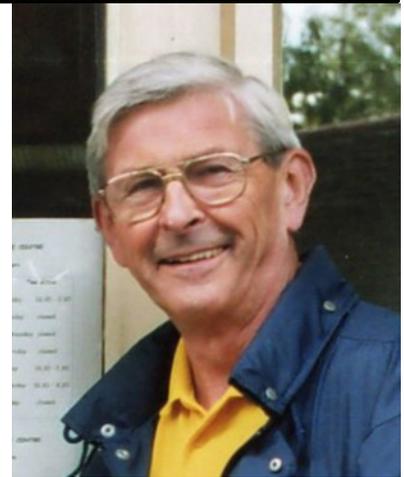


WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL ETTINGSHALL WARD ELECTION 2019

David MURRAY

Liberal Democrat Candidate

David is a long-term resident of Ettingshall ward, and believes more should be done to improve the older areas of the ward. He has been a city, district and town councillor in the past, was a candidate for this ward in 2018, and is standing again this year.



STILL NO ACTION ON SITES IN ALL SAINTS



The promise



The reality

The Royal Hospital closed in 1997, and part of the site has been demolished, along with the bus garage and Cleveland Club over the road. The nurses' hostel remains boarded up and unused, like the vicarage in Vicarage Rd. Begun in 1991, the All Saints regeneration is still unfinished, and parking is still a problem.



Nurses' hostel

Meanwhile, the City Council is investing in prestigious commercial projects, while sites like these are neglected. Costs have risen on the Civic Halls to double the original figure.



Old vicarage

As a chartered engineer and marketer, David believes a lot more could be done to help residents, and improve the local environment.

WHERE ARE THEY?

Ettingshall has 3 councillors who are each elected for a period of 4 years. Elections are held in 3 out of every 4 years. In the past, some councillors were actively involved in the ward, especially during the ABCD years. But now people complain that they only see them in the area when the next election is due. Maybe they are just getting too complacent!



Since 2008, Government grants to the West Midlands Police have fallen by a massive £145m and police numbers are down by

SCRUTINY NEEDED

Just as we need more police to combat rising crime, so we need more people on the Council to monitor things on behalf of the residents. If there is too large a majority of one party, it is not good for democracy. Decisions get taken behind closed doors, and openness and transparency suffer. **Liberal Democrats** put your interests first, all the time!

Vote David MURRAY



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REASONS TO VOTE FOR THE LIB DEMS



Lib Dems want their policy of putting one penny on income tax to be implemented by government. This would give an extra £6bn to help the funding crisis in the NHS and social care, which is getting worse with every passing year.

Liberal Democrats stand for an open, tolerant, and united society, where everyone has the chance to succeed. Not a one-size-fits-all !

Lib Dems put people first, above political considerations, and want to protect the environment for the benefit of future generations, with clean air to breathe, renewable energy replacing fossil fuels, and opportunities for all to get on in life.

We want local decisions by local people, and local services meeting local needs. **Please vote for us !**



We urgently need more social and affordable housing to rent or buy. Yet progress in All Saints and the Bilston Urban Village is painfully slow, and other areas need work to bring them up to standard. The Council needs to raise its game for the benefit of Wolverhampton folk.

VOTE LABOUR ?

Labour just take your vote for granted, so why keep voting for the same people as your councillors? Wolverhampton City Council has a large Labour majority. Electing more Labour councillors won't make any difference.

Labour are too busy fighting each other, not fighting for you or your community. Moderate MPs and councillors are attacked by the more extreme members and are threatened with de-selection. The party also tolerates latent racism.

Challenge Labour complacency!



Local campaigner David Murray litter picking in All Saints with ASAN members and volunteers.

CONSERVATIVE ?

The Conservatives have cut the grant support to local government every year, making it more and more difficult for councils to make ends meet, and provide services for our local communities.

Because the Tories are so bogged down in the Brexit negotiations at a national level, our hospitals, schools, pensions, police force, and the environment are suffering. Child poverty is increasing daily.

With no clear vision for our future, why vote for more Tory hardship?

Challenge Tory misgovernment!

Whether you voted Remain or Leave, Brexit has been a disaster !

The Government has kept on trying to get Parliament to approve the Withdrawal Agreement, but does not yet accept that the result of this negotiation should be put back to the people. Surveys held in Wolverhampton showed a majority supported the idea of a People's Vote on the final deal, as so much has changed since the close Referendum result of 23 June 2016. Labour still can't make up its mind!

The continuing uncertainty has not helped businesses or the economy, or the many EU citizens living and working in Wolverhampton. Parliament has voted several times to avoid leaving with No Deal, which is the worst case alternative. Right from the start there has been no plan as to how Brexit would be implemented. Conservatives and Labour both said they would respect the result of the Referendum, yet over the last two and a half years Parliament has failed to agree any compromise which would deliver on that decision. Neither a new Conservative leader, nor a general election will change anything, and the only solution is for the UK to accept or reject whatever consensus is finally reached.

Liberal Democrats have always said we would be better off working for reform within the EU!