

# WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Can you spare a minute to tell Karen Lumley your concerns about the economy, jobs and the cost of living in our area? She thinks the government could do more to ease the financial worries we're all suffering from at the moment. What do you think?

## KAREN LUMLEY'S 60 Second Survey

### 1. Do you feel the cost of living has risen in the past twelve months?

- Yes, a little                       Yes, a lot  
 It's about the same               No, it's gone down

### 2. Which of these aspects of the rising cost of living most concerns you?

- Weekly food bills                       The price of petrol/diesel  
 Mortgage/rent                       Energy bills

### 3. Have you and your family made any cutbacks in recent months by...

- Going out less often                       Cutting down on holidays  
 Using the car less often                       Cutting out luxuries  
 Switching to cheaper brands at the supermarket

### 4. Are you and your family putting aside money for savings or pensions?

- Yes, the same as before                       Yes, but a bit less than before  
 No, not any more                       No, but we weren't before

### 5. In the Pre-Budget Report, Labour increased borrowing by £17,000 per family, doubling the national debt to over £1 trillion. Does this level of debt...

- Worry you a little                       Not worry you  
 Worry you a lot                       Don't know

### 6. How do you think you'll vote at the next election?

- Conservative                       Labour                       Liberal Democrat  
 Undecided between Conservative and Labour  
 Undecided between Conservative and Lib Dem  
 Undecided, but not Conservative                       Other (please specify) .....

### Can you help Karen Lumley win?

- Pledge to vote Conservative  
 Join your local Conservatives  
 Deliver a few leaflets locally  
 Display a poster at elections

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# KAREN LUMLEY'S PLAN FOR CHANGE IN REDDITCH COUNTY



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# WHY WE NEED CHANGE IN REDDITCH COUNTY

BY LOCAL PARLIAMENTARY  
CANDIDATE, KAREN LUMLEY

I have lived in Redditch for many years and have seen what Labour control both nationally and locally has done to our town, our countryside and our economy.

We have removed the local Labour council and can now see just what a mess they have left behind. Nationally we have an economy in ruins and many hard working people are losing their jobs in Redditch and the villages.

Redditch deserves an MP who lives here with her family and puts the needs of her electorate first. I believe that we need change sooner rather than later and I am asking for your support.

*Karen Lumley*



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# VOTE BLUE BE GREEN

## REDDITCH GROWTH SHOULD NOT HURT OUR ENVIRONMENT.

Karen is only too aware that government proposals to build more houses in Redditch county could affect not only our green spaces but also the local environment as wholesale infrastructure changes would be necessary to accommodate them.

Redditch as a new town was lucky to be bequeathed lots of green space such as Arrow Valley, Morton Stanley and Forge Mill. These are vital for all to enjoy.

Karen is also very proud of the recycling that Redditch Council delivers and especially the excellent refuse service it provides. Having joined the green recycling team on Boxing Day, Karen appreciates just how hard these council employees work and the great job they do.

When green space is lost it is extremely hard to recover. It is vital we protect our environment today not just for ourselves but for its impact on our children's lives and future generations.

## CONSERVATIVE PLANS TO MAKE REDDITCH COUNTY GREENER

- **Recycling**  
To keep encouraging the local community to recycle.
- **Green Space**  
To protect our parks and encourage residents to use them.
- **New Building**  
To ensure any future development is consistent with environmental protection.



**Karen and Carole will work to protect green space in Redditch.**

# FAIRER FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

## KAREN WILL FIGHT FOR MORE RESOURCES FOR OUR CHILDREN.

Karen passionately believes that every child deserves the best education that government can provide. Both Karen's children were educated in the state sector as were Karen and her husband Richard.

As Chairman of Governors at the largest first school in Redditch, Karen is only too aware of the pressures on the staff and the budget.

Worcestershire is one of the worst funded authorities in the country and every year the budget at schools is a huge issue for heads and governors. Only just up the road in Birmingham each school receives over £500 more per pupil. Just think what we could do with that!



