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Newton-le-Willows Independents are a small local team working together for the good of our town. We live here, raise our families here, and care deeply about the future of Newton-le-Willows. Our aim is simple: to listen to residents, support our community, and help improve everyday life for local people.

New Businesses and Regeneration

We want Newton-le-Willows to be a place where people feel proud to live, where local businesses can thrive, and where communities feel safe and connected. The regeneration taking place in our town centre brings opportunities, and it is important that it benefits residents and strengthens the local economy. We welcome new independent businesses that bring fresh footfall and encourage further investment in the town centre.



Our Policies

- **Regeneration & Local Investment:** We support responsible regeneration that brings jobs and investment to our town. Developments such as Parkside must deliver real benefits for residents, including good jobs and proper infrastructure. Major projects like Tritax should be carefully scrutinised to ensure transparency and community benefit.
- **Safer Streets:** Everyone deserves to feel safe where they live. We will push for greater police visibility, stronger action on anti-social behaviour, and regular meetings between police, residents and businesses.
- **Cleaner Estates & Housing Accountability:** Our neighbourhoods should be clean, safe and well maintained. We will work with housing associations to improve estate upkeep and ensure residents' concerns are dealt with quickly.
- **Better Parks & Green Spaces:** Parks and green spaces are an important part of community life. We will support investment in safe, welcoming parks while protecting and improving local green spaces.
- **Stronger Communities:** Strong communities depend on good communication and active local groups. We will push for faster responses from the council and support local churches and community centres as vital community hubs.
- **Respect & Fairness:** Everyone should be treated with dignity and respect. Newton-le-Willows should be a welcoming place where every resident feels valued.

You can read more about our policies at newtonindependents.com/our-policies.

Don't Forget to Register to Vote

To vote in the local elections on Thursday 7 May, you must be registered to vote. If you're not registered yet, it only takes a few minutes online. Visit gov.uk/register-to-vote and follow the simple steps.

The deadline to register is midnight on **Monday 20 April 2026**.

If you've recently moved house or changed your name, you may need to register again.



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THURSDAY
7 MAY

TERRY MAGUIRE



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Your Newton-le-Willows Independents candidate for Newton-le-Willows West



Having spent 54 years in this town, raising my family, including four grandchildren, I am deeply invested in its future. As a local business owner for over thirty years, I have employed many residents, including apprentices, and consistently supported community events and local sports teams through sponsorships. I fondly recall the vibrant days of our town and am committed to helping restore that sense of pride and belonging. I am optimistic about our regeneration efforts and will work collaboratively with council officers to address parking challenges and find practical solutions. It has been an honour to serve this ward for the past five years. I have relished the challenges and the opportunity to help residents overcome difficulties and provide guidance. Supporting people, offering advice, and enabling solutions have been deeply rewarding aspects of my role as a councillor.

In 2021, I became the town's first elected independent councillor, advocating for constructive and courteous politics. With the support of a dedicated team, this evolved into leadership of a local political party. Despite initial resistance from some councillors to collaborative work, I

persevered through slurs and abuse. The ethos of Polite Politics is beginning to gain traction. As a new council forms after 7 May, I hope to foster cooperation in place of divisive "us versus them" attitudes.

During the 2021 and 2022 elections, I promised to stay visible and accessible.

I've done so by engaging with residents, joining local initiatives, serving on the Family Party committee, chairing Business For Youth, and acting as Vice President of the Newton and District Veterans Association and governor at a local school. Since my election in 2021, I have:

- Conducted regular ward walkabouts to connect with residents.
- Worked with housing associations to resolve issues and organise estate clean-ups.
- Organised meetings between residents, police, and housing associations.
- Scrutinised and questioned the ruling party rigorously.
- Maintained ongoing communication with local businesses.
- Monitored regeneration progress, asking relevant questions.
- Organised meetings with local police and inspectors.
- Served on many council committees and attended cross-party meetings.

If re-elected, I intend to continue these activities, working hard and seeking early discussions with whoever leads the council. I will also push for greater transparency in all town projects, including Parkside, regeneration efforts, and Tritax developments. Residents deserve clear, accessible information, especially as Regeneration Phase 1, originally due to finish in winter 2023, has experienced shifting completion dates without adequate explanation.

I am proud to promote the three candidates representing Newton Le Willows Independents Party. If elected, each will have the freedom to vote independently, not bound by party directives. They bring dedication and expertise, and I am confident they would be outstanding councillors, offering valuable perspectives to our council.

As you prepare to vote on 7 May, please remember these are LOCAL elections. We are putting forward four candidates who live in this town, care deeply for its future, and have their families here. Our focus is on improving life for everyone in the community, not on NATIONAL politics.



