

Frank Harwood: For a fairer Oakwood

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Dear Friends,

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Many of you will know me from my time serving you and the Oakwood community as a councillor and former Mayor of Derby. On May 5<sup>th</sup> this year I am asking you for your vote so that I may return to Derby City Council and resume working hard for you and your families.

I was first elected 14 years ago and since then I have helped many local residents. I have lived in Oakwood since the first houses were built and I'm privileged to be the President of the Oakwood Royal British Legion.

I'm proud of being the first Councillor to live in Oakwood and be elected as the Mayor of the City of Derby, as well as many other accomplishments as an elected official. All of this is down to you, the Oakwood residents. So, every one of you has my sincerest and humblest thanks, and I do hope that you will cast your vote for me again on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

I have always kept the promises I have made. These promises include being available 24/7 to deal with queries from residents, big or small. I also promised to put Oakwood first when dealing with City Council matters and events etc. Most importantly I vowed to the people of Oakwood that I would always speak the truth, even on difficult or complicated matters.

Through keeping these promises I've been able to help many local people. A few examples would include:

- Helping to reunite two young children with their father and grandparents, who had been taken out of the country to Denmark without permission.
- Liaising with a developer to renovate a pathway through the ward and also the pathway on Oakwood Park, along with an extension of the Children's play area and improvements at the Community Centre.
- Playing a prominent part in the removal of travellers from both Oakwood Park and the 'Dipper'. Making it difficult for unauthorised vehicles to enter and park on these important public sites.

We as residents of Oakwood have been consistently let down by the Conservative Party since they took control of the City Council. This includes the present Councillors withdrawing the Oakwood Forum, Oakwood Neighbourhood Board and monthly Councillor's Surgeries. These services were vital to including you in the decision making that affects your lives. Their removal means that the Councillors are making all the decisions without even the courtesy of consulting you when your lives are affected. I personally find this appalling and incredibly undemocratic.

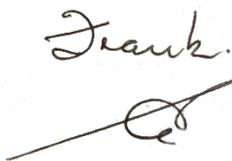
The Conservatives were also responsible for shelving the Lib Dem proposed swimming pool project next to Springwood Leisure Centre after the plans and finance were in place. What a shame for us to miss out on this facility.

The Conservative Councillors in Oakwood are mismanaging the budget. My priority spending would be financing projects to help the residents of Oakwood: the Youth Club, Parkview School, residents' bulky waste collection, tree work etc. Instead, the Conservatives have spent Council money on projects that could have been funded from other sources.

With your help, I can be re-elected to the City Council and I will revive the Oakwood Forum. This will allow you and your fellow residents to question Councillors, police, and city council representatives. I want to re-involve the residents of Oakwood in the decision-making that affects their lives.

If you wish to discuss anything in this letter, or any concerns you have about Oakwood and the City Council, please do get in touch.

Best wishes to you all. I am counting on your vote on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May.



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