

# STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

## Walton Ward Thursday 2nd May 2019

Your Independent Candidates  
Part of Stone Independents



Mark Green



Jill Hood

Keep National Politics out of Local Elections  
**'give Stone a voice in Stafford'**  
**Vote Independent**

Local residents working for Stone

# Message from the Candidates

Mark and Jill are long-standing residents of Walton and understand well the area and the concerns and needs of residents.

We will represent all residents regardless of national political affiliation and will judge each and every issue on its merits.

## **We will also:**

Support the development of **improved leisure facilities and play areas**

Work to ensure a stronger police presence in Walton to **reduce crime and anti-social behavior.**

Work with the Highways Authority to **improve road surfaces** and **regularly clear road drains.**

Work to **prevent the construction of the Stone Railhead** proposed to begin next year.

Support and **encourage new businesses** to create employment opportunities, especially for younger people.

Work with County and Borough authorities to **improve the infrastructure** especially doctors surgeries, schools, roads, drainage systems and broadband.

Insist on **strong financial management** ensuring services are maintained or improved.

Oppose further reductions in front line services that are **detrimental to residents.**

Oppose further major housing developments to **safeguard the character of the town and protect green spaces** in line with the Neighbourhood Plan

# Meet your Candidates

## **Mark Green**

Mark was elected as a Stone Councillor in 2007 and had the honour of becoming the Town Mayor in 2008 and Deputy in 2010. Currently he is serving as Consort to his wife, who is the present Mayor. He is now retired, having run a Bed and Breakfast in Stone. He will carry on campaigning until all roads in Walton are of a good standard. He also believes that all the Green Spaces in Stone should be kept for future generations to enjoy. In the last 8 years he has spent his spare time as a volunteer at Stone Stroke Club and Stone in Bloom and other volunteer organisations. As an Independent Councillor he can vote for the people of Walton and not for any Political Party. I live in Walton and care about Walton and that is why I ask for your support for both Town and Borough in the council elections.

## **Jill Hood**

Jill is a hard working Town, Borough and County councillor and has a reputation for getting things done. She is an active volunteer with Stone in Bloom and Age Concern Stone and District. Jill helped residents stop the development of Marlborough Road open green space. She is chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan group responsible for carrying out residents wishes in planning the future of the town and preventing open green spaces such as Tilling Drive being developed. She is a member of the Stone Railhead Crisis Group and campaigns hard against the HS2 Railhead which threatens Walton with massive amounts of construction vehicles and HGV movements causing increased air pollution and risking school pupils' road safety. She is a member of the Crown Wharf project which will provide a long awaited theatre and heritage centre for all residents and is actively involved in helping arrange free family events which boost the local economy in encouraging visitors to town. Jill says with 1,000 homes planned for Walton and most already built she is saddened by the small percentage of affordable homes built and that the Conservative run Stafford Borough Council should have used the money from new development to greatly improve the infrastructure; she will continue to fight for this to be put in place. New homes bring young families without the facilities to support them, with this in mind Jill has fought for new leisure and play facilities on Westbridge Park for all ages. Jill says "I was disappointed when the bus scheme failed but will continue to try to find an alternative solution to prevent social exclusion. I will continue to work hard in resisting any further development of Walton, it has to stop. I listen to residents and work for them no matter what their politics and as an independent I will never toe a party political line."

# Keep National Politics out of Local Elections

Vote Independent on May 2nd

**You have 2 votes**  
at the  
**Stafford Borough Council election**  
**PLEASE USE THEM TO VOTE FOR**



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