

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS INDEPENDENTS

Your local candidates for Newton-le-Willows



We are the Newton-le-Willows Independents, a small local group of people who live here, who care about our town, and want to make everyday life better for local people. We have two councillors already serving the community and two prospective candidates hoping to join them. We work together to listen, help, and solve real problems for real people. We are your neighbours, your friends, and the people you see around town.

Our group is based on simple principles: honesty, fairness, and community. If we say we will do something, we do our best to make it happen, and if things change, we explain why. Everyone in Newton-le-Willows should feel listened to and treated with respect. Good ideas can come from anyone, and we want to work with residents, not just speak for them. Above all, we put the town first. Every decision starts with one

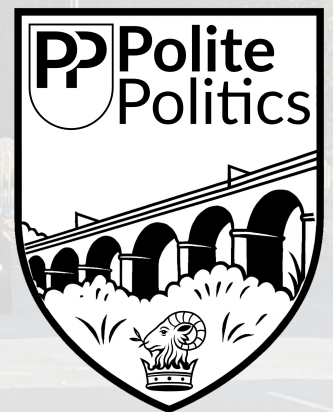
question: "Is this good for Newton-le-Willows?"

We are fully independent. We are not linked to any national party or national rules. We do not have a party whip, and every councillor would be free to vote however they think is right. We look at each issue on its own, listen to residents, and make decisions based on what is best for our town and the wider borough. Our loyalty is to the people who live here, not to a party somewhere else.

We also believe in working with others. We will work with councillors from any party if it helps our town or the borough. If something is good for Newton-le-Willows, we will support it. If something needs changing, we will say so. We won't shut down different opinions, listening to each other leads to better ideas and better decisions.

What do we want to achieve? Cleaner and safer streets, better local services, protected green spaces, and support for local shops and community groups. We want public money to be spent wisely and transparently. We want to be easy to talk to, quick to respond, and ready to help whenever someone needs support. Most of all, we want residents to feel proud of where they live and confident that their voices matter.

Local politics is about everyday life close to home, where small changes make a big difference. We will focus on what helps the borough, with Newton-le-Willows at the forefront. Local priorities over national politics.



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VOTE NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS INDEPENDENTS ON THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2026

TERRY MAGUIRE

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS WEST

It has been a privilege to serve as a councillor for Newton-le-Willows West over the past five years. I'm grateful for the respect we've built together, I have always tried to act with honesty, integrity and a clear focus on what's best for our town. Since 2022, I've been supported by Councillor Karl Collier, and together we've worked across the community to help residents and local businesses alike.



I became the town's first elected Independent councillor in 2021. Now I am the lead member of the new Newton-le-Willows Independents Party, and I feel very proud of how far we have come.

Our party hopes to have four candidates in the election on 7 May: Karl Collier, Craig Smith, Tom Middleton-Leonard, and me. We are local people who make our own choices and always put our community first.

If we are elected, we will work hard for Newton-le-Willows and the whole borough. We will always do what is best for the town and help wherever we can.



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Councillor Terry Maguire, N Le W
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KARL COLLIER

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS WEST

I'm Karl Collier, and I've represented Newton-le-Willows West since 2022. When I was first elected, I said that many people had lost trust in local politics. Confidence in the big political parties had fallen, and too often their priorities were put ahead of what local residents actually want.



Since then, that feeling has only grown stronger. That's why I've focused on building a genuine local voice for our community, one that is active, visible, and easy for residents to approach. Working with Councillor Terry Maguire, we've made real progress in doing exactly that.

I'm also really pleased to see more people stepping forward this May who share this belief in putting our community first.

Today, I want to confirm that I plan to stand again in May 2026. If I'm re-elected, my aim is simple: to continue building a strong, independent local voice for Newton-le-Willows, free from the influence of national party leaders who couldn't even point to our town on a map.



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Councillor Karl Collier



CRAIG SMITH

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS WEST

I am 46 years old and have lived in Earlestown for 18 years. I used to work for myself in IT, and now I work in logistics. I have three children who have gone to school, or still go to school, in the town. I studied Marine Biology and Coastal Ecology at university, so I still care a lot about the environment in the world, in the country, and here at home.



I make up my mind quickly on important issues, and I am always happy to explain why. But I also listen to others and can change my mind if someone shows me a better idea. No one person knows everything, but together our town does.

The main change I want for Earlestown is for more people to get involved, especially with the town's regeneration. I want everyone's views to be shared, and I will support what most people want, even if it is not what I first thought. That is what I believe a local councillor should do, and that is what I would bring if you vote for me.



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Craig Smith, Newton West,
Newton-le-Willows Independents



TOM MIDDLETON-LEONARD

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS EAST

I come from a family that has always believed in serving the community. My grandad was a local councillor in a neighbouring ward, and my great-great grandad was once the Mayor of Salford. Their example taught me that politics should be about helping people, listening to their concerns, and making decisions that are fair and open. I am proud to carry on that tradition and to stand for the values of honesty, respect, and accountability.



I believe that residents should always have a clear voice in the choices that affect them. I will explain things in plain English, avoid jargon, and make sure everyone can understand what is happening. My pledge is simple: I will put people before politics, work hard to protect our community, and ensure that decisions are made with residents, not imposed on them.

Together we can build trust, strengthen our town, and make sure every person feels included and respected.



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THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2026

