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Serving the people of Clifton with Maidenway, Collaton St. Mary, Goodrington with Roselands, King's Ash, Preston and Roundham with Hyde

MAY 2nd - TIME FOR CHANGE NEW START - NEW TEAM

The elections in May bring to an end the Mayoral system in Torbay - Therefore this is your opportunity to elect a Conservative team dedicated to work for all our communities and committed to restoring a pride in living and working in Torbay.

Local Council elections in Torbay come around every four years, however this year the Council will be fulfilling the wishes of the community and delivering on the outcome of the local 2016 referendum by ending the Mayoral system and reverting to its previous form of governance.

It is a real opportunity for newly elected councillors to press the 'reset' button and get the Council back on track. It is an opportunity to truly empower our communities, to create long lasting relationships with our partner organisations to work together and provide much better outcomes for everyone. We want to kick-start the regeneration of our town centres, encourage some of the projects around the Bay which will bring forward more jobs, economic growth and make Torbay a better place to live.

The financial situation at the Council will not change, however we do need to have a change of attitude

with a more positive and focused outlook. We must stop the doom and gloom and negative talk and take a 'can do' approach where service to our community becomes our focus, our passion and our drive.

Torbay Conservatives are committed to making these changes happen. These elections will be the most important in a long time so it is our chance to grab the opportunity and make a difference for all of us, as we all live within the Bay.



Paignton Conservative Candidates

TIME TO INTRODUCE THE CANDIDATES

As Conservative Group Leader I am delighted to introduce the candidates for the Paignton wards. If you have been following our communications over the past year you will already be aware of the boundary changes taking place this year.

Simply turn over the page and check out your ward together with the contact details of all our candidates who are

keen to meet and engage with you.

For too long Paignton has received little priority from a Torquay-based Mayor and Executive. With both Group Leader and Deputy Group Leader representing Paignton wards, a strong group of Conservative Councillors will make sure that Paignton will not be forgotten during the next 4 years!



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CLIFTON with MAIDENWAY

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John Fellows and Di Stublely are delighted to have been selected to stand for election in the Clifton with Maidenway ward.

John has run a successful retail business in Torbay Road for more than 30 years. During this time he has also served as chairman of a Paignton Community Partnership, so he understands what communities can achieve through working together. John is keen that events run by volunteers continue to take place with better support from the Council. He is a great fund raiser and has helped year on year to collect money for the Paignton Festival and more recently the BMAD Festival which was under the threat of cancellation.

Di was elected to Torbay Council in 2015, so already has experience of obtaining positive outcomes for her community. Over the past 4 years she has had many successes working with dedication to resolve residents' issues. Di has previous business experience in property sales and hotel reception work. She also volunteered as a Samaritan and in 2004 she was delighted to be awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

John said "I know I am very much a people person and wish to use my skills in customer service to help the local community". Di said "Helping people is my main background skill, it serves me well for the role of a local Ward Councillor as I seek to get the best for local people at a time of financial constraint within the Council."



COLLATON ST. MARY

Cllr John Thomas T 01803 552721

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John has been privileged to be your Blatchcombe Ward Councillor for 12 years, however in May, Collaton St. Mary becomes a new, single member ward, and John was delighted when he was chosen to be the Conservative candidate for the area in which he lives. He is looking forward to continuing to represent you and preserve the unique features of Collaton. The new Ward comprises the village of Collaton St. Mary, plus the Hamlets of Lower and Higher Blagdon, Lower and Higher Yalberton, plus new developments to the west of Brixham Road.

As your Councillor, John has handled many diverse cases on behalf of residents. He believes however that there is an increasing threat to our new ward from "creeping Urbanism". The new Ward is overwhelmingly a rural one and John passionately believes that the area needs to be protected from the seemingly endless onslaught of property developers.

If re-elected as your Councillor for the new Ward, he, in addition to serving residents needs as he has in the past, will make it a top priority to protect the rural character of the Ward and to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan, residents have worked so hard to prepare, is implemented in full. Where the Neighbourhood Plan provides for limited development, John will strive to ensure the Ward retains its rural character and is protected against any Developer who may wish to replicate the hideously low quality, high density, identikit houses that have recently been built elsewhere in Paignton.



