

Your Lib Dem Team in Ilkley South



Pauline Allon has lived in Ilkley for 25 years, working in the NHS in the Yorkshire Cancer Registry and later as a Palliative Care Nurse in a Yorkshire hospice. She wants to keep effective health care services in Ilkley, promote health education, and support early learning, and is particularly concerned about cuts to early years provision such as Sure Start Centres. Pauline's other interests include environmental action, particularly plastic recycling. She recently joined Bradford Council's recycling champion scheme. She believes in transparency, honesty and local democracy, and that getting young people engaged in politics is key to the future, both nationally and locally.



Tom Franks has lived in Ilkley with his family since 1984. His career was in international development, engineering consultancy and as a professor at the Project Planning Centre at Bradford University. He is a civil engineer with experience in irrigation, flood management and water resources and has worked in many countries in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean, with particular expertise in the planning, funding and management of public sector projects such as DFID-funded projects for flood alleviation in Bangladesh and wetland management in Tanzania. Soon after arriving in Ilkley, Tom became chair of the Wharfedale Rail Users' Group when the WYPTA was threatening closure of the Bradford service. Since retirement he divides his time between Citizens Advice in Bradford, the LibDems and family life.



Mark Stidworthy has lived in Ilkley for 15 years, has children at local schools, and has been an Ilkley Town Councillor since 2017. As a consultant veterinary pathologist in private practice in Keighley he understands the challenges to small businesses in the area, and backs the Business Improvement District. He is committed to greening our local economy to achieve sustainable development for Ilkley's current and future residents, in the face of a global climate emergency. Since becoming a Councillor, Mark has been inviting and supporting input to the Town Council from local groups such as Climate Action Ilkley, Wharfedale Tackles Plastics, the Ilkley Clean River Campaign and residents concerned about anti-social behaviour. This has changed and re-orientated the way the Town Council thinks, acts and spends your money, making it more responsive to local residents and facing up to new challenges.

The challenge: Housing demand, inadequate local public transport, town centre accessibility/car parking and unsafe streets for pedestrians and cyclists all challenge quality of life in the town.

Our vision: We can address these issues and ensure a positive future for Ilkley if the Town Council works in partnership with businesses and residents to promote sustainable, cost-effective, low waste solutions that enhance residents' quality of life and ensure a vibrant local economy.

In practice: A single Liberal Democrat Councillor has made a big difference by engaging with local residents' concerns and ideas, forcing the Town Council to face up to them and offer support. With three Liberal Democrat councillors, we could do much more!

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