

In Touch

With

Ian Foster



Your Hawkwell West Ward Candidate
Rochford District Council Local Election – May 2020

Dear Resident,

I am delighted to have been selected as your Conservative Candidate, standing for the local elections in May in Hawkwell West ward. I have lived in Hawkwell for forty years. I have two married daughters and five grandchildren.



Ever since my late wife and I moved to Hawkwell, I have been actively involved in the local community. For the period I was chairman of Hawkwell Parish Council I was particularly proud of leading the campaign which resulted in the Parish Council acquiring Spencers Park where 3000 trees were planted, and Magnolia Park, both of which might otherwise have been developed.

When I was Chair of the governing body, I led Westerings and Greensward Schools through a period of great change and improvement. For the Royal British Legion, I organised the first three of the annual fundraising fetes on Hawkwell Village Green. I am a keen member and Chairman of a local University of the Third Age (U3A) group where I take part in a wide range of activities.

Over the past year I have been working with existing Conservative ward Councillor Julie Gooding taking forward issues raised by residents.

In seeking election, I will stand by my personal values and give an assurance to work hard for residents. As demonstrated by my past achievements, I am committed to Rochford and in particular Hawkwell, to work with residents in supporting them to continue to make it a safe and pleasant area in which to live.

Thank you for reading this and I hope to meet you in the coming weeks.

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If you wish you can contact me: ianfoster4hawkwell@gmail.com or 01702 543072.



WHAT I AM INVOLVED WITH !

Hockley and Hawkwell Day Centre: As Chairman, I have steered the Day Centre Executive Committee through a challenging time and supported the volunteer team through a total refurbishment of all social areas and a major upgrade of the electrical and safety systems.

Memory Lane Café: I am most proud of the fact that in the past few months, along with friends, we have established a new Charity – Memory Lane Café where carers of people living with the effects of dementia can meet, network, socialise and be entertained. We set up with a small grant from Sanctuary Housing which we matched with our own contributions and later, a small grant from the National Lottery.



Speed Watch: You generally support the work we do in Community Speed Watch and you ask us to do more Speed Watch sessions. Speeding is a significant contributor to a high percentage of accidents involving death or serious injuries and we hope that Speed Watch can act as a deterrent.

Litter: With other volunteers, we carry out “litter pick” sessions to complement the work undertaken by Rochford District Council. Lots of people agree it is helpful. I would be happy to discuss if anyone has any ideas which would help to deter those who cause the problem.



Infrastructure: I have long argued the case for infrastructure before development but it is also important that existing infrastructure is well managed. I believe that many street works are badly managed causing delays, frustration and pollution. I challenge highways authorities over the issue but as your elected representative I would be better placed to argue for improvements.

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