GOODRINGTON with ROSELANDS

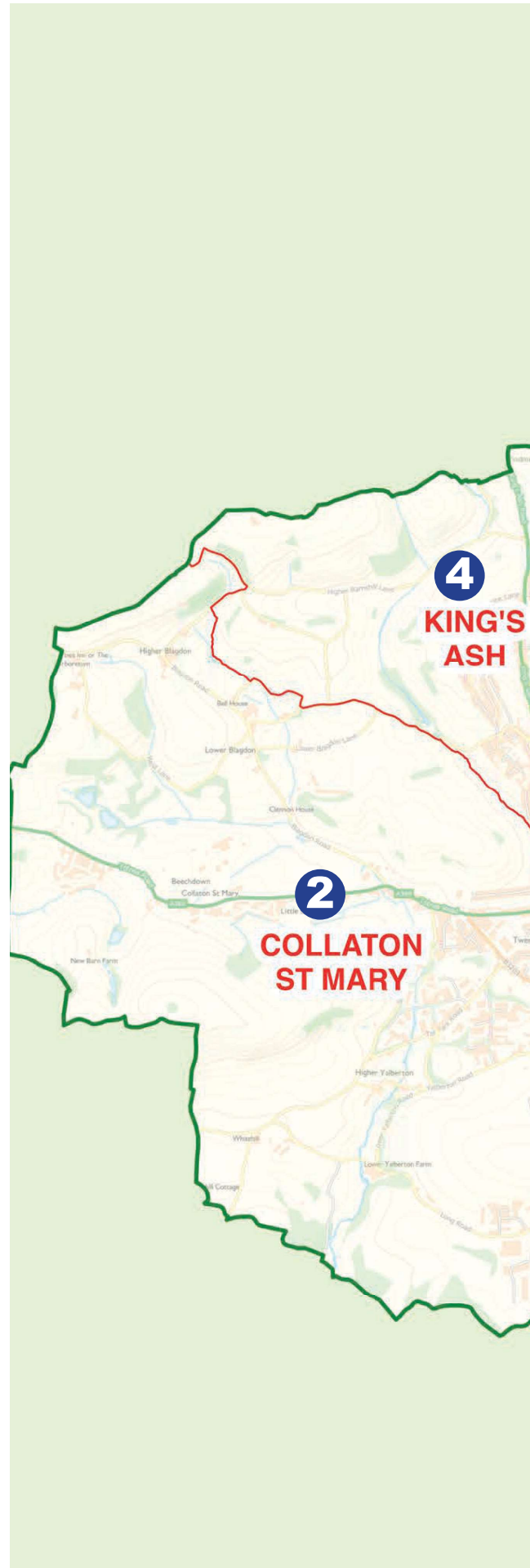
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Cllr Alan Tyerman T 01803 843278

