

Candidate Responses, 2021 Worcestershire County elections

Worcestershire Active Travel Partnership asked candidates to make a commitment to Act on Active Travel and describe what they would do, if elected, to enable and encourage Active Travel in their Division and in Worcestershire during the next council term. Here are the responses received from those elected.

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| Luckman | Aled | Alvechurch | Conservative | Cycle routes are essential to securing a sustainable and environmentally friendly future. As a young candidate this is a topic close to my heart. I pledge to work with the County Council to improve existing cycle routes and work on the provision of new routes. I will also encourage our council to work on cycle routes around schools, colleges, places of work and retail hotspots so that it is easier and safer to commute by bike. [Also Cycling UK pledge] |
| Dormer | Matt | Arrow Valley East | Conservative | I worked very hard to get Redditch to be a trial town for e-scooter trials which has gone brilliantly I will continue to promote this as green form of alternative transport. I will continue to push and promote more cleaner and greener forms of active travel and transport. I'm already looking to improve charging infrastructure across Redditch. I will also work to improve cycle and footpaths networks across the town. |
| Marshall | Emma | Arrow Valley West | Conservative | I pledge to work with the County Council on improving our existing cycle routes and creating even more. I would primarily focus my attention around schools so that students can commute safely to and from school. Not only will this help ease the school run congestion we see daily but it will encourage our children to live more active healthier lifestyles. |

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| Evans | Aled | Arrow Valley West | Conservative | As a family we have downsized to a single fully electric car, we are fortunate to have a Vehicle 2 Grid charger at home so we can help the network when the vehicle is not in use. I have recently opened my own law firm in Redditch and rather than driving to work, I now use a mixture of electric scooters, bicycles and walking to commute daily (roughly 2 miles each way). I am fully committed to improving the electric charging infrastructure of our town. I would also like to see more diversity in active travel options, i.e. bicycle rental to complement the electric scooter trial. We also need improvements to cycle routes and paths to make it easier and more enjoyable to commute actively, [Also Cycling UK pledge] |
| Kriss | Adrian | Beacon | Conservative | As a avid cyclist, I wish to ensure that cycleways are constructed to ensure that residents can access High Streets and transport links in safety, and public footpaths maintained to a high standard to allow access to all. [Also Cycling UK pledge] |
| Amos | Alan | Bedwardine | Conservative | Worcestershire Highways support all forms of travel to the detriment of none, and firmly believe in choice, trusting and facilitating people to choose the best form of travel to suit their own circumstances. We have invested heavily in all forms and are continuing to do so through our ambitious plans for the coming year as well. Overall, 11% of the Highways Budget goes on walking and cycling. |
| Bayliss | Marc | Bowbrook | Conservative | I will support moves to improve infrastructure for cycling as part of a comprehensive multi modal transport strategy. I will promote active travel as part of regeneration schemes. |

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| Robinson | Joshua | Bromsgrove Central | Liberal Democrat | We need fully segregated cycle lanes, I was dismayed when WCC spent £3.1 million on active travel in Bromsgrove yet failed to build one extra metre of segregated cycle lane or footpath. I am glad following pressure we now have two segregated cycle lanes on the A38. We need to keep the pressure up and happy to discuss with anyone but 40 word limit is hard. |
| Mallett | Luke | Bromsgrove West | Labour | Advocate for funding and policy support for active travel initiatives within my division and more widely within the county including improvements to cycling and walking routes and infrastructure. |
| Allcott | Mel | Claines | Liberal Democrat | Worcestershire County Council Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) is not fit for purpose, essentially a maintenance plan, with no ambition or effort towards active travel. I will do I all I can to bring about a LTP which does encompass active travel. |
| Allen | Martin | Croome | Green Party | If elected I would fight to ensure bus services were not only saved but also increased. Cycleways and foot paths need to be greatly expanded and made safe to use. This would encouraged more people to help with Climate Change by adopting a more green way of living. [Also Cycling UK pledge] |
| Morris | Richard | Droitwich West | Conservative | Work with councilors and the council to develop cycle & walking routes that support connecting communities and help health & wellbeing |
| Griffiths | Peter | Evesham North West | Conservative | I will continuously campaign for the Activr Travel agenda on each occasion the opportunity arises. My election address also covers this |