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KARL COLLIER



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Your Newton-le-Willows Independents candidate for Newton-le-Willows West



I'm Karl Collier, councillor for Newton-le-Willows West since 2022. As a proud member of the Newton-le-Willows Independents, I've put our community first, no party politics, just hard work for you.

Over the past four years, working alongside Cllr Terry Maguire, we've worked on issues that matter to you:

- *Pushed for safer, cleaner estates.*
- *Supported key milestones in the Earlestown Regeneration, helping preserve our local heritage and boost the town centre.*
- *Volunteered alongside community groups, rolling up our sleeves for community projects.*
- *Held regular ward surgeries with Cllr Terry Maguire at Cross Lane United Church and Crownway Community Centre, listening directly to your issues on highways, services, and more.*

I believe being a councillor means being visible and approachable. That's why I've made it a priority to stay engaged with residents, whether

through ward surgeries, community events, or simply being available when people need help resolving local issues. Many residents have contacted me about highways problems, neighbourhood concerns, and council services, and I've worked to make sure those voices are heard and acted upon.

I've also worked to build strong links with local volunteers, businesses, and community organisations who do so much for Newton-le-Willows. By working together and supporting their efforts, we can make sure our town continues to thrive and remains a place where people are proud to live, work, and raise their families.

On St Helens Council, I have served on the Planning Committee which shapes local development, Standards Committee, the Sarah Cowley Committee, and full council. I challenge wasteful spending and question big tax rises, like the proposed 4.99% hike in the 2026 budget, pushing instead for smarter savings that protect services without hitting your pocket harder.

Residents deserve better than national party spin. As one of the Newton-le-Willows Independents, I want to focus on Newton-le-Willows priorities: fixing potholes, improving facilities, protecting green spaces, and ensuring our voices are heard loud and clear. No whipped votes, just accountability to you.

I intend to stand again on 7 May because the job isn't finished. Together with the Newton-le-Willows Independents team, we'll keep fighting for:

- *Better roads and pavements*
- *Revitalised town centre and market*
- *Transparent council decisions*
- *Stronger community support*

*If you want to get in touch with me, you can email me at Karl@NewtonIndependents.com or call 07514 318 549. Alternatively, follow updates on my Facebook page **Councillor Karl Collier**, where I share news, successes, and calls for action.*

Vote for the people who live here, listen here, and work here, for you.



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CRAIG SMITH



NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS
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Your Newton-le-Willows Independents candidate for Newton-le-Willows West



I am 46 years old and have lived in Earlestown for the past 18 years, working as a self-employed IT consultant during that time. I have three children who have either attended, or are still attending, local schools, so like many families here I care deeply about the future of our town and the opportunities available for the next generation.

Before my career in IT, I studied Marine Biology and Coastal Ecology at university, which gave me a lasting interest in environmental issues locally, nationally and globally.

Earlestown has many strengths, particularly its people and strong community spirit. A well-publicised and funded regeneration is on the horizon, and while we already have many successful independent businesses and a proud market heritage, there is clear potential for further improvement. I want to play a part in that progress and ensure public funding is spent wisely, transparently, and with the support of local residents.

I tend to form opinions quickly and strongly, but I also believe in explaining my views openly and listening when others disagree. I am always willing to change my mind if someone makes a good argument. Earlestown has welcomed me and my family warmly, and standing for election is my way of giving something back.

No individual has all the answers, but together a community does. One of the biggest changes I would like to see is wider engagement with residents. That means more open consultations where all views are heard and properly publicised, and supporting the majority view of residents even if it differs from my own. To me, that is the role of a local councillor in a democracy.

I decided to stand with the Newton-le-Willows Independents after following debates such as Haydock Florida Farm and becoming involved in discussions around the Parkside development. It quickly became clear how difficult it can be for people outside politics to influence decisions that affect their community.

Party politics has its place, but not in a strong local council. In recent years I have watched councillors from different parties attempt to work constructively with the controlling Labour group on local issues, only for those efforts to be rejected. That is not how I believe local government should operate.

Being a councillor should not be about popularity or party loyalty. It should be about holding the council to account and representing the best interests of the people who elect you.

St Helens Council faces serious challenges due to government-imposed austerity and long-term financial pressures. One independent councillor alone cannot change everything overnight, but I believe the town benefits from councillors who are independent of party control and willing to work together to improve everyday life for residents.

*You can contact me via email at Craig@NewtonIndependents.com or find me on Facebook by searching for **Craig Smith, Newton West, Newton-le-Willows Independents**.*

*I would be grateful if you would consider voting for me at the polling stations on **7 May**, or by **postal vote before that date**.*



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