

Green View



News and Views from Wyre Forest Green Party

NATALIE SLAMS 'DIABOLICAL' FLY-TIPPING SITUATION

"Pride in our community"

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

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Green policies

* Improve people's overall quality of life

* Protect and enhance local strengths and sustainability.

* Promote the efficient use of energy and resources.



Local campaigner, **Natalie McVey** has branded cases of fly-tipping and littering in areas of Wyre Forest as "diabolical".

Residents have to live with more and more incidents of rubbish being dumped on their roads and in the back alleyways between their houses.

Natalie said, "I've been talking to residents across the district and the message is coming through loud and clear: 'Natalie, do something about fly tipping and littering!'"

"As many people know, I have already had success clearing up some fly-tipped areas, but more needs to be done. We need better waste management facilities, and to work with fast food outlets in Bewdley, Kidderminster and Stourport to reduce littering. I look forward to working with the council to stamp out the problem once and for all."



Natalie is offering her help in reporting and removing cases of fly tipped refuse. Contact her by calling 07519 056971.

NATALIE'S VIEWS: POLLING STATION CHAOS



DID YOU HAVE PROBLEMS VOTING?

Natalie would like to hear about your experiences.

A number of local residents have approached me to express their concerns about the lengths of queues as people waited to vote on Election Day. Like many of you, I blame the situation on the closure of more conveniently placed polling stations, supposedly to reduce 'the cost of democracy'.

Some people told me they had to wait over an hour before casting their vote. Others were surprised to be given tickets to ensure entry after 10pm. A number of people left their queues because it was not possible for them to wait any longer. One disgruntled voter described the car parking problems at the Gainsborough Hotel polling station as a 'complete shambles'.

Some people – particularly the elderly and disabled - found it much more difficult to cast their vote this year. Additionally, there was nowhere for them to sit or take cover as they waited. It was lucky that the weather wasn't bad.

The decision to close some of our polling stations needs to be reversed. I hope that, like me, you will be asking for a review of the effects of the Boundary Commission changes on this year's election.

Natalie's campaigns



BOLD ACTION NEEDED TO TACKLE AIR POLLUTION



Natalie is calling for long term action to cut down on harmful nitrogen dioxide emissions.

Natalie McVey has welcomed calls on the UK government to improve its track record at meeting air pollution targets after it received a Supreme Court order.

Air pollution is already a major cause of preventable ill-health in Wyre Forest and there are fears that figures may rise as the impact of nitrogen dioxide has not been considered in official statistics until now.

Natalie says, *'The message from the Supreme Court couldn't be clearer. We have to find the political will and ambition to take the bold action needed to solve this public health and environmental problem.'*

Here in the Wyre Forest, we can do our part by lobbying the county council to invest more into our struggling public transport system; something I've been campaigning for.'

After listening to residents' concerns, Natalie has already made plans to monitor air quality in key areas in Wyre Forest.

GET INVOLVED

If you want to help us build a Green future for Bewdley, Kidderminster and Stourport we'd love to hear from you.

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JOIN OUR GROWING TEAM

3,000 USE KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANKS

Local campaigner, Natalie McVey is concerned by the rising number of Kidderminster residents being forced to use the town's food banks.

Natalie says, *"It is so upsetting that there are more families in Kidderminster than ever before who are relying on food hand-outs to put meals on the table. Many of these are workers who are struggling to get by on poverty pay. Whilst I applaud the generosity of those who run food banks - as well as those who donate to them - I think we need to ask hard questions about why they need to exist at all. We are, after all, the seventh wealthiest nation in the world."*

Natalie is calling on the local council to campaign for local businesses to turn Low Wage Wyre Forest into a real champion of Living Wage Britain.

NATALIE SPEAKS UP FOR OUR AREA



Natalie made an appearance on BBC1's *Sunday Politics* in April. She wants a fairer deal for everyone in Wyre Forest. Almost a 1000 votes went to the Green Party in the ward, and she would like to thank all those who put their trust in her and her team of local volunteers.

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