

## OUR COMMITMENTS TO YOU

1. Freezing Belper Town Precept (Community Tax)
2. Backing Local Businesses & Strengthen the Economy
3. Building a Greener Future & Protecting your Green Belt
4. Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour
5. Free Parking on the Coppice
6. Protecting Belper's most vulnerable
7. Providing Value for Money for Taxpayers

## Drive Economic Growth and Value for Money for Everyone

**A Conservative Council provides value for money, Your Money**

Due to poor financial management the last Labour administration in Amber Valley left a **£3.4 million annual overspend**.

After only 18 months the Conservatives in Amber Valley have achieved **£1 million** in savings whilst still protecting jobs and services. **The plan is to eliminate the deficit by 2024/25**. The Conservatives will not let Amber Valley go bankrupt or be taken over by another council due to previous poor financial management by Labour.

Here in Belper the Labour Party has the same attitude to your money. Since 2020, when the precept for the town was **£284,000 under the Conservative group, it has now risen to £649,000 under Labour in 4 years**. Not only that but Town Reserves are also to be used!

Keep Belper out of the **RED**.

Strong responsible financial management under the Conservatives or irresponsible overspending by Labour and others.

**The choice is yours.**

## Belper's own Banking Hub

Following the announcement that the last bank branch in Belper, Lloyds, would close in November 2022, **Pauline Latham OBE MP and your local Conservatives took action to help the future set up of a Banking Hub within Belper**.

A Banking Hub is a space where customers can pay in and withdraw money, deposit cheques, make transfers but also major banks will provide specialist face to face services in the Hub one day per week each - so customers can make an appointment to talk about more complex matters like a mortgage etc.

This service will help everyone but particularly customers who do not use digital banking but prefer both traditional methods. **The Banking Hub is expected to be up and running this Autumn.**

## Building a greener future for Belper and Amber Valley

**A Conservative Council will invest a further £1.2 million on "green projects".**

After planting 14,000 trees in 2022 the Conservatives will continue this tree-planting initiative by providing woods on 16 hectares of council owned land and spaces, planning for future generations and absorbing carbon.

We will continue to insulate homes to reduce heating bills and lower carbon emissions.

We will provide additional EV charging points to provide practical support to visitors and those who are unable to park off street.

We will maintain our zero-tolerance stance to "fly tipping" and go for maximum fines.



## Ready to listen to you



**Vote Conservative to protect the community you value...**

# Sharing your concerns, sharing your values

## John Crawley

### Borough & Town Candidate

My wife, Anna, and I moved to Belper from Sandiacre nearly 30 years ago, to an area we had long loved. All my working life I was a teacher and for the last 25 years I was a Headteacher of 2 Nottinghamshire primary schools.

Not wishing to be "put out to grass" when I retired, I continued to organise the Nottinghamshire Primary Schools Chess Association (proudly National Champions on 4 occasions) and coach the teams. A colleague and I also began a very successful business offering chess coaching to schools which we ran for 12 years. Now I begin a new phase in my life!



## Michael Greatbatch

### Borough & Town Candidate

I have recently retired and the last 17 years of my working life was in public service as an accountant for the NHS. I am now looking forward to the opportunity to use my financial and business skills to benefit local people and businesses. I have lived in Belper for 37 years and both my children were educated at Belper schools.

If elected I promise to listen to residents, work extremely hard to serve the community, protect the green belt, strive to improve services making every penny count, promote the safeguarding of the environment and help protect Belper's great heritage.



## John Nelson

### Borough & Town Candidate

Belper born and bred I know what concerns residents because the same things concern me.

I have worked in Belper all my life and I am proud of the town and its people.

I have a proven track record of representing the people of Belper. I have served as a councillor for nearly 30 years, working on projects like Belper in Bloom, park improvements and litter picks to keep the town clean and tidy and more attractive.



## Peter Hurst

### Town Candidate

I have four years' experience as a Town Councillor and was the Mayor from May 2017 to April 2018. My photograph and video business has been operating from my studio situated on Kilbourne Road for nearly seven years.

I fell in love with Belper when I worked for the Deb Group and moved here in 1991. I have worked with several local youth and community groups over the years and hold Belper's future as paramount. I will always listen to the electorate and endeavour to implement what is best for the Parish.



Vote...



Your Local  
Conservatives

## Elections May 4th 2023

### Local Conservatives Belper East Borough and Town Candidates.

You can vote for 3 Borough Councillors and up to 7 Town Councillors.