

Prudhoe Matters

Conservatives serving the people of Prudhoe



Campaign to expand Station Parking

Prudhoe Station car parks are regularly full during the week. The Prudhoe Conservative candidates will campaign for increased parking at Prudhoe. The train is a popular choice for Prudhoe residents to commute to the wider region which reduces road congestion and is a green and cost effective way to commute. Over 5 randomly chosen weekdays the car park and the overflow carpark were full.

Entrances and exits at Prudhoe Station have risen from 74,000 to 133,649 since 2019.

We would also campaign to introduce electric vehicle (EV) charging points at Prudhoe Station as EV usage will begin to rise sharply over the next four years. Transitioning to EVs is crucial for reducing carbon emissions and reducing climate change.

Councillor Gordon Stewart, Tracy Gilmore and Shaun Parsons as the candidates for Prudhoe South, Prudhoe West and Mickley and Prudhoe North and Wylam will work closely with Great British Railways, the community and local businesses to make sure that Prudhoe Station is ready to meet the needs of the people of Prudhoe.

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Local Conservative candidates Tracy Gilmore and Shaun Parsons at Prudhoe Station on a busy weekday.

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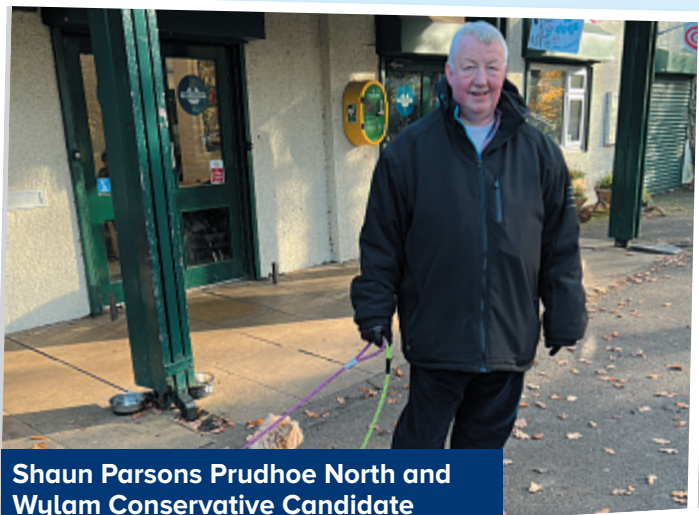
Campaign for safer better roads

Some of our roads and pavements in Prudhoe are in a poor state of repair. Some parts of Western Avenue need resurfacing and the pavements are also uneven which can present a hazard to people whose mobility is impaired. In our survey residents tell us that gullies and guttering are often clogged and unsightly and potentially present a flooding risk.

Prudhoe Conservatives working with Councillor Gordon Stewart will press Northumberland County Council for improved maintenance of our roads and pavements and for the resurfacing of Western Avenue. With winter frosts and rainfall, roads will only deteriorate further if work is not undertaken. Residents report a marked increase in potholes which damage cars as well as being a safety hazard. Ignoring poor roads is a short term cost saving measure that is a false economy as regular maintenance is much more cost effective than repairing more serious defects in the future.



Some roads and pavements in Prudhoe are in a poor state



Shaun Parsons Prudhoe North and Wylam Conservative Candidate



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Ongoing problem

Residents say they want Police on the streets in Prudhoe

A survey of residents, and face to face conversations on the doorstep, has made clear to us that residents of Prudhoe would like a greater Police presence on the streets and the return of a 'desk service' in Prudhoe to combat crime and antisocial behaviour. Conservatives in Prudhoe argue that a greater police presence is not just about preventing crime but also helps foster a safer and more cohesive community atmosphere and builds a bond between the Police and the people they serve.

Councillor Gordon Stewart and Conservatives in Prudhoe will be pressing the police and the Police and Crime Commissioner Susan Dungworth for there to be more police on the streets and for the return of a 'desk service' as more Police on the streets would serve as a powerful deterrent to potential offenders. We will press the Labour Police and Crime Commissioner for community driven policing where the police build a relationship with residents based on trust.



Call for more police in Prudhoe



Pick up and bin dog mess

Local campaign to clean up after your dog

Recent campaigns to reduce dog mess have been very successful which just goes to show how many responsible dog owners there are in Prudhoe. However, our survey revealed that dog mess is still a problem for some residents. Not only is this unattractive but it poses real health risks.

There are significant penalties for not cleaning up after your dog and there are already plenty of bins especially in popular areas like the Riverside, so there is no excuse.

Local Conservatives will press for even more bins and raise awareness in the community of the hazards of not cleaning up after your dog. We will also press for increased enforcement against offenders.

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"I wish people would clean up after their dogs"

Castlefields resident

Improved Signage and facilities at the Riverside Park

The Riverside cafe owned and operated by NCC is a great venue serving hot drinks and snacks to people enjoying the Riverside park. It is also dog friendly, making it a good choice for dog walkers to warm up on a cold day with a hot drink. Improved signage and an upgrade of the toilet facilities is needed though. If Shaun is elected he would work with stakeholders to produce a proposal for this work.





Shaun Parsons Prudhoe North and Wylam Conservative Candidate

Residents call for speed and parking controls in Castlefields

Both in our survey and on the doorstep Castlefield residents have told Shaun that speeding cars and inconsiderate parking are a serious problem in Castlefields. Residents were especially concerned about double parking which creates bottlenecks, which are difficult to pass.

Talking to residents Shaun found that there was no consensus over the measures that should be taken. For example, some residents

called for speed bumps whilst others were strongly opposed. Other residents called for more road narrowing on Castlefields Drive and even for speed cameras.

Building on the work already done by Gordon Stewart, Shaun will press the police to commission a further study looking at the options to reduce the problems of speeding and parking that would involve a consultation phase with residents.

Shop Local

In many high streets recently empty shop units have become an unfortunate but perhaps inevitable feature given the rise of online shopping. In many ways Prudhoe Front Street is an exception to this trend.

Front Street is a vibrant high street with a wide variety of independent shops as well as cafes and food outlets. The small businesses that line our streets are not just shops, they are the heartbeat of Prudhoe. Small businesses in particular are labouring under Labour's tax rises that hit employers hard.

The retail park is Prudhoe's success story with national and international chains and plans to build a hotel bringing even more local jobs and services.

When we shift the focus to local businesses we contribute to the local economy and to environmental sustainability. Shorter supply chains mean reduced emissions.

We need to work with the County and Town councils to promote Front Street and the retail park. Residents can do their bit as well by shopping local and using the great facilities.

our plan for Prudhoe



Gordon Stewart

- 1 Responding to your needs**
 As Gordon Stewart has already shown Tracy and Shaun will respond quickly and effectively to your queries and requests as well as representing you at Northumberland County Council.
- 2 Improve roads, footpaths and pavements**
 Building on Gordon's work Tracy and Shaun will press for regular road maintenance, repair of potholes and pavements
- 3 Improving transport links**
 Expanded parking at Prudhoe station and improved bus routes in better quality buses which run frequently especially in the evenings.
- 4 Putting Prudhoe First**
 Putting community concerns and local matters first.
- 5 More police on the streets**
 We would press for an increase in visible police on the streets and a reintroduction of a 'desk service' in Prudhoe.
- 6 Promote local business and Jobs**
 Labour's tax rises are putting local businesses under pressure. We will promote Prudhoe businesses, encourage people to shop local and therefore support local jobs.