



**Elect  
Judith  
Atherton**

Getting things done in  
**Standish with Langtree**

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Dear Resident,

### **Getting Standish's fair share from Wigan Council**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> May you will have an important choice to make. This election is about local issues, rather than national politics. From parks to buses, bins to roads, councillors look after the things that matter in our day-to-day lives.

With Councillor Adam Marsh, one of your current Conservative councillors, standing down this year I hope you will lend me your vote to make sure Standish continues to have two Conservative councillors delivering for our community.

**If elected I will campaign with residents for further investment, protect what remains of Standish's greenspaces and secure Standish's fair share of services.**

**Whereas a vote for Labour will put all this at risk by increasing our local housing target and investment being focussed solely in Wigan Town Centre, to the exclusion of places like Standish.**

From failing to fill in potholes, empty street bins and maintain our public spaces properly, Labour-run Wigan Council has tried to deprive Standish of important services.

Not only have Standish Conservatives fought hard to secure Standish's fair share from Wigan Council, but we have also got stuck in and delivered many improvements ourselves.

### **Delivering for Standish**

I have been involved with a number of community groups for a number of years, including Standish Community Forum, and I have helped deliver a number of projects including securing a permanent Christmas Tree, installing the boundary markers around the village and erecting a monument for the Queen's upcoming Platinum Jubilee.

In addition to organising the planting of planters around the village, I'm heavily involved with the local business community, organising the Christmas Trees and Union Flags above businesses to mark Christmas and Remembrance Sunday.

This has been possible as we have two Conservative councillors, who have supported this work. By lending me your vote on 5<sup>th</sup> May, you can make sure that projects such as these are supported in the future.

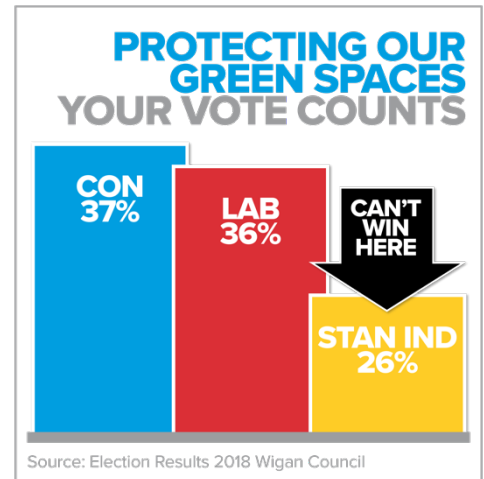
### **Protecting our green spaces**

Since 2013 1581 houses have been granted planning permission on our green spaces. Only 259 were granted since a Conservative councillor was elected. We are now seeing these being built and the scale of the impact on our landscape.

**Labour-run** Wigan Council ignored the concerns of residents and passed the vast majority of applications, whilst the **Standish Independents** simply stood by and let it happen.

Standish's Conservative Councillors and I have fought every housing application, and we are beginning to turn the tide on these large scale developments. With a new local plan being drawn up, which will allocate land for new developments, we cannot risk the progress we have made. If elected, I will be a strong voice for protecting our green spaces. Whereas, a vote for Labour will be a signal to Wigan Council to fire up their bulldozers.

Housing developers in Standish have been failing to deliver for our newest residents. Key landscaping and facilities on some of the new housing estates haven't materialised. Our Conservative councillors and I have been pushing developers to deliver what they have promised, such as the path to St. Wilfrid's primary school and the new park on Fairway. If elected, I will continue to fight so that new residents get what they paid for, rather than areas being left half-finished.



### **Fighting for investment for our village centre**

Improving the centre of our village, by investing in the public realm and providing grants to businesses to improve shops fronts will benefit local residents and businesses alike by making it an even nicer place to shop and socialise.

Labour has not just repeatedly denied Standish the investment we need to achieve this, but have refused to even put Standish forward for government funding. Instead, Labour says we should rely on S106 contributions from housing developers, which are designed solely to mitigate the impact of new developments.

**A vote for me will send a message to Wigan Council that Standish residents want their fair of services, more investment in our village and to protect our green spaces.**

Yours sincerely,

**Judith Atherton**

Conservative Candidate for Standish with Langtree Ward

**A vote for anyone but Judith on 5<sup>th</sup> May will let Labour in and give them a reason to build more houses on our green spaces**