

OUR PLAN FOR BROMSGROVE

"Let's make a town we can live and work in...Council unveils ambitious plans to end 'commuter town' status of Bromsgrove"
Bromsgrove Standard, 7th Dec 2018



a town we can live and work in

Bromsgrove Conservatives 2019 District Manifesto

Our Plan for Bromsgrove

a message from the Council leaders

When we first came into office, we commissioned a report that asked if our current status as a dormitory/commuter town was sustainable. The answer was an emphatic “No”. We decided then that change was needed, and that we would secure a better future for Bromsgrove.

The drive of the Council is now to build a district we can all live and work in. We have a Council on a secure financial footing. We are forming our own housing company to provide housing residents can afford. We have built a fantastic new leisure centre. We are working to save our town centre through the market and dedicated support for the shops.

Our plan is to secure a future for Bromsgrove as a town to live and to work in. Let's make it happen.

Geoff

Cllr Geoff Denaro
Leader, Bromsgrove DC

Karen

Cllr Karen May
Deputy Leader, Bromsgrove DC



A council on a secure financial footing:

- balanced the books four years running
- in a stable financial position unlike other comparable councils
- all frontline services maintained
- council tax rise kept under 3%
- will NEVER promise anything in a manifesto that we can not pay for

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MARY MARSH
Personal Assistant
Candidate for Barnt Green and
Hopwood



NEIL HARRIS
Chartered Surveyor
Candidate for Alvechurch

TREVOR BLAND
Parish Council Chairman
Candidate for Alvechurch

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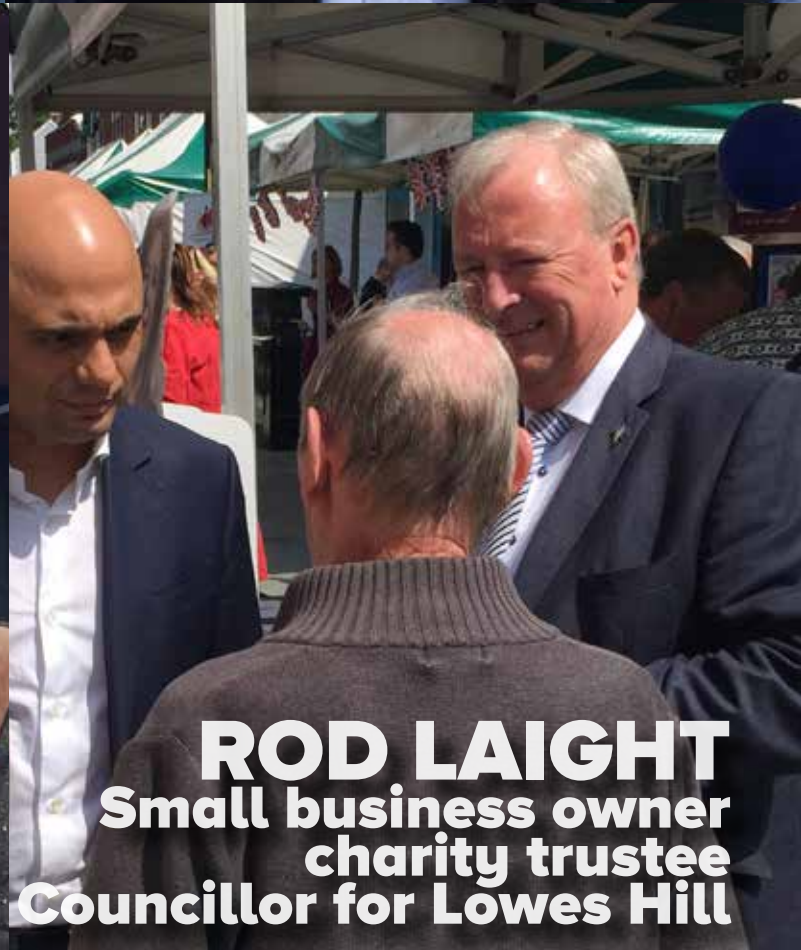
JO TILL
Mother of four,
Businesswoman
Candidate for Catshill



