

Tring Central DEMOCRAT



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By-Election Special - Introducing **SHERON WILKIE**

Sheron will,

- Protect the Special Character of our Area
- Speak up for you on Dacorum Borough Council
- Campaign for Safer Roads and less Pollution
- Defend your interests and that of the Town
- Support our Public Services



Sheron says,

"I moved to Tring six years ago with Mark, my partner, and our two boys, and we have never regretted our decision. We love it here and we both feel we are already imbedded in the community."

When Sheron found out about the Conservative-led Dacorum Borough Council proposal - for a 55% increase in houses built mostly on Tring's Green Belt - she sprang into action. She joined the *Grove Fields Residents Association* and other conservation groups to fight for a more balanced approach.

*"We need **sustainable development and affordable homes**. We need more social housing for local people, not government imposed destruction of the local countryside just to boost developers' profits."*

Originally from Chester, Sheron is no stranger to life's inequalities. She grew up in council housing, relied on free school meals and was the first person in her family to reach higher education. After qualifying as a barrister, Sheron has not taken all this for granted. She recognises that without help from a local councillor whilst growing up, she would not have been able to build the successful life she leads today.

She says, "As a child I remember the councillor making improvements to the security of our building. This meant that I felt safe to come home to study. This enabled me to eventually take my law degree, qualify as a barrister and establish a successful career in business that allows me to contribute to society."

"I saw that local politics could make a difference, so in 2017 I joined the Liberal Democrats because I share their values of building a fair, free and open society that champions community values and equality for all."

Sheron's Priorities for a Local Plan for Tring

She says, "We need a **practical plan for Tring and its people** - not a plan imposed by the Government."

*"We must solve the problem of **affordability** of houses with a plan based on **gradual sustainable development**; a plan that provides local **jobs and employment**; a plan that protects the local green spaces that are so important for our physical and mental well-being."*

*"A plan founded on up-to-date estimates, not on fudged figures from 2014. **A plan for a greener, kinder future** that can adapt to emerging lifestyle changes."*

*"By working with local residents, I believe we can build a better plan. One designed to meet **local needs** rather than government targets".*

Turn over to find out more about Sheron's views and priorities

Sheron Wilkie - Off to a Good Start!

When John Bowden died last year, his sad loss left two council vacancies in Tring Central, one on the Town Council and one in Tring Central Ward on Dacorum Borough Council.

Town Councils have somewhat different rules to other councils and when the Covid lockdowns prevented elections, rather than have a very long vacancy Tring Town Council decided to use its powers to advertise the vacancy and invite applicants to be a new councillor. After interviews and presentations Sheron was selected from a field of 6. She then joined Tring Town Council in January and has got off to a good start as an active and hard-working councillor.



Councillor Sheron Wilkie

Sheron Wilkie - Committed to the Community and to Young People and Families

- **Giving Back, Helping Others**

Sheron is grateful for the education that enabled her to build a successful legal and business career and has always contributed through voluntary legal work with charities like the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Free Representation Unit (helping people with their employment and housing issues).

- **Family Challenges and Children's Special Needs**

From their own experience Sheron and her partner understand the challenges of getting help for children's special educational needs. Growing up can't be put on hold. Young people needing help need it straight away - not in two years time as happens all too often in Hertfordshire.

- **Young People and Sport**

As a Town Councillor Sheron has been supporting the Tring Youth Council in its efforts to secure funding for a new skateboarding park and social area for young people in Tring. Certainly better facilities exist in neighbouring towns, and skateboarding has now become an Olympic sport.

- **And now (as they say on the BBC) time for news "where you are."**

Sheron is well aware of the parking difficulties in New Mill and is working with Cllr Ransley to see how the Borough and County Councils might provide more off-road parking. She also supports better traffic speed control in several local roads, but especially along the Icknield Way.



There are two Dacorum Borough Councillors for Tring Central Ward, one of whom is Cllr Roxanne Ransley, also on Tring Town Council, and currently the Town Mayor.

Cllr Ransley says, "Sheron is proving a real asset as a town councillor and I'm sure she would be equally effective as the second Dacorum Borough councillor for Tring Central. Please support her in the Borough By-Election on the 6th May.

[Would you like to support Sheron Wilkie and the Lib Dems? We always welcome new friends and are happy to have help.](#)

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