the City Councillor for the Garrick Road ward as part of the Liberal Democrat team has helped me to understand the role of local

government in people's lives, and to let me know what we can do for the community.

I am a passionate believer in equality of opportunity, be it in education, access to housing, health and social care, or employment opportunities.

I also believe strongly in the need to tackle one of the major issues of our time - climate change - which is why I introduced a motion in the City Council which received across the board support and refinement, binding the City Council to take into account climate change-related factors when making decisions.

As a County Councillor, I will be taking these views forward, and will continue to work to achieve these goals to improve the quality of life for the people of Lichfield.

Though it is highly unlikely that the Liberal Democrats will achieve a majority in the County Council, even a few of us can act as the yeast in the mix, giving fresh views and outlooks to a group that might otherwise continue treading the same old path.

I look forward to serving you as the County Councillor for Lichfield City South.



### Liberal Democrats – working hard for you, all year round

Potholes, traffic problems, blocked drains – though the County Council provides residents with an online resource for action to be taken, too often nothing is done.



Liberal Democrat councillors have a record of working hard to resolve residents' issues at City and District levels, and if elected to the County Council, will continue this tradition of putting pressure on the County Council to deal with reports of these issues made through the Council's website.

# Lib Dems encourage "Shop Local" to back local businesses

**SHOP LOCAL**

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**PROTECT LOCAL BUSINESSES**

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**SAVE JOBS**

Liberal Democrats

Lichfield is a popular place for customers around the area to shop, eat, drink, and relax.

Part of the appeal is the large number of smaller, local shops and businesses which offer unique services or products. Sadly, these smaller enterprises are those most at risk after months of lock-down and enforced closure.

It is important that with the gradual re-opening of the economy, as much help as possible is given to these enterprises, which provide employment to many, and make Lichfield such an attractive destination for the whole region.

According to the British Chamber of

Commerce, up to one million small businesses are at risk of closure as a result of the effects of the pandemic.

As customers, we can vote with our feet and with our purses to stop this happening, but more will be needed if we are to keep these valued businesses running.

Nationally, Ed Davey and the Lib Dems are calling on the Chancellor to introduce measures specifically aimed at helping small businesses.

And at the local level, your Lib Dem councillors have been working hard to keep Lichfield's popular markets running, and keep businesses afloat in these difficult times.

Your Lib Dem Focus Team - We're Here to Help

## GET IN TOUCH

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The 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 them by email, phone, or post.

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**Hugh Ashton**



**Richard Mark Whelan**



## Election day is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May!

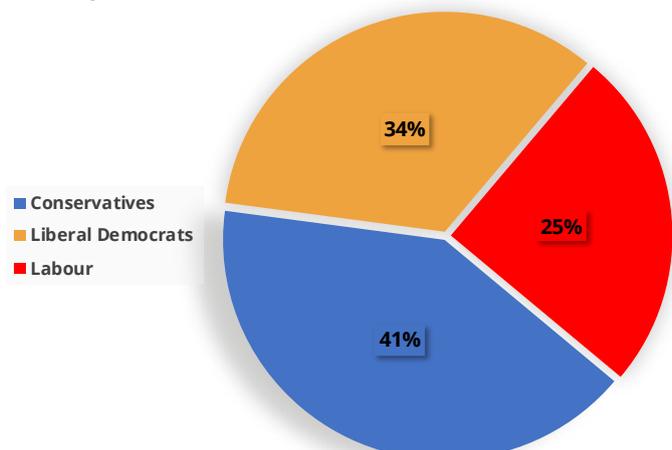
### It's not a done deal!

With a County Council consisting of 50 Conservatives out of 62 Councillors, and a Tory Lichfield MP who complacently slides in with a comfortable majority each election, you may think that all elections here are a foregone conclusion.

The reality is very different. The 2019 local City Council elections resulted in a close contest between the Liberal Democrats and the Conservatives. Liberal Democrats closely challenged in many wards and Hugh Ashton (Garrick Road ward, Ian Jackson (Leomansley ward) and John Smith (St John's ward) were elected as Lichfield City councillors. Five additional Liberal Democrat councillors were elected in northern wards of the City and in all of Lichfield City, Liberal Democrats polled nearly 30% of the votes.

This demonstrates that the Liberal Democrats are the only viable alternative in this area when it comes to challenging the Tory near-monopoly.

### 2019 City Council election results for Lichfield City South – (Leomansley, St John's, Pentire Road and Garrick Road wards)



**On May 6<sup>th</sup> only Liberal Democrats can beat the Conservatives here in Lichfield City South**