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including Chase Meadow, the Town Centre, the Packmores and Saltisford areas of Warwick



from County Council Candidate Noel Butler and your local Conservatives Spring 2013

BRINGING NEW JOBS TO WARWICKSHIRE

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GOOD NEWS FOR LOCAL TRADERS

By **Noel Butler**
Conservative Candidate for Warwick West

Warwickshire County Council has launched Operation Footfall where £400,000 is available for local businesses and groups who have projects which will bring people into our shops and businesses.

Noel Butler, Conservative Candidate of Warwick West says "This is really good news for Warwick and gives our traders a real opportunity to encourage more trade into our historic town. Many traders joined together with the Portas Bid last year when Warwick received £10,000 but this is a great chance to take the promotion of our town even further. I would like to work with the county council to make things happen in Warwick town centre and would welcome the chance to hear trader's ideas for what we can do."

The funding is available until it runs out but the hope is to have projects up and running by next

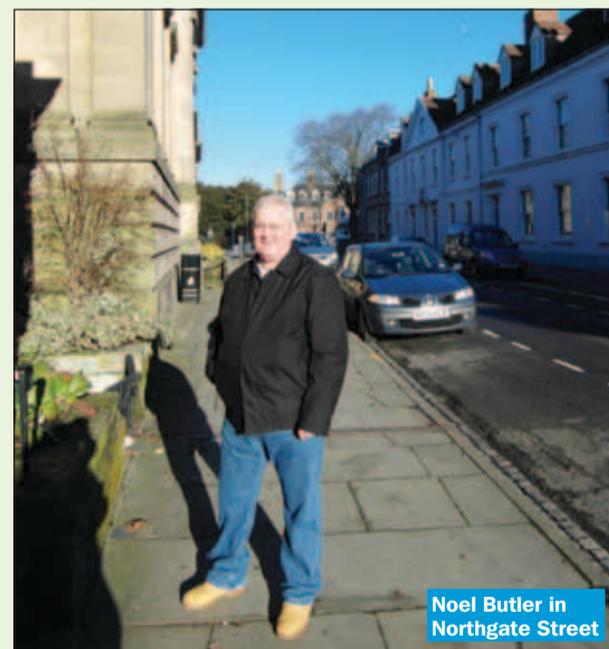


Noel Butler with County Councillors Angela Warner and Martyn Ashford in Warwick town centre

March. "Warwick has many independent shops and businesses and this is a great opportunity to work together to come up with some new ideas to put our businesses on the map locally and nationally." he added. "If I can help in any way please get in touch."

NOEL BUTLER WELCOMES THE REDEVELOPMENT OF NORTHGATE STREET

"It is really good news that the revitalization of Northgate Street is at last beginning to happen with a developer set to convert the old council offices back into homes on the east side of the street. A partnership has been setup to open up the Old Shire Hall so that it can be used for functions and events for the benefit of Warwick." Says Noel Butler, local campaigner in Warwick West.



Noel Butler in Northgate Street



A MESSAGE FROM CHRIS WHITE MP

Since the General Election I have been working hard on behalf of local residents meeting with local businesses, visiting local schools and charities as well as holding regular surgery appointments.

At the start of this year, my Social Value Act to reform public services so that they have to take into account the well-being of local communities came into effect. I look forward to

working with our Warwickshire councillors to progress this new legislation and helping our county become a model of good practice in terms of consulting our communities so that the principles of social value can be put into action.