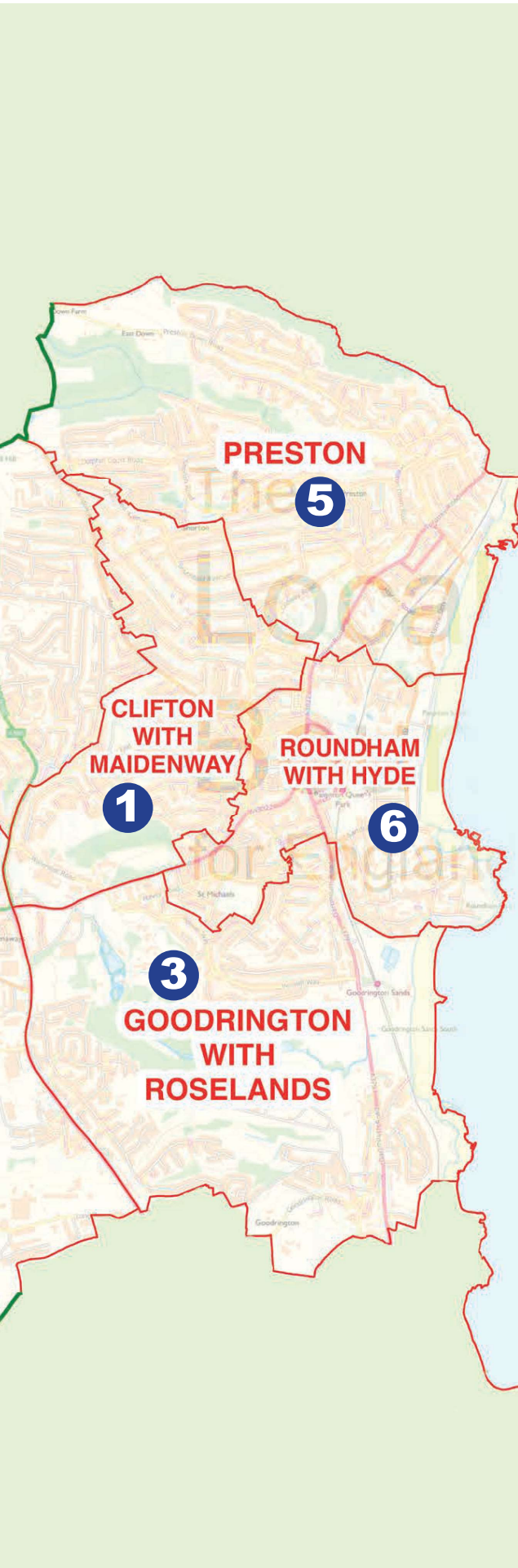
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Jane and Alan have represented Goodrington with Roselands ward for the past 8 years and by working as a team have tried to ensure that all aspects of ward work supporting residents who request our help. They are particularly pleased to have been able to support community initiatives such as the establishment of a community orchard in Goodrington and the excellent work undertaken by the community partnership and other volunteers around Clennon Lakes and other parts of the ward. They are committed to help our community make this area one of the best places to live in Torbay.

Both Jane and Alan, however feel that Paignton Town Centre, although not in the ward, is now in great need of improvement through regeneration and they will work closely with all Conservative Councillors in Paignton to make sure that Paignton is top of the agenda for regeneration over the next 4 years.

Over the past 8 years Jane has been a scrutiny lead involved with monitoring the Council's performance in safeguarding adults and children. Jane has also served as Chairman of the Council and twice as Vice Chairman representing Torbay throughout the South West, promoting our wonderful Bay. Alan is currently deputy leader of the Group and has been Chairman of many of the Councils high profile committees including Audit and Employment. He also represents the Council on a number of influential boards.





KING'S ASH

John Kavanagh T 07761 860776
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John has lived on Kings Ash Road for more than 4 years, having moved to Paignton from London where he was employed by the Royal Mail for 22 years. John has always had a passionate interest in working for the community and has served as Chairman of the Paignton Royal British Legion. This year John has stepped down to vice-chairman to give him more time for pursuing other local community work. Many will recognise John after seeing him out rattling the RBL collection tin, particularly around Remembrance Sunday when last year he was instrumental in organising the collection of a record amount of £36,000 and still counting.

Jackie Thomas is the wife of Cllr. David Thomas and daughter of long-standing Blatchcombe Councillor, the late Cllr. Jeanette Richards. She has lived in Paignton for 33 years and was well known as a former manageress of the Dainton Hotel and owner of the mobile pork carvery business seen at many events around the Bay. Jackie said, 'Mum was so proud to represent this area, I used to work hard with her during the campaign sessions, and thoroughly enjoyed my time talking to residents on the doorstep to understand their issues. I would be both delighted and proud to follow mum's footsteps and believe I can continue to make the difference in the same way my mum did for many years.'

John and Jackie are busy on the doorstep talking to residents and seeking their views. If you would like to speak to either one personally, please give them a call.

PRESTON

Cllr Chris Lewis T 07961 194188
Cllr Lynn Sykes T 07882 186321
Cllr David Thomas T 07970 267274

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The 3 candidates for Preston have between them over 36 years of experience in both council and community matters. Chris and Lynn are both current councillors for Preston. David's previous ward of Blatchcombe has been abolished under the boundary review and hence he is able to add his considerable experience to help Chris and Lynn serve the people of Preston.

Over the last 4 years, your councillors have always fought hard to protect and serve local residents. **What has been achieved?** They are delighted to have been able to Stop the Mayor from selling off Oldway Mansion. They have saved the No. 60 bus service which serves many residents throughout Preston. They have saved green spaces in Green Park Road which again the Mayor was looking to sell off.

