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Your IHC District councillor for Franche & Habberley North.
IHC County Council candidate for St Barnabas and
IHC Kidderminster Town Council candidate



Hi there everyone. I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for your ongoing support, as one of your three **Independent Health Concern** district councillors in FHN, elected in May 2019. I am so grateful to Anna and Graham for their continued support, to enable us to work together to get a quick turnaround in dealing with your queries, and positive outcomes to our community. I am a proud Mum of three and live on Marlpool. I work as a Teaching Assistant with young people with complex needs. I have worked in education and social care for over 20 years, working with children with additional needs and in the care system.

Since I was elected, I have been privileged to work with residents and the police team on issues, such as anti-social behaviour and vandalism. We are lucky our area continues to be a low crime area, and grateful to community ambassadors who continue to update me, and flag up concerns, helping to ensure our community is kept safe. I continue to fulfil my promise, of being a voice for the community in town I love and have lived in since I was 7.

I tackle multiple issues weekly such as dog fouling; fly-tipping, overgrown verges, trees amongst other issues. I am sincerely grateful to Operational Services and the Parks teams for always responding so promptly. I have worked with County councillor Anne Hingley to ensure County queries such as potholes, Environment issues, and highway queries are dealt with. We were able to work cohesively e.g. when I was getting multiple phone calls regarding the size of speed

bumps in Marlpool lane. Anne flagged it immediately to County, and it was addressed. Also on Franche more yellow lines were finally put in to stop parking by the school, following many complaints to district councillors regarding safety. I am grateful to Anne for working cross collaboratively and always helpful.

Recently I was privileged to be part of the team getting in a defibrillator at Costcutter Marlpool. I was approached by resident Natalie Hill, and we worked together, with the Costcutter team and Droitwich AED to get it fitted. Thank you to SPM builders and Greenhill electrical, who donated free services. It was a true community project raising the money needed with support from our fabulous community, and our local shops. The wider community also contributed via social media, and donation boxes. Hopefully, we will never need it, but we will feel safer just knowing it is there. The biggest thank you to you all.

Improving community well-being and reducing isolation continues to be my focus. I work with the Health and well-being officer at WFDC and Cabinet members to highlight issues and raise awareness. I am grateful to the WFDC for promoting awareness and diversity courses, reducing homelessness, promoting mental health and well-being, and suicide prevention. I am an admin on You Matter Mental Health Matters, and the team has worked so hard over the pandemic to support those who are struggling. I am a fundraiser for H.E.L.P the homeless. I am thankful to everyone, our community heroes, our food banks, and our residents for getting us through this. I am sorry for those who have lost loved ones. If you are struggling and need help, please talk, and access support via <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help> and <https://www.healthyminds.whct.nhs.uk/>

Being voted for County Council would mean so much, as I could do SO much more to help our community. I promise to work hard and fight hard. I am passionate about improving social care provision, in particular reducing the stigma of mental health, working on the better provision, and reducing isolation and loneliness in our community. I vow to fight for better mental health services in our schools, working together to improve the well-being, safety, and outcomes for our children. I will also work with our green district councillor to reduce our carbon emissions and tackle climate change in the Wyre Forest.

If I am elected as a Kidderminster Town councillor, I will be privileged to be part of a new and exciting future for Kidderminster town centre. I will embrace the work of localism and work cross-party to support our local parks. I will work with town and district councillors to build up friends of groups at White Wickets, making it a community project which will also promote health and well-being with community volunteers.

"I vow to continue to put 110% in what I do to be one of the voices in your community.

Honesty and transparency.

No political point-scoring.

Decisive not divisive"

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