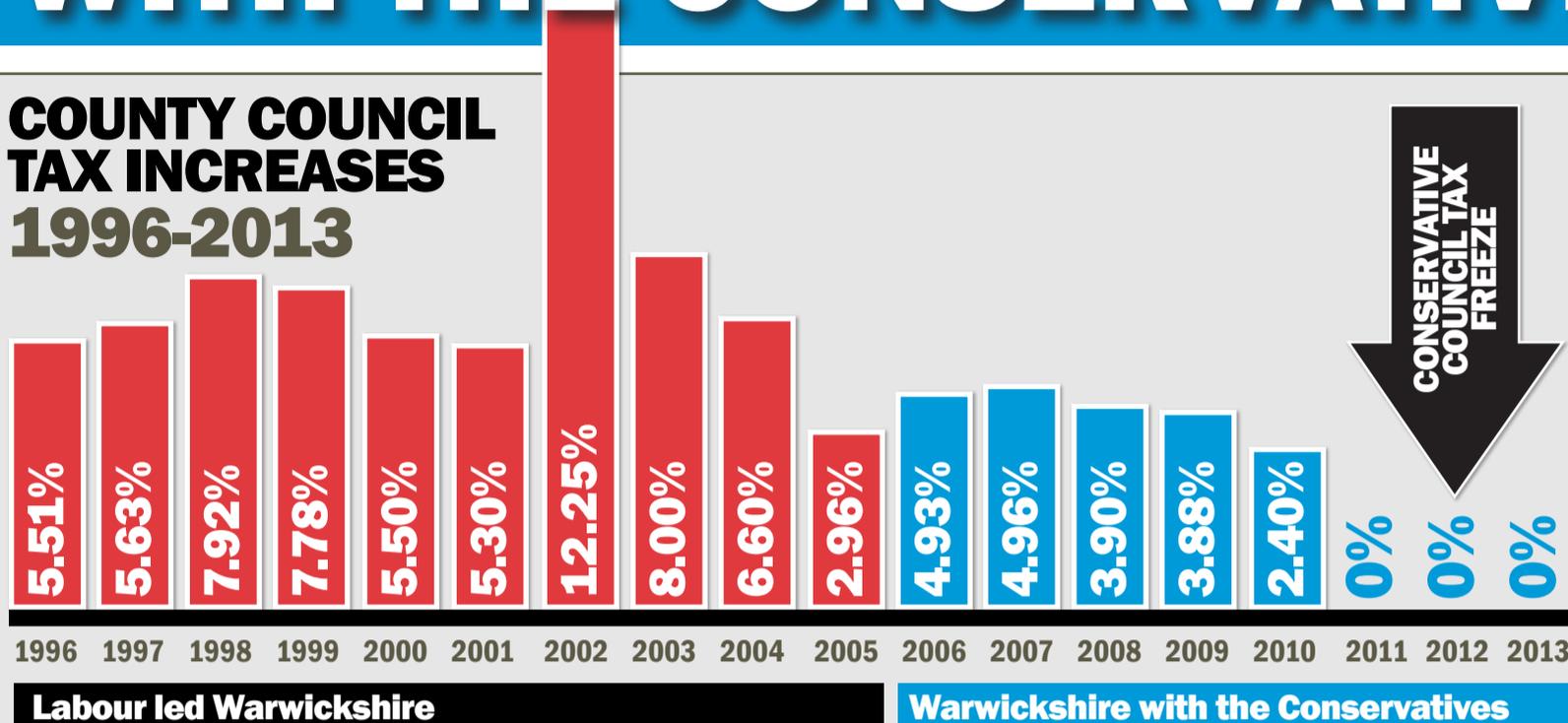
I am always keen to hear from local residents and organisations and if you would like to get in touch about the Social Value Act or any other matter, please contact me on 01926 315 888, email me at chris.white.mp@parliament.uk or tweet @ChrisWhite_MP.

NOEL BUTLER WORKING HARD FOR YOU...

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COUNCIL TAX FROZEN AGAIN WITH THE CONSERVATIVES...

COUNTY COUNCIL TAX INCREASES 1996-2013



THE LAST TIME LABOUR WERE IN POWER IN WARWICKSHIRE, COUNCIL TAX BILLS ROCKETED.

IN ONE YEAR ALONE (2002), THE TAX INCREASE FOR AN AVERAGE BAND D PROPERTY WAS OVER

£87

CAN WE AFFORD THEM AGAIN?

Warwickshire Conservatives have yet again stood up for hard-pressed families and frozen council tax for the THIRD YEAR RUNNING.

