

Voters - beware last minute promises from other parties!

Tory Party hypocrisy knows no bounds, as their Matlock candidates try to distance themselves from their own Tory Council's Local Plan. Readers will know that **only the Lib Dems have consistently opposed the District Council's Local Plan** and the new housing site allocations, including the completely unsustainable 415 dwelling Gritstone / Pinewood Road site. As David Elsworth says "Approval of this application will further reduce our remaining natural countryside. Also, the extra traffic generated will inevitably have a damaging effect locally and in the town centre, affecting many aspects of our daily lives".

Matlock's Tory candidates appear to deny any connection with their own Party's failings. Instead they offer improvements which have already been refused by their own Party. The Tory run District Council has **put up all parking charges**; failed to maintain local assets such as park buildings; **closed public toilets** without adequate consultation and were even poised to demolish those in Hall Leys Park, which have now been saved by Matlock Town Council. Many **dog waste bins have been removed** and the Council refuses to provide any more, while offering only more and more warning signs on lamp posts.

Labour 'Pledges' How could we trust Labour to run the country, given their 'Alice in Wonderland' 'PLEDGES' for Matlock, failure to do their homework and contradicting their own councillors?

Labour advocate generating income from Council assets, such as car parks, while promising free all day parking for residents and removal of the expensive pay machines for the 20p toilet fee. They also claim to have an answer to roadside parking problems, which they failed to tackle when running the County Council. Labour advocate re-opening of the **children's play area toilets in the Park**, when they have already been taken over, refurbished and re-opened by the Liberal Democrat run Matlock Town Council!

To make their so called pledges even worse, Labour will also oppose the **proposed charge for green bin collection**, supported reluctantly by the whole council. Is this the same old Labour Party, **promising spending when they know there is no money**, as a result of continuing Tory Government cuts?

Fortunately, Labour are always in third place in District Council elections here.



Hall Leys Park Play Area toilets - now refurbished (complete with new drinking fountain!) and re-opened by the Lib Dem Town Council.



Martin Burfott at the underused Derwent Way car park.

Residents face a clear choice between an inactive, unresponsive, Conservative controlled Council and the proactive Liberal Democrats, who will always put you and Matlock first.

Your Liberal Democrat Town Council Candidates

David Elsworth Born in Yorkshire, David has lived in Matlock for over 45 years with his wife Margaret. They have two daughters and five grandchildren. David is a retired civil engineer, having worked for both private and public organisations including Derbyshire County Council. He was also a retained firefighter based at Matlock Fire Station, has been a Councillor for the last 4 years and is currently Deputy Mayor. David says "Matlock is a special place in which to live. If re-elected, I will try to ensure that our town stays that way. As a professional civil engineer, I have been closely involved with the Wolds Action Group and have spent many hours challenging some of the main issues at stake in the Local Plan and now the highly contentious planning application for 415 houses at Wolds Farm".



Steve Wain Steve is a retired police officer, who was born in Brassington, but has lived in Matlock for 20 years, and is married with two daughters. He now works part-time for a local pharmacy and is groundsman for the Cavendish Fields Sports Association. Steve says, "Living in the heart of the ward and working in the town, I feel well placed to identify and be informed of the issues facing residents, in particular the threat of so many new houses on our doorstep. If elected to the Town Council I will work hard to achieve the best possible outcomes for our community and individual residents".



Margaret Elsworth Margaret and husband Dave came to live in Matlock in 1973. She has been involved in many local organisations and was an adviser at Citizens' Advice and a District Councillor. Margaret used to work for the County Council. Margaret says "For the past 4 years I have been part of a team of Liberal Democrats on the Town Council working hard to improve the Imperial Rooms as a community venue. It has been a busy but worthwhile experience. I hope residents will agree that the Town Council has acted in a responsible, proactive way and helped to keep our town as a place where people like to live and visit. There are still more improvements in the pipeline, so I would like the chance to continue doing this work if re-elected".



Michael Crapper Michael was born, raised and educated in Matlock. He was elected as one of the youngest ever District Councillors, while running a town centre newsagents with his dad Bryan, before moving away to pursue a business career in retailing and then publishing. He is now a semi-retired company director and has represented Smedley Street ward on the Town Council, for the last 4 years. Michael says "We have done our best for Matlock over those four years, and kept our council tax precept as low as possible. We look forward to continuing to work on your behalf, provided we are re-elected".



Sue Burfoot Married to Martin, with two daughters, she has lived in Matlock for over 40 years and before retiring worked in Learning Support at Highfields School. Sue is a tireless campaigner for local people and member of several organisations, including Matlock in Bloom, the Station Adoption Group and one of the GP practice's Patient Participation Group. Sue says, "I am very proud to have been one of the Lib Dem team running Matlock Town Council. We have carried out improvements to the Imperial Rooms, an ever popular community venue and I have been particularly keen to be involved in the Council's takeover, refurbishment and re-opening of the Hall Leys Park play area toilets. If re-elected, I promise to continue my work as a committed and responsive local councillor".