One of the biggest issues in the ward has been the plan to change the Parkfield Youth Centre on the Seafront. They had many emails, phone calls and letters and were able to save Parkfield for the community, forcing the Council to listen to residents' views.

More recently they have worked with the community to halt the installation of parking meters on Marine Drive and forced any decision to be postponed until a new administration is in place after May. They will continue to ensure Marine Drive remains 'meter-free'. There is much more work to do and Chris, Lynn and David look forward to continuing to be able to serve you for the next 4 years.

ROUNDHAM with HYDE

Cllr Barbara Lewis T 07713 026580
Cllr Chris Robson T 07808 888618

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Councillors Barbara Lewis and Chris Robson have worked hard supporting residents in Paignton. They have both been Councillors for four years and are passionate about the Town, wanting to see improvements and change. They are frustrated that the Elected Mayor has not listened to their concerns and taken action to regenerate the town centre of Paignton.

Barbara and Chris have served on a number of council committees, Chris is Chairman of the Oldway working party and he has successfully persuaded the Council to setup a Community Trust to run the Estate on behalf of Paignton residents, while Barbara has been instrumental in pulling together the funding required to provide a night time landing site for the Devon Air ambulance at Queens Park. The recent granting of planning permission for the Park Hotel on the seafront will create a modern 3 Star Hotel with 161 rooms so Chris and Barbara will ensure the message goes out to developers that there is a brighter future for Paignton, actively encouraging even more investment, in-particular they will ensure that a solution for Crossways remains a top priority.

It was confirmed recently that the private sector has come up to the mark and will help finance Bmad and the Torbay Air Show this year. Both of these events bring millions of pounds into the Bay and help to put Paignton on the map. Barbara and Chris gave the two events their full support.

What is this £300 extra council tax all about? Tell me the truth . .

We appreciate that the headline is alarming - but the truth of it is . . . The Liberal Democrats supported by most of the independents on Torbay Council together with the outgoing elected Mayor appear to believe that the only way out of the Council's current difficulties is to tax its residents **MORE!**

This would be achieved by introducing either parish or town councils across the Bay with the intent being that Torbay Council would cease providing many services and devolve those services, passing responsibility down to new Parish or Town Councils. The Bay's only Town Council - Brixham currently does not have responsibility for such services.

The Conservative group had successfully defeated the idea on the first 2 occasions it was brought before Council but on the final outing last September, where the elected Mayor was supported by Liberal Democrats and Independent Councillors, the vote was tied and was agreed through the casting vote of the Liberal Democrat Chairman.

What does that mean? The Council is consulting to see if the community would

like to have new Parish Councils or Town Councils across the Bay. The consultation is online until 15th March and you can visit the site at www.torbay.gov.uk/consultations then head over to the 'Community Governance Review'.

The following extract is taken directly from the online consultation...

The national average Band D precept of all town or parish councils in the current year is £64.05 per annum and for approximately 30 of the larger councils, some of which have taken on responsibility for a range of services 'devolved' from their Principal Authority, the Band D figure is between £200 and £300 per annum.

(This would be added to your current council tax bill)

Conservatives are well aware that the books have to balance and services have to be maintained. However we have always believed in lower rates of taxation and have kept Council Tax increases as low as possible. We continue to hold that view.



We believe the only way to stop this Madness is to vote Conservative in May. We will not progress with this ridiculous idea!

We believe that the cost of setting up another tier of local government is not in our best interest. New Town Councils would need to put in place new Governance systems which would add upwards of an additional 30 new Councillors to the 36 Torbay Councillors who already serve you .

Is our community really asking for additional Councillors, additional bureaucracy and additional taxes?

We think not !!

REFERENDUM ON PAIGNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Over the past 5 years, much of Paignton's community have been involved with producing the Neighbourhood Plan. This is a planning document that once it has completed its legal journey will be part of the planning system at Torbay Council.

It has been a long journey and the penultimate stage was when the plan was presented to your councillors in Autumn 2018. It was approved unanimously by them and it now approaches the final hurdle - a referendum of the people who live in the plan area.

The referendum will be held on Thursday 2nd May, and when you receive your ballot papers to vote for new councillors you will also receive a paper to vote Yes or No to approve the Neighbourhood Plan.

If you would like to know more about the plan and what the changes may mean to you and your local area - please visit the community website at: www.paigntonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk



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