County Council leader **Alan Farnell** told intouch that he was committed to protecting essential services whilst keeping the local tax as low as possible. Alan said, "At a time when we are all paying the price for Labour's irresponsible borrowing, local Conservatives will do all they can to help Warwickshire residents through the economic downturn."

He continued, "Money is tight for most of us at the moment, so we've worked hard to reduce the burden on local residents. We've made responsible

savings wherever we could but have been mindful of the need to safeguard essential local services. We won't let those who need our support down."

At May's county council election, there's a clear choice. Conservatives will work hard to keep our council tax low, show strong leadership in tough times and do what's right for Warwickshire, not just what's always popular. Labour will say whatever they think is popular but the end result will amount to either more debt or a higher council tax - or both.

Warwickshire residents should compare the record of the candidates standing for election and ask who protected services and froze council tax, and who (at their peak) raised council tax by over £87 per year.

UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO FALL IN WARWICKSHIRE

Across our county, unemployment has fallen from 3.8% in 2009 to 2.4% today. Warwickshire Conservatives have made the fight for more jobs one of their top priorities.



The county council has recently introduced an apprenticeship scheme to help fight unemployment in our area and provide more opportunities for younger people in particular.

Warwickshire Conservatives are committed to bringing new employment opportunities to our county. That's why they've sold off surplus properties to create space for commercial development. The county council has also worked closely with the Local Enterprise Partnership to improve job prospects for local residents in companies such as Jaguar/Landover/Aston Martin (JLR) at Gaydon.

What are your suggestions to make Warwickshire the best place in the UK to do business? Give us your views on the feedback form.

...AND INVESTMENT IN WARWICKSHIRE GROWS

- £7.6 million extra investment in our roads
- £9 million investment to upgrade our county fire service
- An extra £2.7 million going to Children's Services
- £3.7 million on measures to help Warwickshire's economy
- £2.3 million more to support adult social care



Warwickshire end of term report 2009-2013

Conservatives in Warwickshire have worked hard to improve the quality of life for everyone in our county. Here are just some of the improvements since the last county council elections in 2009.

	2009	2013
Numbers employed by WCC (Excluding School Staff)	4088F/T 3635 P/T	2993F/T 3093 P/T
Unemployment Level (Warwickshire)	3.8%	2.4%
A level result (2 or more passes)	95.4%	98.9%
GCSE Results 5 A* -C inc Maths & Eng	51%	60.7%
Recycling Rates	43.2%	48.7%
Road Accidents (killed or seriously Injured)	348	313
Children in Care	536	709
Adults in Care Homes	2008	2087
Expenditure on Highways maintenance	£34.754m	£35.118m
Crime rates (per 1000 people)	71.1	62.3

SUPERFAST INTERNET FOR WARWICKSHIRE ON THE WAY

Modern, faster broadband has come a step closer in Warwickshire. The county-wide project is now out for tender, meaning companies have been invited to quote for the upgrade project.



The aim of the project is to bring the vast majority of homes in Warwickshire (in both urban and rural areas) up to modern standards. Superfast Internet is a key part of the County Council's £3.7 million plan to improve Warwickshire's economy.

For domestic Internet users this means they'll benefit from faster web browsing and downloads.

STREET LIGHTING

Part-night street lighting has already been trialled in parts of Warwickshire but many residents have asked for more information on the scheme.

In the trial, street lights are switched off between midnight and 5.30am, Sundays to Thursdays. The part-night street lighting trial will save council taxpayers an estimated £500,000 and help reduce carbon emissions - a potential reduction of 3,000 tonnes of carbon, making sure Warwickshire is an environmentally friendly county.

Places not affected by the changes include highway hotspots such as roundabouts, traffic signal controlled junctions, central carriageway islands, traffic calming features, pedestrian crossings, areas covered by CCTV, taxi ranks, public footways, alleyways and cycle paths.

The County Council has been working with Warwickshire Police when deciding which lights should remain on and have taken their advice. Many councils all over the UK have been introducing the scheme.

What do you think about part-night street lighting? Please let us know using the feedback form in this edition of intouch.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS...

