



from Julian Dean

Dear Resident

I am writing to you about important local elections coming up in May.

If you have seen my 6 newsletters you know that **I have been working hard for over a year to protect and improve the local area** by:

campaigning to defend our health services; working to improve the plans for the Barracks redevelopment so they benefit all; looking for ways to make our streets safer and less polluted; highlighting the need to keep the town centre swimming pool; investigating the conditions of young workers in the town centre with a view to spreading good practice amongst employers.

I have been able to do these things because I have been encouraged by many of you on the doorstep, and also because **I have a hard-working team** of Green Party members and supporters who are just as committed to these issues as me.

Shropshire Council has been under one-party control since it was created. Too often the leadership goes unchallenged when it makes decisions, such as spending huge amounts on roundabouts and roads - like the £8m they plan to spend from reserves on the Oxon Link Road - when other services are left to rot. In the coming months more cuts are on the way. Many local services may get no support at all from Shirehall. I am therefore putting myself forward to join forces with Councillor Duncan Kerr and other Green Party councillors to be part of a **new and stronger voice to challenge the Council leaders**.

Our quality of life relies on good quality services, on a good environment and on a vibrant community. All three are threatened by central government. Service funding is being cut; environment protection is under threat from 'hard' Brexit which also makes members of our community from overseas - who make a vital contribution - feel unwelcome. So I will take every opportunity to campaign to maintain our economic and human ties with the European continent and to be part of a democratic campaigning opposition to the current government.

I was brought up in Shropshire. I am a working teacher, and before that worked with homeless families for a housing department. For many years I have enjoyed making a contribution to the life of the town as a musician and concert promoter, which I continue to do. Now I am looking to make a bigger contribution and, with your help, to continue what I have begun.

Yours sincerely,

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