

John Sheldon

Conservative Candidate for Tavistock North
Tavistock North By-Election - Thursday 21st June 2012

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A STRONG VOICE FOR LOCAL PEOPLE



John Sheldon is already a Town Councillor for Tavistock North

This Election is all about the Tavistock North Ward and your representative on West Devon Borough Council. I have enjoyed serving as your local Town Councillor and I hope you will elect me as your representative on West Devon Borough Council. I know that many of you are disappointed with some of the decisions that the Coalition Government has made, but we must all remember that this By-Election only affects how our local council is run.

As a retired police officer I believe my experience in law and order will allow me to look at Community Safety issues with a professional eye.

There are many important services provided by West Devon Borough Council. Even in these tough times we need to protect and improve our vital services.

DEVELOPMENT IN TAVISTOCK



■ Planning issues in Tavistock North include 'The Tavistock Development', which proposes 750 new houses. This is at the design concept stage. There have been three meetings to date. I have been the only Town or Borough Councillor that has attended them all. This needs to be closely monitored as this large development will have a huge impact on our community.



■ I will monitor fly tipping and I will ensure that when it is reported it is dealt with. Graffiti is also a constant problem and I would request Community Payback to get involved in its removal. If you report matters and get no response then please let me know.

LOCAL BROADBAND CHAMPION

John is the Tavistock Town Council Broadband Champion and has been campaigning to get superfast broadband for Tavistock.

"I am convinced that superfast broadband will give us the necessary boost and make empty offices and units in Tavistock North commercially more attractive. I have already attended a meeting that introduces the idea of a Tavistock Enterprise Hub."

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To find out more visit:
www.superfast.me.uk



John and a local business owner next to a BT cabinet in Tavistock North

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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Parking Issues

Many parts of Tavistock North are affected by lack of or very tight parking conditions. It is a key issue to all who live in those areas.

As a second tier council, West Devon Borough Council has no direct control over street parking or traffic management, which are handled by Devon County Council. A Traffic Management Group comprising of Council representatives from all tiers and community representatives have now held a number of meetings to discuss potential solutions. It is important that we develop a plan that will address problems across the whole town, not just push the problems into a different part of the town. Potential ideas include a 'Park and Ride' service for commuters and shoppers.

The installation of any type of metered street parking charges should not be considered as a solution. I am totally opposed to this type of charging and see it as treating motorists as cash cows. Motoring is expensive enough without punitive charges to park your car. Meters would undoubtedly affect local shopping habits and visitors.

I will focus on this issue and support anything I can for parking solutions in affected areas.

DELIVERING QUALITY

Excellent local services in tough times

West Devon Borough Council provides many public facing services that will always attract comment, favourable or otherwise. Household Recycling and Refuse collection is a very physical and highly visible service. There is dissatisfaction in some parts of Tavistock North, these range from missed or part collections, to garden refuse bags blowing away. There are also many other essential services that are not always in the public eye.

It is important that all these services are delivered with high quality in mind, even in these tough economic times. While I may not be able to be in a position to catch your garden refuse

bag, I would like the opportunity to extend my remit in representing Tavistock North. I will work with your other Councillors to ensure that the ward gets the best from the Council.

Whilst retaining services we must keep Council Tax from spiralling out of control. It has happened before and it must never be allowed to happen again. At some point I believe we will have better economic times but that should not be taken as an excuse to raise more revenue. Every Council penny should count and be spent wisely. It takes effort to preserve what we have, I will make that effort.

PROVIDING SOLUTIONS TO YOUR PROBLEMS

As your local Town Councillor I am always ready to help when someone contacts me about the Town Council.

Although I am not a member of West Devon Borough Council or Devon County Council I am happy to handle any queries you might have relating to their services. I will try and help you as best I can and do not merely want to be a signpost when Tavistock Town Council is not the provider of the service in question. Please feel free to contact me and discuss the matter.

