

Green View



News and Views from Natalie McVey

“Trust Natalie with the things that matter.”

UPGRADE KIDDERMINSTER HOSPITAL TO RELIEVE ROYAL WORCESTER CRISIS



Can Natalie McVey help you with a problem connected to your local area?

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Local campaigner, **Natalie McVey** has expressed her concern at the latest crisis to hit Royal Worcester Hospital's A&E department. Recently, the ambulance service was forced to bring in its own doctor to care for patients waiting in corridors for treatment.

Harry Turner, chair of the Acute Hospital NHS Trust, recently admitted that the A&E in Worcester is poor. For years, this has been a big worry of people protesting against the down-grading of Kidderminster Hospital.

Natalie says, *'I am sure that campaigners will feel sick to the stomach in being proved right. It is now time to reduce the demands on Worcestershire Royal by bringing services back home to Kidderminster General where there is unused space and waiting staff.'*

Natalie is asking for a clear pledge from the government to reverse the last five years of cuts, and to restore proper funding for the NHS and local councils. She is particularly concerned about the recent closure of Cookley Ward and the loss of 17 rehabilitation beds.



PFI: ALL PAIN, NO GAIN

The expensive PFI contract whereby big business made loans to build and run Worcestershire Royal has led to a struggling hospital service throughout the county.



Natalie says, *"An increase in Child Tax Credit would be life-changing for families struggling to survive on poverty pay."*

24% of Kidderminster Children in Poverty

Natalie has hit out at new plans to cut Child Tax Credit, saying that this - the latest in a long line of austerity cuts - will hit the poorest families the hardest.

According to campaign group, End Child Poverty, almost 24% of children in the town are living in poverty. Most of these live in households where one or more adult is working.

Natalie says, *"It is horrific that Britain has one of the worst rates of child poverty in the industrialised world. For many parents struggling to survive on poverty pay, these cuts will mean the difference between feeding their families and going hungry."*

How many more of these intolerable attacks on low wage families must we endure before the government makes the wellbeing of all its highest priority?"

Natalie is joining calls for an increase in Child Tax Credit of up to £40 a week.

Working for our area all year round

Natalie's campaigns



FIRE STATION CLOSURES, THESE CUTS WILL COST LIVES



SECONDS SAVE LIVES

The rapid speed with which fires take hold and spread means any increase in response time may put lives in danger.

Local campaigner, **Natalie McVey** has labelled the decision to close fire stations in Stourport, Bewdley and Kidderminster as 'reckless'. They are to be replaced by a single site on the out skirts of Kidderminster at a cost to the taxpayer of £6 million.

If the proposed closures of local fire stations go ahead it will leave the three towns more vulnerable, and may put lives at risk due to overstretched fire fighters and the predicted increase in response times.

Natalie says, *'We have been down this same road with our hospital. Decisions like this always result in failure; in over-stretched services with not enough staff to cover the demand. It is possible that these cuts to the fire service will kill.'*

Natalie is asking for cross-party support to oppose all cuts to the local fire service, and thinks that Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority need to draw up alternative plans to ensure that there will be no reductions in vital frontline services.

GET INVOLVED

If you want to help Natalie build a Green future for Blakebrook, Habberley and Sutton Park she'd love to hear from you.

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JOIN OUR GROWING TEAM

NO MORE CUTS, LOCAL COUNCILS REJECT AUSTERITY

The Local Government Association has warned the government that a fresh round of cuts would devastate local communities.

In a letter to The Observer newspaper, council bosses told George Osborne that it will be impossible to cut local services any further without serious consequences.

Natalie strongly agrees and says, *"Here in Blakebrook, Habberley and Sutton Park, this means that vital services, such as collecting bins, filling potholes, maintaining parks and caring for the elderly will struggle to continue. It is horrific how these unpopular austerity cuts are putting an end to local government as we know it."*

Whilst residents are being forced to suffer more unfair austerity cuts, Natalie is calling for local government services to be protected from further reductions in funding.

STAND FIRM AGAINST FOX HUNTING



Despite widespread support for the ban on fox hunting, the government have re-stated their plans to lift it. There's nothing sporting about animal cruelty and I am steadfastly opposed to fox hunting. If you are too, please contact me and find out how you can help me to defend the ban.

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