KYLE DAISLEY
Parish Cllr, Flight Attendant
Candidate for Hagley



DEL BOOTH
Father of two
Candidate for Rock Hill



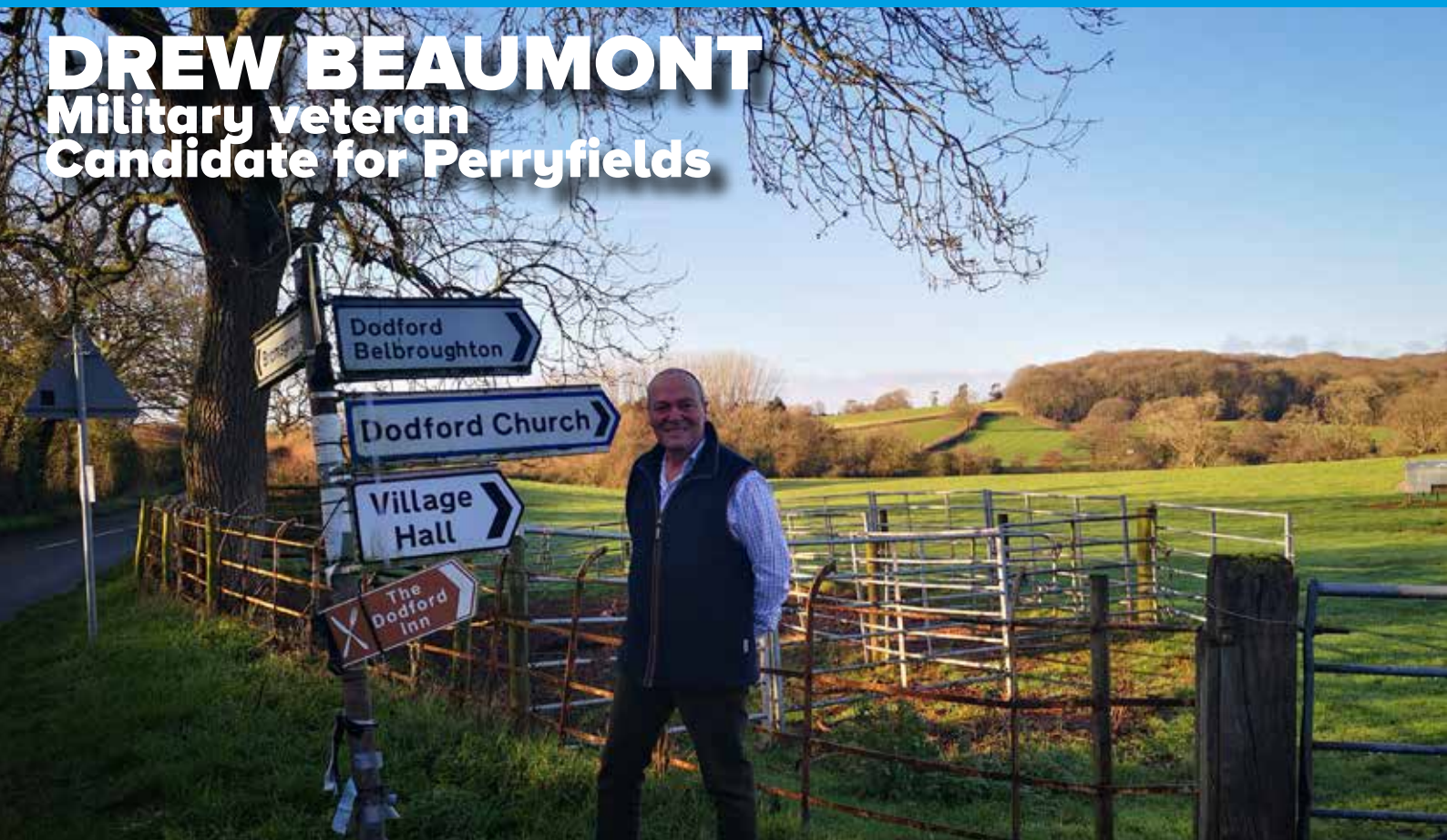
ROD LAIGHT
Small business owner
charity trustee
Councillor for Lowes Hill

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DREW BEAUMONT

Military veteran

Candidate for Perryfields



SHIRLEY WEBB

**Local school governor
Councillor for Catshill South**



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1 Improve our town centres and high streets



We're building on our growing café culture, running events and festivals, employing a dedicated high streets manager to support the town and village centres: Bromsgrove, Hagley, Rubery, Alvechurch and rolling out to Aston Fields.

