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Tories take control of Redditch Borough council for the first time in 26 years

Karen with most of the Concillors at the first group meeting



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It's time to fight back

says Karen Lumley

Conservatives will:

- Scrap the detailed "stop form" and allow police officers to question individuals without having to make a written record.
 - Scrap Labour's early release scheme.
 - Build more prison spaces.
 - Repeal the Human Rights Act and replace it with a British Bill of Rights.
 - Create a dedicated border police force, with responsibility for protecting the UK from illegal immigration and smuggling.
- Karen says "I want us to be able to live in a country where we all feel safe. We need a greater police presence and real penalties on anti-social behaviour. This government has let us all down and continues to do so. Labour's record on crime is their biggest broken promise."

If you have a problem, please feel free to contact Karen or one of the Redditch Conservative Action Team.
You can email Karen at Karen.lumley@btinternet.com or write to her at
37 Worcester Road, Bromsgrove, Worcesterstershire B61 7DN
or 'phone her on **01527 579348** or **07760 393767**

Tell me your views...

What issue would you like me to champion for you and other local people:

Name:

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- to deliver a few leaflets
 - to register as a supporter
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 - to help with Karen's campaign
 - to make a donation
 - Karen to contact me
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Fair deal 4 Redditch

Former Secretary of State for Education Ruth Kelly – “Every child is different but is of equal worth!”

The sad fact of that statement is not if you live in Worcestershire. Young people in Redditch are discriminated against because of our location.

This Labour government has devised a complicated formula, which determines the amount that is needed to educate the children of Redditch and for some reason decided that our children need significantly less funding than our neighbours.

The biggest example of this is the funding allocated to Birmingham where each child in 2008 is worth some £719 more than Redditch. That cannot be right.

In the league table of how Authorities are funding we see Worcestershire in the bottom quarter placed 140 out of 155.

Karen believes that this government promised so much and has not delivered that for the children in Redditch. Why should children in Birmingham receive so much more than Redditch children?

Karen has spoken to Helen Donovan, an experienced campaigner for fairer funding to understand more about the problems we face and is very grateful for her advice

Children only get one chance to get a good education and it shouldn't be dependent on where you live. They should get the very best we can deliver for them. Karen has visited schools in Birmingham, the Midlands and Hertfordshire and seen for herself the huge difference in resources that they have available to them.



Health

Worcestershire's Conservative Parliamentary team for the next general election, made up of MPs Peter Luff and Julie Kirkbride, together with Parliamentary Candidates Harriett Baldwin, Mark Garnier, Karen Lumley and Robin Walker, are calling for a new radio therapy unit to be based in the heart of Worcestershire at the Royal Hospital in Worcester.

The costs are extensive - £1.5 million per machine, together with specially built concrete bunkers to protect staff and the environment – and so a period of public consultation is underway, due to be completed in March / April this year.

In a joint statement, Peter Luff MP, Julie Kirkbride MP, Harriett Baldwin, Mark Garnier, Karen Lumley and Robin Walker said:

“We are committed to working together for this very important improvement to cancer care for the people of Worcestershire. This is about an issue that is bigger than our individual constituencies. By working together on this vital service, we will be able to achieve more for all our constituents. Travel times will be significantly reduced, together with costs to patients. But more importantly, waiting times will go down and outcomes will improve.”

Adding to the statement, Karen Lumley Parliamentary Candidate for Redditch “Locating this facility in the Alex has already been ruled out. But this is the second best alternative for Redditch and the best outcome for Worcestershire as a whole. With Redditch patients at present having to travel out of the county for their radiotherapy treatment, the facility based in Worcester is the easiest outcome. I am grateful to my Conservative colleagues across the county for this unified effort to improve cancer care for all our residents.”



I have known Karen since she was first selected as the Conservative candidate for Redditch. I was

present at her selection and was so impressed by her commitment on that night.

Redditch has now become Redditch County by taking in villages such as Hanbury and the Lenches and several other villages. This is a largely rural area with all the issues that are relevant to farming and rural life. Karen became aware of the deep anxieties of farmers

about bovine T.B. and arranged for Shadow Minister Jim Pace M.P. to come and meet them so that their concerns could be heard.

This followed several vain attempts by those farmers to get their sitting member to even reply to a letter let alone meet them

Karen is well aware of the busy task of getting these outlying parts of the new constituency 'on board' but I have every confidence that she will be able to accomplish that by her determination to become the Conservative M.P. for Redditch County.

Audrey Steel



Post Office closures: 'Enough is Enough,' says Karen Lumley

Redditch's Conservative Parliamentary Candidate, Karen Lumley, is fully supporting the campaign to keep Post Offices open.

Across the country, over 4,000 branches have been shut with a further 2,500 earmarked for closure by 2009. Locally, the reality of these cuts is being felt.

Post Offices are the lifeblood in our towns and communities. As more and more Post Offices face uncertainty, the elderly and the sick are being denied a service they are entitled to. As the Government takes more responsibility away from the Post Office, many people are struggling to receive even the basic services, including collecting payments.

Nationally, 4 million people have signed a petition to keep the Post Office in business. Conservatives are taking action and listening to your needs.

The Conservatives plan to:

- Give sub-Post Offices more freedom to offer a wider range of business services
- Push for more Post Offices to be 'One Stop Shops' – trained staff could then advise on a range of matters, including tax returns, pension entitlement and opening hours
- Encourage local Councils to open 'Council Counters' in local branches
- Allow the Post Office to work with carriers other than the Royal Mail
- Prevent the Royal Mail taking business away from sub-Post Offices by undercutting the prices they can charge for postage.

