



INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY & Health Concern

Shaping Bewdley's Future Calne is one of the lead Councillors on the Town Council



The Neighbourhood Plan gives the Local Council and Residents more opportunity to influence future land use and preserve, protect and enhance our area.

Protecting the Countryside Draft Objective: "To protect the identity of Bewdley as an historic riverside market town within its open countryside and woodland setting and ensure that new developments respect the (historic) landscape character."

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

- Preserving Heritage & Character
- Community & Wellbeing
- Managing Housing Supply
- Improving the Infrastructure
- Promoting Jobs & the Local Economy
- Protecting the Countryside



Bewdley Mayor
2015-2016

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Vote for Calne a Local, Experienced Councillor. She will ensure that Worcestershire County Council deliver improvements to our local services and promote our vision for the BEWDLEY COUNTY DIVISION

We need Councillors who stay focused on what matters to you and our community.

Vote Calne EDGINTON-WHITE X

Honesty, Integrity and Trust



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Local People Working Independently for YOU

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 4th 2017

BEWDLEY COUNTY DIVISION

CALNE EDGINTON-WHITE

Calne is the Independent Community and Health Concern Candidate for the BEWDLEY County Division. She has lived in Bewdley for 60 years, her son Benjamin was educated in Bewdley and is now doing a PhD in Cancer Science at Birmingham University. Her husband Bill has run a Nursery and Plant Centre in Far Forest since 1994.

Calne is an experienced Councillor, following in her mother's (Louise Edginton) footsteps, Calne was a Wyre Forest District Councillor for 13 years until 1982. She was elected to Bewdley Town Council in 2014 and is a Rock Parish Councillor.

Calne has an Education degree and worked for Worcestershire County Council as Deputy Headteacher at Far Forest Lea Memorial Primary School in the late seventies and St Anne's First School for 16 years before her Headteacher post in Stourport in 1994. She also represented the County on the National Leading Leaders Programme and on National Education working parties. Calne has an in depth knowledge of Education and the challenges which face our schools and County.

In 2015-2016 she was Bewdley Mayor, Calne says, "It was an enormous privilege to represent Bewdley across Worcestershire during my Mayoral year."

"My greatest honour was supporting community groups and organisations. As Events lead Councillor working in partnership with so many groups for our Town and parishes is very rewarding."

"It is crucial that Parish, Town, District and County Councils work together and that local Councillors have a strong voice at County Hall."



Our County Council is the largest tier of LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Key County Services are:

- Highways and Transport*
- Schools, Education and Learning*
- Support for Children & Families*
- Environmental Services*
- Health and Social Care*
- Economic Growth & Business*

CHOOSE LOCAL EXPERIENCED COUNCILLORS TO WORK FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Calne has 100% Committee attendance

- ◆ **Planning (Deputy Chair)**
- ◆ **Policy and Resources**
- ◆ **Community Development**
- ◆ **Neighbourhood Plan Steering**
- ◆ **Flood Alleviation & Flood Volunteers (Lead Councillor)**
- ◆ **Events Group (Lead Councillor)**
- ◆ **Bewdley Museum Management**

VOTE for Calne Edginton-White

A Vote for our Community

Independent Community & Health Concern at the "Heart" of the Matter.

HEALTH ISSUES

Independent Community and Health Concern are monitoring the new Community Unit at Kidderminster Hospital, which provides local services for the elderly and mentally impaired.

We are also campaigning to ensure:

**More elective day-case and short-stay surgery cases take place at Kidderminster Hospital.

**A doctor is provided at the Kidderminster Minor Injuries Unit

**The review of Acute Hospital Services includes a study of emergency care across the whole county.

**The transport issues for patients and families attending Worcester Royal and parking fees at local hospitals need to be reviewed urgently.



VULNERABLE and LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN "widespread and serious failures" *Ofsted Jan 2017*

"There are **widespread and serious failures** in the services provided to children in Worcestershire who need help and protection and children looked after..... "Elected members and senior leaders have not taken sufficient action to ensure the protection of vulnerable children." *Ofsted Jan 2017*

Calne says, "This situation has to be addressed immediately and the new elected members must take a lead for the sake of our vulnerable children." Question: Has the commissioning out of many children's services been a contributing factor in this situation, should the return of in-house services be considered for the good of Worcestershire's children and young people?

FLOOD BARRIERS—Beale's Corner



Working with the Environment Agency we have secured **Property Level Protection** for properties in the Beale's Corner area. We have also secured the retention of **temporary flood barriers until 2020** and have set up a **Community Flood Volunteers group**.

We now need to press forward with our campaign for a more permanent low level barrier which would enable us to **Keep Bewdley Open for Business** during a flood event and ensure that all residents can access to essential services in Bewdley.

KEEPING SAFE & FIGHTING CRIME

The **Smartwater** project in Rock is a positive initiative to curb local theft and beakins. Engagement in this scheme can be extended into Bewdley and surrounding areas. **PACT** and **Neighbourhood Watch** should be supported across our area.

Questions.

Why is our Incinerator not putting energy from the waste back into our homes?

Is there good communication between the social care agencies?

Do we have too many senior staff and not enough frontline workers at County?



PROTECTING OUR HISTORIC LANDSCAPE

Protecting and preserving the Historic Landscape Character and green spaces west of the River Severn is vital.

The historic footpaths, wildlife corridors, Ancient Woodland of the Wyre Forest and the river valley are precious. Preserving the landscape surrounding the listed and locally listed buildings and monuments of Bewdley is at the heart of the uniqueness of our area.

The local "Restoring Orchards" project is crucial.

The sustainability and well-being of our community relies on maintaining the unique features of our open Countryside and woodland.

SAY NO TO INVASIVE DEVELOPMENTS



TRANSPORT AND ROADS



The road infrastructure into and out of Bewdley needs serious improvement to ensure **good access to Town Centre Services and to reduce pollution at Welch Gate.**

The County Council have a £5m Capital Fund to cut congestion and improve Worcestershire road networks and the condition of the existing roads. The Bewdley By Pass islands at the Safari Park and Longbank are both serious pressure points and the County Council as the Highway authority must take this into account when consulting on future development of our area.

Public Transport

Convenient public transport to get residents to and from work and school and provide better access to the Town's facilities is an important aspect of improving air quality, reducing parking needs and supporting our local economy. Bewdley, Wribbenhall and our rural Parishes support both an ageing population and young families, good local public transport would contribute to the well-being of our whole community. Working with officers at county to ensure there is sufficient public transport to serve the local population is a priority.

FOOTPATHS AND PAVEMENTS The County Council in its latest budget has set aside £6m to support investment in footpaths and pavements. Bewdley Town Centre pavements and outside our schools at Wyre Hill and Far Forest must be a priority for immediate improvement. **Please let Calne know about potholes and pavement maintenance needed near you.**

20 is PLENTY— Around our Schools and on the Gateway Roads into our Town and Village Centres there is serious concern about speeding traffic. Your County Councillor can make a case for speed restrictions in these sensitive areas. Give Calne Edginton-White the opportunity to press this case as a representative for Bewdley on the County Council.

TWENTY'S PLENTY

