

Churches Together in Shrewsbury Election Hustings

31st May 2017. Candidate Profiles (in alphabetical order!)

Emma Bullard – Green Party

At this election we risk losing so much of what we value in our society. The Green Party will stand up for what matters.

- A properly funded NHS, free from the threat of the profit motive.
- Good schools for all our children, so they can make the most of their potential without being selected by ability or restricted by a narrow regime of testing
- Young people should have the opportunities that my generation had – a free university education and the freedom to live, work and study abroad
- We welcome EU citizens and want them to stay; not have their family life and work prospects threatened. We'll give the public a vote on the terms of the Brexit deal.
- Protection for the environment and urgent action on climate change. The UK's commitment to the Paris climate change agreement is meaningless without action. Instead of undermining renewable energy technology and its potential to create jobs, the Green Party will invest in them. We won't subsidise fossil fuels or the white elephant that is Hinkley nuclear power station.
- We'll invest in public transport, walking and cycling, and scrap the major roads programme.



Green Party membership and votes are growing locally and across the country. Shrewsbury has just elected its first Green member of Shropshire Council and the town council. If elected I'd support farmers and small businesses against the harmful effects of a hard Brexit; campaign against the damaging and wasteful North West Relief Road; and work to keep local public services strong and properly funded.

I've lived in Shrewsbury since 2000 and my two children went to Meole Brace School and Shrewsbury Sixth Form College. I work for Shrewsbury Food Hub, a project that collects and distributes surplus supermarket food to be used by dozens of community and charitable groups.

Dr Laura Davies - Labour

I grew up in Warwickshire, and studied biochemistry at the University of Leicester, prior to medical school at Warwick, where I joined the Royal Army Medical Corps as a medical officer.

Since leaving the Army I have worked as a hospital doctor, and I am a member of the Royal College of Surgeons.

I am married and I have two children. I gave birth to my second son just a few weeks before the election was announced, making the campaign over the last few weeks a busy one!



- My front-line experience in the NHS will help me to understand the pressures facing the NHS. I want to see a properly funded NHS, with adequate resources, better structural organisation and properly rewarded staff.
- I will oppose 'Hard Brexit'. Theresa May's negotiations are counter-productive and will result in a worse deal for Britain. Remaining in the single market should be a priority for the next government.
- I will oppose the savage cuts to our schools to enable every child to fulfil their potential.
- I will campaign to protect pensions and ensure older people can live with dignity and get the care they need.
- All of my policy decisions will be based around environmental protection, sustainability and animal welfare.

I have real-life experience, and I can use that to be a better representative for Shrewsbury & Atcham in Westminster. I have served my country in the Army, and I will serve my constituents with the same commitment. Members of Parliament from diverse backgrounds make for good policymaking and stable government.

Standing up for Shrewsbury – *Campaigning for You!*

Hannah Fraser – Liberal Democrat

Hannah Fraser is a Shropshire and Shrewsbury Town Councillor who lives with her husband and two children in Shrewsbury. Hannah runs her own business as an Environmental Consultant, solving groundwater and contaminated land problems. She is a passionate about education, fighting school cuts from local and central government. She has been a fierce defender of our public services, including the Quarry Pool in Shrewsbury.

Hannah Fraser and the Liberal Democrats want to give our children the best start in life by funding schools properly. We want to look after the sick and elderly by putting a penny on income tax, to properly fund our health and care services. We want to give the people of Britain the choice of a



brighter future with a vote on the final Brexit deal. The Conservatives are offering a mean-spirited vision of Britain and the world, and Jeremy Corbyn's chaotic Labour party can't be trusted with our economy.

The Liberal Democrats exist to build and safeguard a fair, free and open society, in which we seek to balance the fundamental values of liberty, equality and community, and in which no one shall be enslaved by poverty, ignorance or conformity. We believe in a Britain that is tolerant, open and united. We believe in a Britain that reaches a hand in friendship to our neighbours, and that works together to solve our shared problems such as climate change and international security.

It is time that we had real change in our area, someone who will stand up for us at Westminster instead of toeing the Conservative party line. If you want a hardworking MP who lives here and knows what we need, if you would like a brighter future for Shrewsbury and Atcham, vote for Hannah Fraser on June 8th.

Edward Higginbottom - UKIP

I was born in Iran – my parents were there because my father worked for what is now BP. In my first ten years of life I spent a total of about six of them living in the Middle East.

The family settled in Church Stretton in 1959 where I attended the local school and then Shrewsbury Technical College. I started working for the National Provincial Bank (now NatWest) in 1967 at Ludlow. During my career I moved about the country to places as diverse as Worcester, Tenby, Wolverhampton, London and Stafford before returning to Shropshire. The Bank pensioned me off on the grounds of ill health – an eye condition.

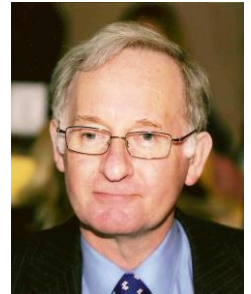
I was a Conservative Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Councillor for a few years; and also on Great Hanwood Parish Council for a dozen or more. I was treasurer of Hanwood Village Hall for just under 25 years, and at one time I was also on St Thomas's Parochial Church Council.

When I reached the age of sixty, a friend challenged me to learn how to fly light aircraft – so I did.

I left the Conservative Party when David Cameron became leader but did not join UKIP until 2014.

My aims are:

- To get the UK out of the European Union as quickly as possible.
- To have proportional representation at both national and local elections.
- To create an English Parliament.
- To put more money into the NHS and social care, and try and stop it being a 'political football'.
- Have a fair, points-based, immigration policy.
- Scrap the vainglorious HS2.
- To put money and resources into our woefully inadequate armed forces and police services.



Daniel Kawczynski – Conservative

Over the last twelve years as your Member of Parliament, I have consistently put Shrewsbury & Atcham first in all my work. Whether that has been my long held belief that we need a fairer funding system for our counties schools, improved transport links, better healthcare at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, or more money for Shropshire Council, my constituency is always at the heart of what I do.

My priority has been to secure funding for the North West Relief Road, current routes which send traffic through the Town Centre creates congestion and pollution. I successfully lobbied Government for £1 million to conduct a business case which will be used to apply for the funding to complete the road.

I have also been lobbying for a fairer funding mechanism for schools because the antiquated funding system hugely prefers inner city areas to rural shire counties with major discrepancies between the two. In the last Parliament, we received an extra £10.2 million for the county and will continue to fight for more.

The NHS Future Fit programme recommends two new Urgent Care Centres at the RSH and the PRH, with one of the Hospitals receiving vast investment for a new Emergency Centre, I will continue to argue that it should be based at RSH.

Farming plays an important role in the counties livelihood and culture, that's why I have always supported it from milk prices to assisting farmers to make capital investments to improve the efficiencies of their business.

Since coming into Government in 2010, we have set about restoring confidence in the economy. More jobs have been created in Britain in six years than in all of the EU. We've cut the deficit by two-thirds. Created growth and prosperity from a moderate taxation policy on hard-working families and businesses, designed to ensure businesses have more to invest in new technology, expansion opportunities and employment.

