



Park Ward

Focus



News and Views from
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Focus Team

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Only **CLAIRE DARKE**



CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

The election here in Park Ward is a two horse race between local campaigner Claire Darke and a Labour candidate who has achieved little or nothing in the last four years.



Claire Darke

The election will be held on Thursday May 1st, though postal ballots are already landing on doormats. It is clear that just a handful of votes could decide whether our area is represented by hardworking local campaigner Claire Darke, who will put Park Ward residents first or by the little known Labour candidate who lives in a different ward.

The only effective choice if you do not like the way our Labour council runs this area is to vote for Claire Darke.

PUTTING RESIDENTS FIRST

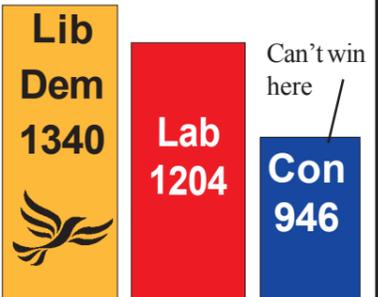
Local Lib Dem councillor Robin Lawrence said he hoped Park Ward residents would support Claire Darke. "Claire and the Focus team work all year round - our whole approach is based on putting residents first."

- Claire has commitment and the background to do the job well.
- Residents here are concerned with the waste, Council Tax rises, recycling and poor management of schools, planning and so much else .
- Only Claire Darke can make the difference, we desperately need her elected to the Council on May 1st."



Claire Darke and Cllr Robin Lawrence say all the signs point to a close result on May 1st between the Liberal Democrats and the Labour candidate.

It's so close here!



The result last time: In this ward it is neck & neck between Claire Darke and the Labour candidate.

Lib Dem Leader backs Claire Darke



So impressed was the Liberal Democrat Party Leader, Nick Clegg MP by the work of Claire Darke that he made sure he met her at the earliest opportunity to congratulate her on her work for the residents of Park Ward.

Mr Clegg said "I am encouraging all residents of Park Ward to support Claire. The Liberal Democrats offered the only real alternative to Labour who are the most authoritarian government since 1945. Central Government always thinks it knows best and seeks to ignore the wishes of local residents. It is through the work of dedicated people like Claire Darke that the Liberal Democrats can bring democracy back to the voters."

*Did You Know?
Claire Darke was one of the leading campaigners in the fight to keep Compton Baths open - the Labour candidate voted to close it.*

Claire Darke - the only choice to put residents FIRST

Local Lib Dem candidate, Claire Darke, has lived in the Ward for many years and her son attends a local school. She is a campaigner for disabled people and improved local facilities

Cllr Robin Lawrence said: "I have always admired the work Claire Darke is doing to stand up for this area. She is well known for her campaign to save Compton Baths."

The sitting Labour councillor has been unseen and unheard in the Ward since she was elected four years ago. Claire Darke has already shown she is an all year round campaigner who works hard for residents of Park Ward. If she gets elected, the Council will have to take notice.



Claire Darke tackles unsafe footpaths with Robin Lawrence

Conservatives out of the race

Wolverhampton Conservatives' campaign has descended into chaos, with just weeks to go before the local elections they have dumped their local leader and rumours abound of another leadership contest. The current Leader, Neville Patten, has previously admitted that the Conservatives can not win in Park ward.

In a close two-horse race, the only way residents unhappy with the shambles Labour have created here is to vote for Claire Darke, the local Liberal Democrat Focus Team candidate.

CLAIRE DARKE - the ONLY choice for change

More and more Park Ward people are saying: WE NEED Claire Darke ELECTED!

A record of action, a promise of more!

Claire Darke, Cllr Robin Lawrence and the LibDem Focus Team have a long record of working hard all year round for Park Ward residents - not just at election time. Recently they have worked for:

- Kerbside recycling collections of plastics and cardboard
- Footpath resurfacing and kerb repairs
- Dumped rubbish clear ups
- Traffic calming
- Graffiti clean ups
- Opposed the Council's high Council Tax rises. The Liberal Democrats want a fairer local tax based on ability to pay.

Claire Darke: 'Time to clean up the mess on Wolverhampton Council'

Park Ward's Liberal Democrat candidate and Focus campaigner Claire Darke has vowed to do all she can to clean up the mess on Wolverhampton Council.

In the last year our Labour council has presided over a catalogue of incompetence and disaster:

- Poor financial control
- Predicted budget short fall of over £10 million by 2010
- £3 million to be axed from front line services
- Council Tax increased by 4% this year - that's 155½% in the last 14 years.
- Refused to organise kerbside cardboard and plastic collections for recycling
- One of the worst records in secondary school education in the country.

Claire Darke says: "We deserve a better Council than we have. I will stand up for our community and not tolerate the sheer incompetence of this Council."



Senior Lib Dem MP, Andrew Stunell (right), came from London to join Claire Darke (left) and Cllr Robin Lawrence (centre) at a public meeting. He praised Claire's efforts to improve the City against the deadhand of the Labour Council.

A greener cleaner Park Ward - Claire Darke



Claire Darke and Cllr Robin Lawrence want kerbside collections of plastic waste

Claire Darke and the Lib Dems believe the Council could do far more to promote the collection and recycling of plastics and cardboard. Labour refused to introduce these collections. Claire said: "It is crazy for householders to make special journeys to the Shaw Road waste site in Bushbury to recycle their plastics and cardboard. It would be a much more efficient use of energy for Wolverhampton Council to collect the waste at the kerbside."

Claire Darke campaigns for Council Tenants



Tenants of Wolverhampton Homes have been hit with a double whammy by the Labour controlled City Council. Rents have risen by a staggering 6% and concierge charges have risen by a similar amount.

Claire Darke said "Tenants are tired of hearing tales of millions of pounds while at the same time having huge rent increases and uncertainties over concierge services. Tenants and leaseholders are also annoyed at having to pay inflated costs for basic common passage way repairs and maintenance."

left - Claire Darke wants a better deal for tenants of Wolverhampton Homes

Don't forget to use your postal vote!

Postal ballot papers now being delivered. If you have a postal vote, don't forget to send it back. But if you do forget you can still take your ballot paper to the polling station up until 10 pm on polling day (Thursday May 1st).

If you have not received your postal vote phone the Election Office on 551177



Claire has a poster for you!

Claire Darke would like you to display her poster in your window. Fill in the reply form on the right and she will get one to you.

Help Claire Darke win in Park Ward

I will vote for Claire Darke on May 1st

I will display a poster on May 1st

I would like to contribute to the cost of Claire's campaign

£5 £10 £20 other

Please make cheques payable to Wolverhampton South West Liberal Democrats

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Use your vote to get things done!

Claire **DARKE**



Vote on
Thursday
May 1st!
7am-10pm