As Chairman of Governors I know what we could do with more funding.

It is an issue that Worcestershire has been raising with central government for years but with little success and seems to fall behind year on year.

The other big issue that faces staff is the paperwork and regulation that Labour keeps piling on them. Teachers should be there to teach and not fill in endless forms.

Karen knows that children only get one chance at their education and believes that each and every generation deserves the very best that we can give them.

## CONSERVATIVE PLANS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICES

### ■ Less Paperwork

Let teachers teach

### ■ Fairer Funding

A fair deal for Worcestershire children

### ■ Independence

Let head teachers decide what is best for their school



# REDDITCH BUSINESSES STRUGGLE

## KAREN KNOWS THAT BUSINESS NEEDS HELP NOW.

Karen has spent the last few months visiting small, medium and large companies to learn for herself the problems they are facing in the current economic climate.

She has spoken to many owners who are struggling and cannot see any light at the end of the tunnel. One man told Karen of his plight in which he had never had an overdraft but was now dreading the visit of the bank manager.

Another told Karen of the short-time working he was having to impose on his staff due to a cut in orders and the anguish he felt as they opened their pay packets every week wondering how they were going to pay their bills.

Redditch, as with the rest of this country, is in big trouble and we now need to see the banks start to lend again and we need to grow a stronger and broader economy.

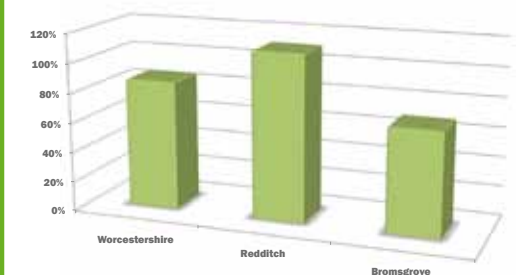
I am delighted that the Conservative Redditch Council has started investing in an Economic Development Department again after a decade of Labour decline. The Conservative Council believes our economic future lies in attracting new companies to Redditch whenever possible.

Our location in the country and great road links make Redditch an attractive place to relocate and in this very difficult climate we need all the help we can get.



A deteriorating economy means tough times ahead.

## UNEMPLOYMENT IN REDDITCH IS RISING FASTER THAN IN NEIGHBOURING BROMSGROVE OR THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE.



# REDDITCH COUNTY NEEDS ACTION NOT WORDS

## KAREN WANTS TO SEE MORE POWER TRANSFERRED TO LOCAL PEOPLE.

I recently spent an evening with the police and was very impressed by both their commitment and their professionalism. They face huge challenges and do an amazing job in very difficult circumstances.

I would put drugs and alcohol at the top of my crime agenda. Drug abuse in the UK is the worst in Europe. We are the cocaine capital of Europe and half of prisoners are drug addicts. Drug offences are up by 68% to more than 600 a day in 2007/8.

We need to be more robust about our licensing laws. There is a strong case to end Labour's 24 hour drinking regime and those retailers who systematically break licensing laws should be closed.

Under Labour we are living in a country where robbery is up 27% and where in 2007/8 a gun crime is committed in England and Wales every hour.

We have some big challenges ahead if we are to change things but the country expects and deserves better.

I want the people of Redditch to feel safe in their homes and on the street and working together we can achieve it.



Karen wants more local accountability for police.

## Armed robbery horror for cashier

Redditch Standard 19 September 2008

**“Safety and security matter to me.”**



Conservatives believe in personal responsibility.



Crime affects the environment.



Youth facilities reduce crime.

### KAREN LUMLEY'S 4 POINT PLAN TO COMBAT CRIME

- **Licensing**  
We need to be very robust about our licensing laws and enforce them.
- **Police on the beat**  
Give our police officers the freedom to do the job they signed up to do.
- **Broken Britain**  
We need to make sure that young people receive a real and useful education.
- **Border policing**  
We need to ensure that drugs are not getting into Britain and fuelling crime in our communities.