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| Stokes | Emma | Evesham South | Conservative | Build upon my proven sustainability projects introduced at Wychavon; support known cycling & walking groups who have the expertise to know what is needed in Evesham; remove physical and metaphorical barriers to Active Travel and walk or cycle more myself. |
| Richardson Brown | Scott | Hallow | Conservative | One of my top priorities would be to maintain the environment and countryside around us by encouraging people to live healthier and more active lifestyles. The cost benefit analysis of the latter is enormous with regular exercise correlating to a substantially healthier population with associated cost savings for the country as a whole. Dedicated separated cycle lanes are vital where possible within the confines of existing infrastructure and should always be prioritised when considering investment in any new infrastructure or development projects. I would also like to educate people on leisure cycling opportunities along bridleways and permissive routes that they might not be aware of which offer a safer and often more scenic experience with brilliant health benefits. |
| Satterthwaite | Jack | Malvern Chase | Liberal Democrat | We need more cycling infrastructure to make it easier to use the bike instead of the car including bike racks and bike lanes. I will push the County Council to deliver off-road bike routes from Malvern to Worcester and Upton. |
| Hanks | Karen | Malvern Link | Conservative | Safety is my priority and key to active travel for all ages; I support speed management for safe transit to schools, cycle paths to places of employment, storage at public transport hubs and investment in more extensive LED street lighting. |

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| McVey | Natalie | Malvern Trinity | Green Party | <p>Push for safe cycling and walking routes to be implemented. Promote schemes for viable, sustainable, alternative transport options including electric bikes. Talk to and consult residents, gain "buy in" for emerging projects and seek external funding where appropriate [Also Cycling UK pledge]</p> |
| Boatright | Dan | Pershore | Liberal Democrat | <p>People need a safe alternative to their car. As a keen runner I want to see more on road segregated routes between the villages and the towns to enable people to walk, run and cycle. A series of active travel Worcestershire super highways would be the end goal! We need to employ more active travel officers and commit more highways funding to do this.</p> |
| wells | tom | Powick | Independent | <p>I will continue to support sustainable active travel policies and lobby for greater funding to deliver on them.</p> |
| Denham | Lynn | Rainbow Hil | Labour | <p>I pledge to improve pedestrian crossings & dropped kerbs work with cyclists to improve key routes create more safe cycle parking lobby for #activetravel to influence all County policies. Continue lobbying for a safe pedestrian crossing Midland Rd</p> |

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| Rouse | Mike | Redditch South | Conservative | In accordance with the Government's "Gear Change" strategy I will pursue a "better streets" approach whenever infrastructure projects come up in my division, such as adjustments to junctions. I will ask what provision is being made for active travel, or what adjustments can be made to improve active travel aspects at the same time. Redditch already has good cycling and walking infrastructure, my job is to keep it great and improve it further still. |
| Robinson | Linda | Upton Snodsbury | Conservative | I will actively support active travel , particularly to create safe links for cyclists and walkers between existing cycle routes towards junctions where they have to cross or travel short distances along busy main roads. (Revised submission *) |
| Udall | Richard | Worcester - St John | Labour and Co-operative | Actively encourage more cycling by supporting a new dedicated cycle lane from Dines Green to the riverside, via Oldbury Road, supporting funding to expand the cycle network, support bikeability and to rent bikes to those who cannot afford to buy them. Plenty more but running out of space. |
| Jenkins | Matthew | Worcester - St Stephen | Green Party | I plan to review all barriers to cycling in my division; ensure that any changes to road layout consider active travel first; push for 20mph speed limits in residential streets; argue for increased funding for active travel within highways budget. |