1. Which three of these local issues do you consider to be of most concern to you?

- tick the 3 most important issues to you*
- Education
 - Pot Holes
 - New Housing
 - Crime
 - Jobs
 - Speeding Traffic
 - Protecting the Green Belt
 - Leisure Facilities
 - Council tax Levels
 - Public Transport

2. How do you rate Warwickshire County Council?

- Excellent
- Fair
- Good
- Poor

3. For the quality of service you receive, do you think Council Tax is:

- Too high
- Too low
- About right

4. Which Council service(s) would you like to see more money spent on?

Briefly describe...

5. What three national issues concern you most?

- tick the 3 most important issues to you*
- Health
 - Crime
 - Immigration
 - Pensions
 - Transport
 - Business
 - The environment/climate change
 - Britain's relationship with the EU
 - Education
 - Unemployment
 - Care of the elderly
 - Social breakdown
 - Defence
 - Cutting taxes

6. The government is reducing the deficit (the gap between what we are spending and what we are raising in taxes) but were you aware that the deficit has reduced by 25% since the last election?

- Yes
- No

7. The government has introduced a social security benefits cap of £24,000 per year, so no one can get more on benefits than the average family earns in work. Do you think the cap is:

- Too high
- Too low
- About right

8. We want to make sure we are working on behalf of everyone. To make sure we do this, which of the following preferences best represent your views?

- Conservative
- Lib Dem
- Either Conservative or Labour
- Either Conservative or Lib Dem
- Either Labour or Lib Dem
- Won't vote
- Labour
- UKIP
- Either Labour or Lib Dem
- Unsure

Thank you for taking the time to do this survey, please complete the other side by giving us your contact details and return to the address shown.



INTRODUCING NOEL BUTLER

Noel Butler will be fighting Warwick West County Division in May 2013, following on from Cllr Clare Hopkinson who has served the area well for the last four years.



Noel Butler with Cllr Clare Hopkinson

Noel Butler has lived on Chase Meadow in Warwick West for over 17 years. Sadly Sandra his wife passed away last year but Noel wants to continue working for local people in the area by standing for the county council in May. "I live and work in the area and I am a great believer in local people working on behalf of local people. I have worked at Warwick Hospital for over 9 years and know a large number of people through my voluntary work in the Division."

Noel is a governor of Aylesford School and worked hard with Clare Hopkinson to bring the new spur road to Chase Meadow and the school. He is a Trustee of Hill Close Gardens and serves on the Chase Meadow Residents Association Committee.

"We need to work together to have better sports and social facilities for the residents of the Forbes estate, hopefully centred around the Racing Club," added Noel.

NOEL'S WORKING HARD FOR OUR AREA

Noel Butler has a track record of getting things done in our area. Over the last few years he has:

- Served on Warwick Town Council from 2009 to 2011.
- Worked with the Highways Agency to get acoustic fencing to cut the noise on Chase Meadow.
- Worked with developers to lower the car park ramp by the shops in Chase Meadow to stop damage to cars.
- Worked as a town councillor to stop the court order from closing Racing Club Warwick.



Noel Butler with Chris White MP

MAKE THE HIGH STREET SAFER



'I would like to see all traffic turn left from Church Street into Jury Street.' Says Noel Butler.

At present traffic can turn both left and right from Church Street and this makes it dangerous for both pedestrians and traffic. He would like to see all traffic turn left at the junction. "This would make drivers think twice about using Northgate St and Church St as a short cut through the town centre," he added.

Noel Butler with Town Cllr Mandy Littlejohn at the junction of Church St and Jury St

NOEL WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU...

Name
Address
Email
Home/Mobile no

Please return to:
**Warwick & Leamington Conservatives,
 6 Charles Court, Budbrooke Rd,
 Warwick CV34 5LZ**

Please raise any issue or problem of concern you would like help with.

CAN YOU HELP NOEL WIN?

A few hours help could make the difference. Please tick below if you can:

- Display a poster at election time
- Deliver newsletters in your street or nearby
- Join a canvassing team identifying important local issues
- Attend social events in our area
- Join the local Conservative Party
- Vote by post
- Host a house meeting with your neighbours

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