

# Wirral Liberal Democrats' Vision for Wirral 2023

Wirral Liberal Democrats believe that empowering individuals builds stronger communities. Our aim is to make Wirral Council efficient, responsive and compassionate, creating an environment that enables vibrant communities to flourish.

Liberal Democrat councillors scrutinise the work of the Council

to ensure we get the best value for every pound available. The government has given Wirral an increase in grant below the level of inflation, despite increased demand for services.

We want a stable and fairer funding system for Wirral that enables longer-term planning rather than relying on unpredictable annual announcements from government about the money available.

Liberal Democrats want an end to the wasteful system of competitive bidding for pots of government funding.

Underlying everything we do will be careful consideration of the environmental impact of all decisions to reduce the Council's carbon footprint and make our local contribution to creating a cleaner, greener and more sustainable planet.

## For this year, our 8 priorities for Oxton are to:

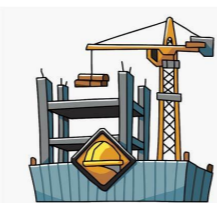
### Repair our crumbling roads

Put extra cash into repairing our deteriorating roads, and improve monitoring of the contractors carrying out resurfacing work.



### Use regeneration grants to build a better Wirral

Ensuring that grants available to the Council for regeneration are spent with a clear vision of the Wirral we want to hand on to future generations.



### Improve services for the elderly

Improve services to meet the needs of elderly residents, supporting them to remain in homes adapted for their needs.



### Help cut energy bills through home insulation

Reduce Wirral's carbon footprint by increasing the energy efficiency of more homes, through schemes that secure reliable ways to help households save on their heating bills.



### Modernise leisure facilities.

Plan for improved leisure facilities which reduce energy usage and an offer that competes with the private sector.



### Improve support for children with special needs

Improve services for children with special needs and disabilities, being more responsive to parents to ensure that children are in the setting most appropriate to their needs.



### End the dumping of sewage into our rivers

Work with other agencies to end the dumping of sewage in our rivers and the sea and protect our environment.



### Defend our Green Belt

Defend the Local Plan and Green Belt to stop building on greenfield sites, using 'brownfield' development to provide the new homes our community needs.



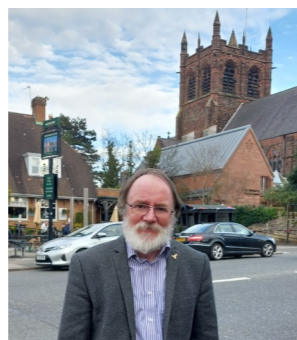
## Meet your Liberal Democrat candidates for May 4th:

### Allan Brame

Educated at Bidston Avenue, Birkenhead School and Cambridge University, Allan was first elected to Merseyside County Council in 1981, serving Oxton until the county council was abolished in 1986.

As a Wirral teacher, he could not stand for Wirral Council, but since retiring as head of English, he was elected in 2018 then re-elected last May with the largest majority of any councillor in Wirral.

Allan is married to Elizabeth, with a grown-up daughter. He is a member of the Oxton Society committee and often leads services at Trinity with Palm Grove church. Last year he was the Lib Dem spokesperson on the Leisure & Tourism Committee.



### Stuart Kelly

Stuart lives in Oxton and attended Townfield and Ridgeway schools. Qualifying at Wirral Met as an electrician Stuart has worked at Cammell Lairds and for the NHS at St. Cath's before moving into teaching and now assessment of apprentice electricians. Stuart is married to Lisa with 2 teenage children and 2 dogs.

First elected as an Oxton Councillor in 1998 Stuart is very experienced and knows how the Council operates and how to get things done; for the past two years Stuart has been the Chair of Wirral's Planning Committee.



### Mike Redfern

Mike is 53 years old and works for IBM UK. He is married to Jan and has a grown up son, Stephen. Mike attended Calday Grange Grammar school and read Applied Biological Sciences at Manchester Metropolitan University.

Mike was part of the winning Lib Dem team in Pensby & Thingwall and was ward councillor there from 2006 to 2010. In his spare time Mike can be found on his allotment.

Mike said, "I would be honoured to be elected to join the team delivering for the people of Oxton."

