

Angela McGuire



Your **Kidderminster Town Council** candidate for **Franch & Habberley**

My name is Angela McGuire. I was born and bred in Kidderminster; I'm 58 years old, married to Mike, and we have five grown-up children and five grandchildren.



My work as a lifestyle coordinator at Berrington Court enables me to use my skills as an empathetic and great listener. I am passionate about people, fairness, kindness, and trying to make a difference in these times. I support people to stay independent and well, by encouraging people to have meaningful occupations and live with purpose. I have worked throughout the pandemic, trying to keep our residents upbeat. We have lost friends due to this cruel pandemic. It has been tough, but lucky to be part of a great team pulling together, trying to remain positive.

I was a volunteer coordinator for Age UK and ran a stroke club and friendship group for several years. I was also involved in the planning of the older people's showcase for over 12 years. I was nominated for a community award for an unsung hero in 2017, and a TPAS award for the engagement of people in the same year. I network with many groups that share good practices. MAGGS, Health watch, Extra care providers, Public health and health and sustainability bodies. I am presently the secretary of Kidderminster Dementia Action Alliance, who have raised awareness in Kidderminster, by holding events, such as a diversity concert, dementia friend training, a relaxed aisle in Tesco's, and supporting a dementia café at

Kidderminster youth centre with West Mercia Police. I am also vice chairman for Café friends, a youth centre for adults. Sadly, we have been closed since the start of the pandemic, but many live at Berrington, so able to support their physical and emotional wellbeing daily. We look forward to the return of Café Friends as soon as it is safe, but in the meantime, for those, I don't work with, I support virtually via calls and messages. Mental health in men and particularly young people is a passion of mine. I currently support over 20 one-to-one. I am an admin on a site called You Matter Mental Health Matters. This group has evolved into a face-to-face group for people who choose to meet as a form of support, and I am one of the facilitators as I am a 'Time to Change' champion and mental health for youth's champion. I am concerned about the rising levels of domestic violence, child abuse (particularly during the pandemic), and look at pathways and signpost those to access support. I also sit on the suicide prevention board.

I have actively fundraised for HELP to prevent homelessness, and organizing gifts and furniture at Christmas for those in need. I have volunteered for the food bank and raised funds to support the valuable work they are doing. I am dedicated to supporting people in Kidderminster who need services that are often overstretched and believe that communities can achieve so much to fill the gap in the services, for mental health provision, housing support, and reducing loneliness and isolation.

I am led by the beliefs of Dr. Richard Taylor, the founder of IHC that people and communities matter. Services that address our health and well-being have to be managed and improved, in consultation with the people who use them.

"If I am elected as a town councillor, I will work tirelessly and be a voice for our community. I am passionate about cross-party working and have worked and achieved so much with all parties in my working life. I will embrace localism projects and encourage collaborative work. Fairness for all. People before politics always!" Any issues please call me on 07913 88283

"Independent Health Concern (IHC), popularly known as **"Health Concern"**, is a political party based in Wyre Forest. It was founded in 1999 and grew out of the campaign to restore emergency services at Kidderminster Hospital. The NHS, local and general, remains a crucial interest, and so after a year of lock-down we are disturbed to see Covid-19 challenging the NHS to its limit. The pitiful 1% pay rise has offended NHS staff intolerably. We will support these staff members in all ways that we can. Since contesting successfully elections at all levels, the party continues to support local communities on all matters of importance. Being independent of major parties and their whips, party members can vote in favour of all issues benefitting the local people and opposing those that do not. This great privilege enabled me, when I was the Wyre Forest MP from 2001 – 2010, to vote with the government or against it as the occasion indicated. At **Health Concern** we pride ourselves as being a local party whose members live and work in their area and know and share the hopes and needs of those they represent.

*I strongly recommend **ANGELA MCGUIRE** as a **Kidderminster Town Council Candidate**.*

*She fulfils our every expectation as a **Health Concern** candidate."*

Dr. Richard Taylor M.B.E. Independent Health Concern Life President.

