

Keyworth and Wolds

ELECTION FOCUS



**Election information from the Liberal Democrats
Rushcliffe Borough Council elections on Thursday 7 May 2015
Voting 7.00 am to 10.00 pm**

If you have a postal vote, you will receive your ballot paper around 21 April and you should post it back by 2 May. If you forget to post it, you can still bring it to the polling station on 7 May at any time up to 10.00 pm.

Keyworth, Stanton-on-the-Wolds, Widmerpool and Willoughby-on-the-Wolds
**Please re-elect Linda Abbey as Rushcliffe Borough Councillor for the new
Keyworth and Wolds Ward on Thursday 7 May.**



Linda Abbey

has been Borough Councillor for Keyworth South Ward for the past 4 years and has served on the Development Control (planning) Committee, the Standards Committee and the Licensing Committee.

Linda says: *"I am now well established as a Borough Councillor. I have been very active and reliable in carrying out my role on behalf of residents and am keen to serve the new ward with its wider challenges and opportunities."*

"If re-elected, I will regularly attend the Full Parish Council meetings at Keyworth, Stanton-on-the-Wolds, Widmerpool and Willoughby-on-the-Wolds. I will represent the specific interests and issues of each of your communities fairly and objectively at the Borough Council. I will be accessible to all the residents of Keyworth and Wolds".

"I take great pride in this part of Rushcliffe, which offers a wide range of facilities, attractive countryside and opportunities for a rich quality of life. I would like to keep what is best, while moving the area on to meet future challenges."

Linda Abbey - the experienced councillor

has lived in Keyworth for nearly 30 years. She is married to Roy, and all four of their children were educated in Keyworth. Before her recent retirement, Linda spent her working life in teaching, her latest appointment being as Assistant Head Teacher at a school for children with special educational needs.

As well as serving on the Borough Council, Linda has been a Keyworth Parish Councillor for the past 24 years, during which time she has served as Parish Council Chairman and on every committee. She is currently the Chairman of the Planning Committee and a member of the Finance and Risk Committee.

Linda is also active in village life, with an interest in conservation as Chairman of the Conservation Area Advisory Group and in environmental matters through her Chairmanship of the Keyworth Nature Reserve Management Group.

Linda Abbey
Liberal Democrat



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How Linda Abbey will serve you in Keyworth and Wolds

Housing

Expect high standards for new development - design, energy efficiency, sustainable material. Advocate affordable housing, starter homes for the young and a range of provision for older residents according to identified need. Support small rural housing projects to keep our villages alive. Backed the recently completed housing initiative on a derelict garage site in Keyworth.



Looking after the natural and built environment

Promote good recycling practice across the borough (Lib Dems proposed and got the household battery collection scheme). Seek protection for our "open spaces" and heritage. Recognise the importance of trees and woodland to our well-being. Support and protect Conservation Areas.



Planning

Study all applications, comment and represent residents' views fairly. Building on my leadership of the Keyworth Neighbourhood Plan process, I will uphold a disciplined approach to new development in Keyworth, based on the extensive community consultation process and residents' wishes gathered over the past 3 years.

Business

Support ways to keep local businesses viable and oppose inappropriate larger scale supermarkets in Keyworth. Welcome diversification in the rural economy. Seek the retention of Post Offices, particularly where there is no other access to financial services. Promote policies to avoid empty shops wherever possible.

Leisure

Welcome the new Arena facilities, but promote the retention of Keyworth Leisure Centre as a hub for this area, fit for purpose and family-friendly, improving physical and mental health. Improve play facilities for children, teenagers and adults.



Services

Embrace a "cared for" approach, quickly reporting litter, dog-fouling and graffiti. Support the green bin initiative, but believe that a lower charge of £10 a year would encourage more people to join the scheme.



Parking

Work with the Borough Council to improve the management of our local car parks, e.g. in introducing a 2-hour time limit in Bunny Lane (pictured) so that shoppers will find it easier to park. Work towards a solution for the parking problems in and around Church Drive.

Councillor Linda Abbey's recent grant allocations from Rushcliffe's Community Support Scheme

Keyworth Community Park improvements
Keyworth Primary School Reading Project
Keyworth and District Gardening Association
Keyworth and District Local History Society
Rushcliffe Play Forum

Keyworth Scouts
Parish Christmas lights and hanging baskets
Keyworth Guides
Royal British Legion WW1 event
Defibrillator for Keyworth village centre

Liberal Democrats working for you in Keyworth and Wolds