Residents have said that the market is a priority and want to see themed markets come to Bromsgrove to support the shops. Residents in the villages have said how much they value their local shops as part of their community identity.

So we're rolling out themed markets, "In Bloom" projects and trading networks across the District.



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Securing resources for young and old



To be a town we can live and work in, we need to provide resources here for the community: resources for the young, community events for the elderly, and something for all ages in between.

You told us you wanted a new leisure centre and gym. We've delivered a new leisure centre, gym and climbing wall for all ages, supported the opening of the new Youth Hub in Bromsgrove. We're rolling out outdoor gyms across the district and are investing in exercise equipment, Park Runs and keep fit activities for all ages, everywhere.



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Providing housing residents can afford



People are growing up in Bromsgrove knowing that they cannot afford a home here. We are facing a crossroads here in Bromsgrove. The 30-39 age range are leaving the town, and over 24% of the residents are over the age of 64, with the young and young families priced out or forced to go elsewhere.

We have a plan to fix this. We will work to rebalance the housing market in Bromsgrove, we will deliver low-cost housing and renting through redevelopment of existing sites such as Burcot Lane, and will create a housing company that will allow us greater flexibility in terms of developing a housing portfolio.



“Bromsgrove District Council set to launch its own housing firm”
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Upgrading our transport and tackling traffic



Although transport is within the remit of the County Council and not the District Council, we are all sick to the back teeth of the problems with congestion in Bromsgrove and have been lobbying the County Council to tackle the problem.

We have secured a strategic traffic assessment for the north of the county including the Bromsgrove District and, after some campaigning, seen the first package of improvements to the A38 Major Upgrade for Bromsgrove scheduled to start in the spring at the Barley Mow junction. We cannot promise a magic bullet but, through engagement with the relevant authorities, we are making progress.



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Keeping rural areas connected and protected

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Bromsgrove District is roughly 90% green belt. We will ensure that we protect our district and the green spaces that give our area its unique character.

Connectivity is vital for the rural communities. We are working with local groups to roll-out broadband in the black spots across the district, which can be a particular issue for the home-based businesses which are predominant in the rural areas.

We will continue vital frontline services such as Lifeline to ensure vulnerable elderly residents are not isolated, and continue working with the PCC to tackle cross-border crime.



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Making our area cleaner and greener

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Refill Bromsgrove to tackle plastic waste



We're working to create a sustainable future for our area: a clean and green Bromsgrove District.

We're committing to cease provision of single-use non-recyclable plastics at Council outlets within a planned timeframe, and for the Council to take forward actions to encourage the recycling of single-use coffee cups in the town centre. We are introducing schemes such as Refill Bromsgrove to provide alternatives to single-use plastic and to tackle plastic waste. We will explore ways to support electric cars and car charging points within the district.

