

Keep National Politics out of Local Elections On May 2nd Vote Stone Independents



Who are we?

Local residents with business, public and voluntary sector backgrounds working for Stone and its residents. We believe that local councils require independent-minded individuals from the community rather than representatives of national political parties whose loyalties lie elsewhere.

What do we want for Stone?

We want Stone to be vibrant with a strong sense of community, a friendly, welcoming atmosphere and a destination valued for its markets, festivals, parks and attractions.

Since Gaining Control in 2016 We Have:

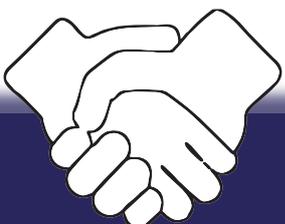
- Developed a **Neighbourhood Plan** to protect green spaces and guide future development.
- Strongly supported **better leisure and play facilities** throughout the town.
- Responded to residents' concerns by opposing unwelcome developments and petitioning Parliament against an **HS2 Railhead** adjacent to the town.
- Worked with **Post Office** management to ensure a new Post Office in the town.
- Strongly supported the **Crown Wharf development** including theatre, heritage centre and community area.
- Strengthened established **events** and developed many new attractions.
- Introduced an event **calendar, business directory and town centre map** and improved street furniture, notice boards and finger posts.
- Built **productive relationships with businesses** building a high town centre occupancy rate of 96%.
- Acted as a **voice for Stone residents** in dealings with Borough and County authorities.
- **Provided grants** to deserving charitable and community organizations.
- Achieved **average attendance of 84%** at Town Council meetings compared with 58% by town conservatives.
- Made **cost-effective** investments while controlling the annual Town Council tax bill at £50.10 per household.

Our Commitment to You:

- Ratifying the Neighbourhood Plan and continuing the fight to protect green spaces such as Tilling Drive.
- Supporting development of improved leisure and play facilities.
- Ensuring effective development of Crown Wharf.
- Removing the splinter island at the bottom of Christchurch Way to ease town centre traffic flow.
- Resisting an HS2 Railhead adjacent to the town.
- Encouraging better traffic flow and safety on the A34, A51, Eccleshall Road and Walton Roundabout
- Push for infrastructure improvements for the growing population eg. schools, doctors surgeries and dentists
- Working towards a 'plastic-free and more environmentally friendly town aiming to eradicate litter and dog-fouling.
- Continuing a sound approach to town council tax rate-setting.

Our Involvement Locally:

Members of Stone Independents are involved with many local charities and voluntary organizations including: Stone in Bloom, Age Concern, Rotary, Lions, Stone Community Hub, Royal British Legion, RAFA, Stone Railhead Crisis Group



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