






# Wythall Parish Council Elections

## Wythall Residents Association






Local decisions for local people by local people



Vote for your  
Wythall Residents Association  
Candidates at the Parish Council Elections  
on May 7th.





**We are committed to working for the benefit of all of the residents of Wythall without any political agenda and if elected we promise that:**

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- We are committed to consulting with you, our residents, to provide value for money services that YOU want.
  - We are committed to give financial support to deserving local groups providing a service to members of our community.
  - We will continue to fight against crime, vandalism and anti-social behaviour
  - We will work with our County and District Councillors, volunteers and community groups and other agencies to ensure that your voice is heard with respect to those services that they provide, for example, public transport, public highways, library services and local policing
  - We will effectively manage the Parish Council finances and minimise any increase in Parish Council tax whilst maintaining and improving local services for which we are directly responsible

### Planning:


**We will resist any further encroachment into our Green Belt:**

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- More and more new homes, but no proper services and infrastructure to support them – developers should pay for much-needed safe crossings at our schools and extra capacity at GP surgeries. We will continue to press for improvements if more new housing schemes come along.
  - A Green Belt review will soon take place – Wythall Residents Association Councillors will campaign to preserve our precious Green Belt in Wythall. Any new homes to serve the needs of Birmingham should be located on the city boundary – and not destroy the heart of our established community with unwanted new houses.


### All change and a time for change

The Parish Council elections are being contested with completely new ward boundaries this year, still with an overall total of 15 parish councillors. These are the new wards:

- Drakes Cross ward – 4 parish councillors
- Grimes Hill ward - 2 parish councillors
- Headley Heath ward – 1 parish councillor
- Hollywood ward - 4 parish councillors
- Truemans Heath ward - 2 parish councillors
- Wythall Heath ward - 2 parish councillors



All of our candidates and the wards in which they are standing are listed overleaf.



Each candidate is a truly Independent person who will represent YOU and not their mainstream political party. When we speak and vote at the Parish Council we have YOUR interests in mind and will never put politics before people.

### Why vote for your Wythall Residents Association Candidate?

**We need to continue to run the Council in an impartial way:**

- Our candidates' only desire is to do what is best for the parish. We would be happier if the Parish Council was not a political body.
- However, we have to be a registered political party to comply with the law and to contest elections on an equal footing with other political groups
- Money from Central Government intended to support the Parish Council tax has been withheld by Bromsgrove District Council and some existing parish councillors supported this!!
- You have had little influence over how the money gained from planning developments has been allocated within the community. We say that **you** should have a say in how funding is spent.
- The Parish Council is expected to give financial support to fit out the new Community Library at Woodrush School. We need to make sure that the whole community benefits as this is **your money**.



# Our Wythall Residents Association Parish Council Candidates



## Drakes Cross ward

### Sue Baxter

I have lived in the Wythall area for over thirty years. For the past 16 years I have been a member of the Parish Council and have been the Chairman for six of those years. I have been proactive in saving both our library and bus services. I am a confirmed believer that the only effective way of representing local interests, within local government is through a local independent group. My interests are the interests of Wythall residents; I have no other political agenda

### Ken Footman

Why am I seeking re-election to Wythall Parish Council? The answer is simple, because I care about the issues which affect all residents who live in the Parish. During my many years as a Parish Councillor I have always endeavoured to ensure that tax payers are treated in a fair and equitable manner. I am not politically motivated to seek re-election to the Parish Council but because I have a passionate belief in local democracy and governance of which Parish Councils are an integral part. Whilst obviously I have interest in all aspects of Parish Council activities I do have a special interest in Financial issues which I carefully scrutinise. If I am re-elected I will continue to represent the whole of the community to the best of my ability as I have done so for the last 20 years.

## Hollywood ward

### Stephen Peters

Resident in Wythall for 36 years. Former district councillor and currently County Councillor for Wythall and Chairman of the Parish Council. Also a trustee of the charity **Wythall Together** saving the Library and providing the highly-valued Dial-a-Ride minibus service. Regular attendee at PACT meetings and always ready to help whatever the issue may be.

### Kathryn Kingston

I have been a resident of Hollywood for nearly 10 years and a member of the Parish Council for the last 4 years. Having worked in the housing industry, I am eager to see any new development in the area enrich rather than diminish the existing locale; and to prioritize infrastructure such as transport provision, road management and medical facilities to support the expanding community. Additionally, I will oppose the erosion of the Green Belt. As an Independent member I fiercely defend my right to vote according to the majority wishes of the community and not those of any specific party.

## Grimes Hill ward

### Linda Wright

I was born in Three Oaks Road, Wythall and christened at St Mary's Church. Attended Woodrush School. I am a retired nursery nurse. I have served on Wythall Parish Council for fifteen years. I feel passionate about the Green Belt and feel that we must work hard to preserve it. Being elected as a Parish Councillor would give me a voice to help keep Wythall a green and pleasant place to live.

## Truemans Heath ward

### Les Turner

I have resided in Wythall for 40 years and have represented Hollywood and Majors Green ward as a Parish and District Councillor. As a long-term Residents Association committee member I am familiar with the problems and needs of the village. I have been a past Parish Council chairman and served as Councillor for 20 years. Acting as Parish Council representative for the Shakespeare Line I support better public bus and train transport options for the area. I hope you will help to re-elect me to this newly created Council ward. I will always strive to do my best for the residents and the community.

## Wythall Heath ward

### Helen Cleaver

I have lived in Wythall since 1999 and have enjoyed being a Parish Councillor for 12 years. I both live and work in Wythall, and I'm passionate about ensuring that Wythall is a clean, safe and pleasant place, that all of our residents can enjoy. I believe that our Green Belt land is precious, and that we need to do all we can to protect and preserve it. I have no political agenda and want to ensure that the views and wishes of Wythall residents are represented and respected.

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