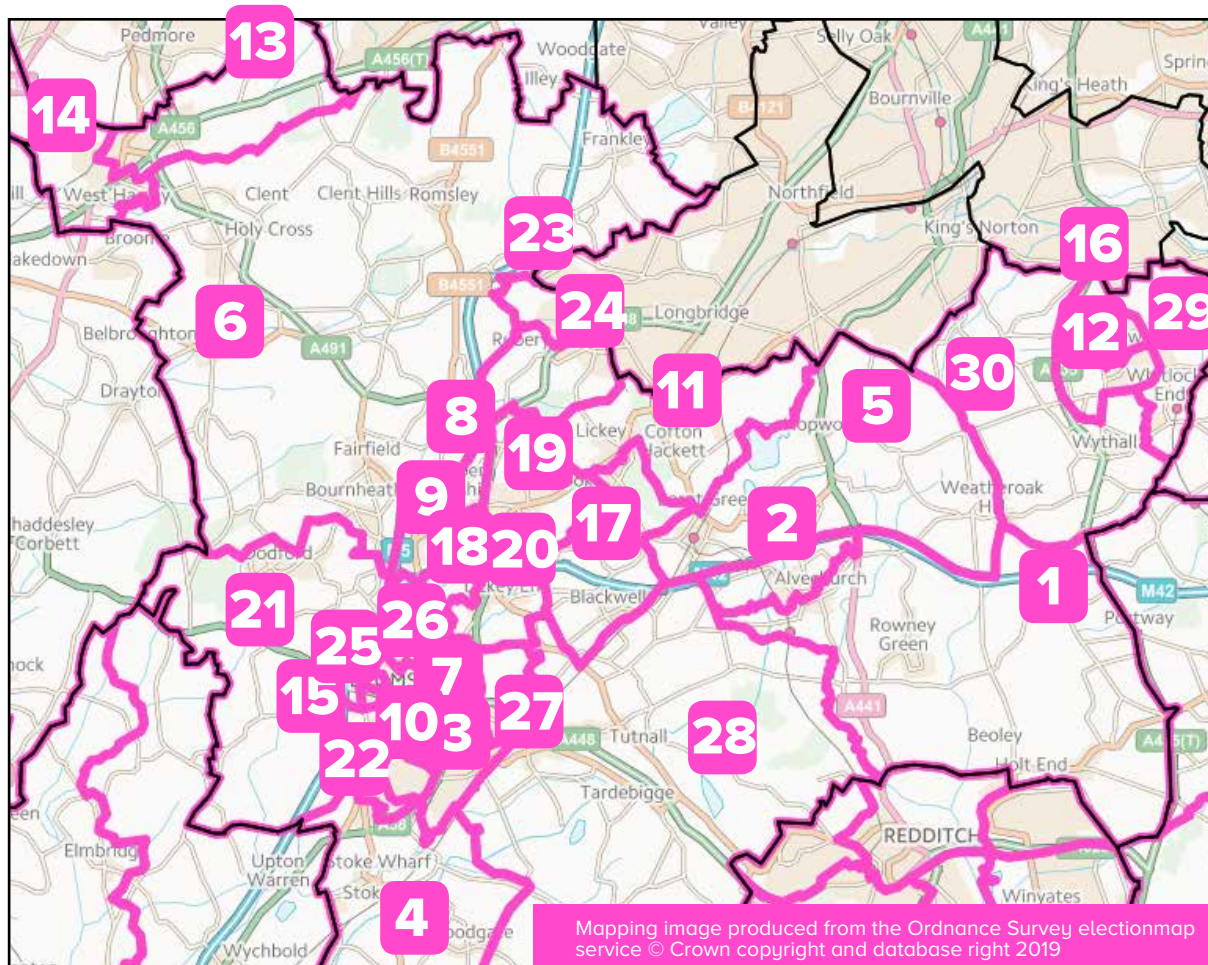
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FIND MY CANDIDATE



1. Alvechurch South

Trevor Bland

2. Alvechurch Village

Neil Harris

3. Aston Fields

Phil Thomas

4. Avoncroft

Malcolm Glass

5. Barnt Green and Hopwood

Mary Marsh

6. Belbroughton and Romsley

Karen May
Margaret Sherrey

7. Bromsgrove Central

Rita Dent

8. Catshill North

Jo-Anne Till

9. Catshill South

Shirley Webb

10. Charford

Andrew Sherrey

11. Coton

Richard Deeming

12. Drakes Cross

Kathryn Powell

13. Hagley East

Cameron Uppal

14. Hagley West

Kyle Daisley

15. Hill Top

Sue Morgan

16. Hollywood

Adam Kent

17. Lickey Hills

Kit Taylor

18. Lowes Hill

Rod Laight

19. Marlbrook

Helen Jones

20. Norton

Jackie Alderson

21. Perryfields

Drew Beaumont

22. Rock Hill

Del Booth

23. Rubery North

Faye Kent

24. Rubery South

Adrian Kriss

25. Sanders Park

Maria Middleton

26. Sidemoor

James Jarvis

27. Slideslow

Caroline Spencer

28. Tardebigge

Peter Whittaker

29. Wythall East

Sarah Hession

30. Wythall West

Geoff Denaro

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SARAH HESSION
Parish Councillor
Candidate for Wythall East



