

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

# Harrogate Borough Council election candidates

VOTERS will go to the polls in two weeks for the May 1 district elections that could change the make-up of Harrogate Council. The Conservative Party, which currently holds 24 of the 54 seats on the council, occupies 12 of the 16 rural ward seats up for grabs, but the Liberal Democrats - with 23 total seats - will be hoping to make inroads into the slim Tory lead and potentially take control of the council. The Labour party will also be looking to make gains of their own, fielding five candidates and contesting the rural seats for the first time. The British National Party will contest six of the wards, with the UK Independence Party fielding three candidates and one Independent candidate standing for election. Of the other four rural seats available, the Liberal Democrat party holds three with one, Lower Nidderdale, vacant following the death of Conservative councillor Elwyn Hinchcliffe. Here we bring you a rundown of the candidates in six of the wards. On election night on May 1 you will be able to see a full round-up of results as they are announced by logging onto [www.harrogateadvertiser.net](http://www.harrogateadvertiser.net)

**Bishop Monkton**



Ian Galloway (Con)

MY priorities are to support parishes which have identified a need for affordable housing and assist family members who wish to remain in village communities.

I will support the county council on highways matters, particularly suitable safety schemes to reduce speeding and continue to fight for a higher police presence in villages.



Steve Barlow (Lib Dem)

STEVE lives locally and participates in local groups and fundraising activities, including the drama group and the Bishop Monkton hog roast.

A hard-working local campaigner, Steve is concerned about the speed of traffic through our villages and would consult residents on providing 20mph speed zones. He is keen to be a councillor seen all year round and not just at election time.

**Boroughbridge**

Patricia Ann Foxall, (Lab)

DESPITE the population of Boroughbridge having grown in recent years, public transport provision has not increased. If elected, I would use my position as a borough councillor to press for a better direct bus link to Harrogate.

I also want to see the concessionary fares extended to include young people and students.

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Robert Windass (Con)

ROBERT has been a town councillor in Boroughbridge for the past nine years.

He is passionately committed to environmental issues and at present campaigning against the proposed siting of a waste transfer station in Boroughbridge.

He is also working to improve the town's recreation ground, having secured some lottery funding to do so.



Peter Phillips (Lib Dem)

A FORMER mayor of Boroughbridge, Peter has lived in Boroughbridge for over 20 years. A trained youth worker, he has worked tirelessly providing many and varied opportunities for young people in Boroughbridge and the surrounding area.

Peter is keen to maintain the character of Boroughbridge and opposes the Waste Transfer Site at Milby.

**Claro**

Geoff Foxall (Lab)

I WAS a Labour councillor in Harrogate for eight years during the 1980s and early 1990s. During my time as a councillor I fought to protect our open spaces, campaigned for free bus travel for pensioners and argued against council plans to sell off council housing to the private sector.

If elected I shall press for more affordable housing, with strict controls on development.

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Anthony Alton (Con)

ANTHONY Alton is an ardent campaigner for the needs of rural communities.

His particular concerns include: the delivery of a just and fair planning policy; improved recycling facilities for villages, and the potential threat currently posed by proposals for a wind farm within the Claro Ward.



Malcolm Howe (Lib Dem)

RETURNED unopposed as parish councillor in Arkendale. Malcolm Howe is very active in the local community.

He is vice-chairman of Arkendale Village Hall Committee pushing to raise funds for the new village hall.

A teacher by profession, Malcolm is deeply involved in adult education and youth/community work, serving on many committees.

**Killinghall**



Andrew Philip Gray (Lab)

LABOUR councillors have a proven track record of hard work throughout the year, and if elected I will hold regular surgeries in the ward. I believe that Labour offers a real difference for local people in Killinghall ward and the wider district. There are a number of pressing issues in the ward not least traffic speeds, congestion, affordable housing and access to local services.



Jennifer Hunter (UK Independence)

JENNIFER is a language tutor who specialised in German and has private and public-sector work experience. She is concerned about the erosion of traditional values and civil liberties.

She is a vehement opponent of the increasing volume of unnecessary and draconian legislation which adversely affects individuals as well as businesses.



Michael Harrison (Con)

MICHAEL has represented Killinghall, Hampsthwaite, Ripley and Nidd since 2004. Aged 38, he lives in Killinghall Moor, and is married with four children. He works in Financial Services. Michael has a proven track record of delivering for residents such as providing new play areas, community projects, homes for locals and resisting inappropriate housing development.



Paul Butters (Lib Dem)

PAUL Butters is a young and enthusiastic person with strong family ties in Killinghall.

He is particularly concerned about the proposed large scale development in Killinghall and Hampsthwaite.

He is determined to fight to preserve the unique character of the area.

Paul is also concerned to tackle the area's traffic problems.

**Mashamshire**



Nigel Simms (Con)

VOTE for me and I will continue to represent our ward with great care and consideration.

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Please contact me on 01765 689784.



John Stockdale (Lib Dem)

JOHN is a former borough councillor and former mayor of Ripon City. He was in senior management before retiring and is involved in several local organisations. John is particularly concerned about housing, wanting to help local young people and professionals such as nurses and teachers to be able to have a home in the district.

**Newby Hall**



Nick Brown (Con)

YORKSHIREMAN Nick Brown, 61, lives in Girdall and is married with three daughters. He has extensive experience in the motor industry, both in family business and as a director of a quoted plc.

A former rural district, Leeds city, town and parish councillor, he is totally opposed to the waste transfer application in Milby.



Steve Jones (Lib Dem)

STEVE, a local teacher, has lived in the area for many years.

Steve is interested in recycling and believes the council should provide the same recycling facilities to the rural areas as provided to the urban areas. Steve would like to see rural public transport improved using a variety of organisations like the Little Red Bus and Royal Mail.

**ELECTION PREVIEW PART 2...**  
The remaining wards and candidates will be covered in next week's paper

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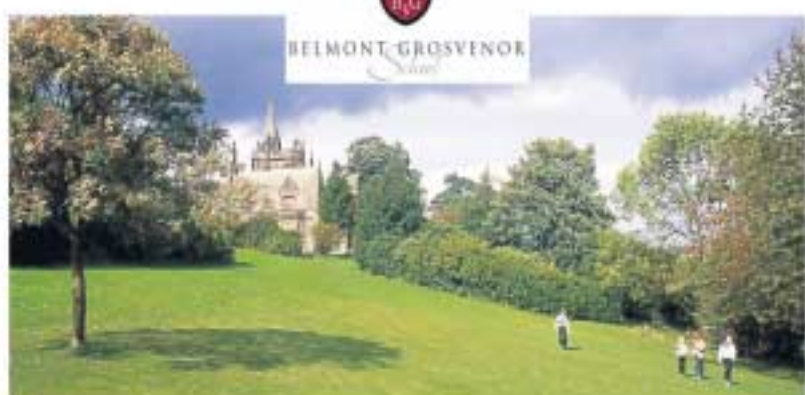
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