HELEN JONES
Community volunteer, mother of two
Candidate for Marlbrook

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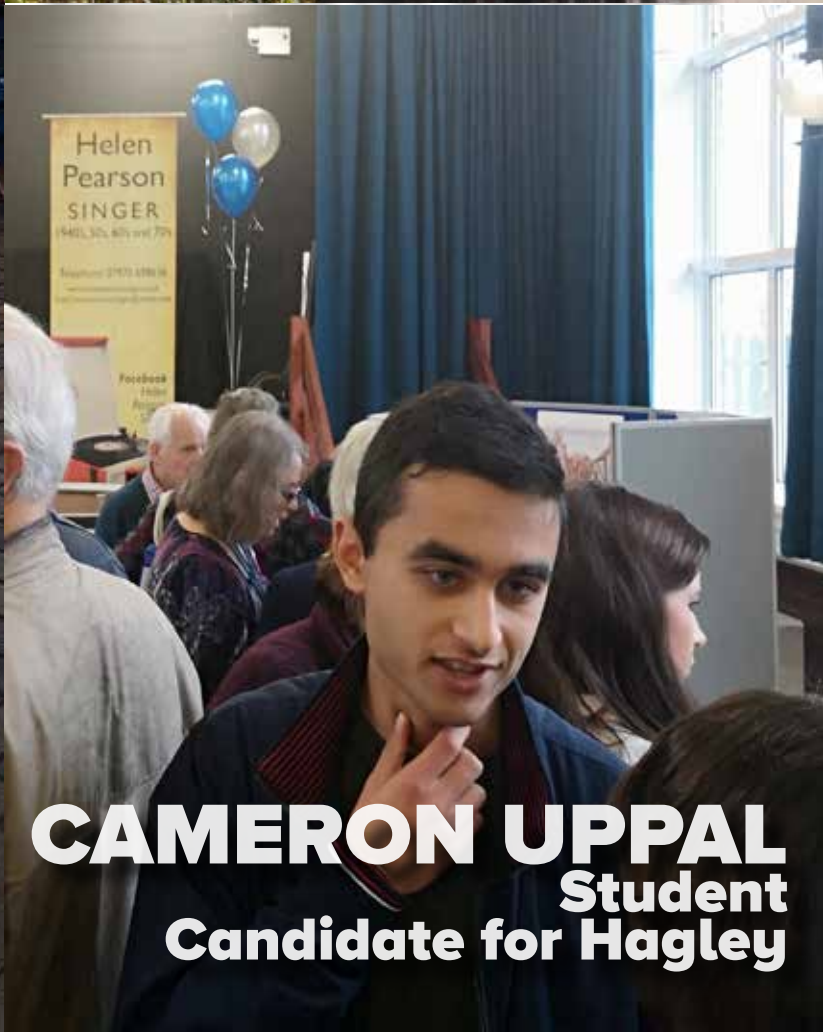
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MARIA MIDDLETON
Local resident
Candidate for Sanders Park



JAMES JARVIS
Teacher
Candidate for Sidemoor



CAMERON UPPAL
Student
Candidate for Hagley

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CAROLINE SPENCER
Councillor for
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PHIL THOMAS
Councillor for
Aston Fields



JACKIE ALDERSON
Candidate for
Norton



RITA DENT
Councillor for Bromsgrove
Central

KAREN MAY
Candidate for
Belbroughton and
Romsley

MARGARET SHERREY
Former nurse
Councillor for
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and Romsley

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A future for the town:

The policies in this manifesto can only be delivered with your help on the 2nd May.

If you would like to find out more, you can read more at:
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