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newsline

Serving the people of Moreton & Saughall Massie



A sad farewell to Councillor Chris Blakeley

After twenty years as a Councillor for Moreton West and Saughall Massie, Chris sadly lost his battle with cancer, and died on the 15th January.

The number of people who attended his funeral on the 4th February was testimony

to how well he was regarded by residents, politicians, council staff, friends and of course his family.

Chris became a Councillor in 2000 after getting involved with a planning issue at the old Arrowbrook Social Club in Upton Road.

Since then he worked tirelessly, addressing the problems and concerns of many local residents.

At the Town Hall Chris continuously spoke up for this area and also served on countless committees over the years.

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Chris with residents at a street surgery regarding a planning application



Keeping in touch, all year around

Simon in bid to return to Moreton West & Saughall Massie

I am Simon Mountney and I am your Conservative candidate for the local elections in May. I was your councillor previously between 2004 and 2014, when I stood down to spend more time with my family during those important teenage years. I have always said that I would love to return if the timings and circumstances were right.

I was very honoured last year when Chris Blakeley phoned me to say he wouldn't be continuing after May 2020, and asked if I would consider standing for selection. We now all know Chris was very poorly and sadly passed away recently. To be asked to try and replace someone as effective as Chris is a tough request but to be asked by Chris himself, was special.

I really hope that you will give me your support so I can carry on Chris's great work.



Simon Mountney

Simon's story

I am a former Police Officer and Commissioned Officer in the RAF. I am married with 2 children and now run a small family business.

I believe in rewarding hard work and also supporting those unable to work. I have a deep interest in Social Care and the manner in which we support those in our community who are most vulnerable and at risk.

Residents expect their councillors in the Town Hall to lead and try to make changes in order to make our lives, and the lives of those most vulnerable amongst us better. I also think the values that we conservatives bring to the Town Hall, i.e. hard work, rewarding effort and supporting family values are important and essential.

If you elect me in May I will commit to be the best local councillor I can be, try to fill a very big pair of shoes and I will do my utmost to make this borough a better place.



Simon canvassing when previously a Councillor with Chris and Steve

Flower Planters

Many people will have seen the flower planters around Moreton. These were supplied by your local Councillors through grant funding from the Town Hall four years ago.

The flowers are kindly supplied free of charge by Carr Farm Garden Centre, on the Meols Stretch. This year they were replanted by four volunteers, some of our shop keepers along with a local resident, Rachel, who kindly keeps them hydrated.

Replanting takes place 3 times a year and watering and maintenance a couple of hours per week in the summer and very little in the winter. Are there any residents who would like to get involved in this project? You can get involved as little or as much as you like, to help Moreton look attractive.

If you would like to get involved, or maybe just make some enquires about what's required, please contact Simon, Steve or Bruce.



Steve and Bruce with Ben Jones from Carr Farm



Councillors and residents protesting about losing the 901 Route

Bus Services

Since losing the 901 route in September 2017 many residents have suffered from inadequate bus services. The 901 was replaced with the 1, but the main disappointment was that it was reduced from a 30 minute service to hourly. Also, the 1b didn't cover Saughall Massie Village initially, but after negotiation by Councillors, the route was altered to cover this area, particularly the Kingfisher Way and Headington Road areas.

There is currently a Bus Network Review being conducted by Merseytravel. Bruce and Steve attended a meeting with Merseytravel and pushed for improved services for our area particularly for residents having to get to hospitals. At certain times this can involve a change of bus, which is very inconvenient for travellers.

Over recent years there has been a massive decline in the routes to our town including the loss of many buses through the Lingham area. We will continue to push for an improvement to these services.

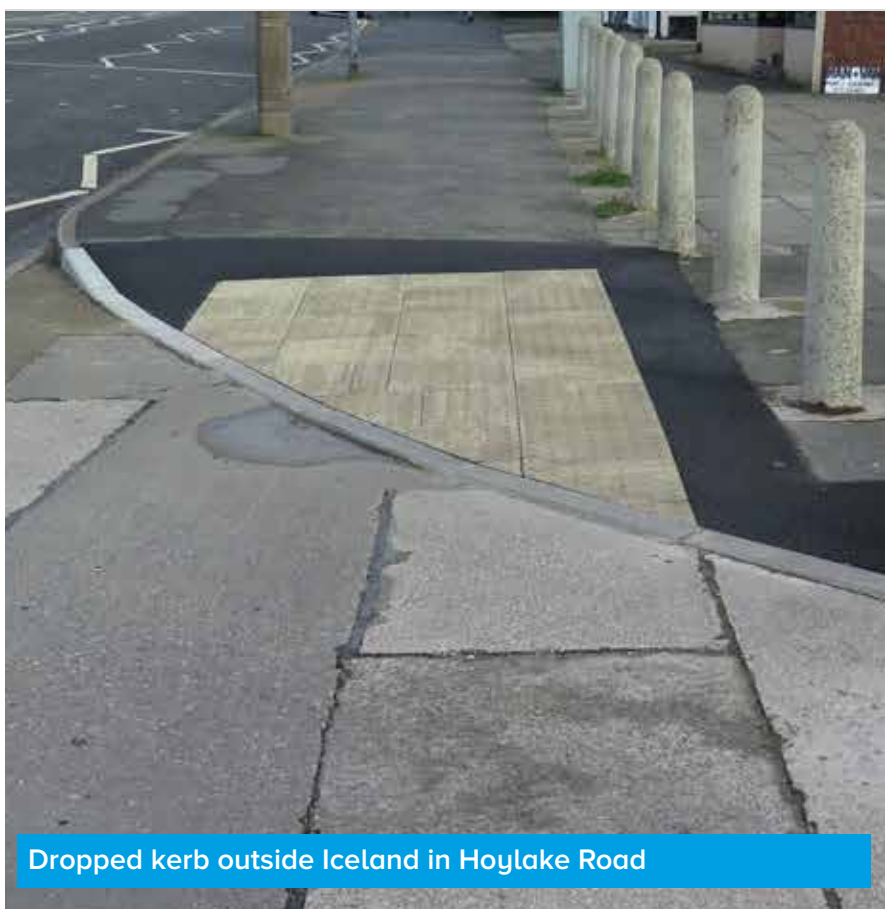
It's only the Conservatives that seem to call all year round. Other parties you only hear from at election time
**Angela Pouncey
Moreton Resident**

Dropped Kerbs

Residents may be aware that the three local councillors Chris, Steve & Bruce have campaigned for over two years to have a number of pavements dropped in the Moreton shopping area. The council agreed to carry out this work. Unfortunately the timing for this work was unsuitable as a lot of disruption was caused very close to the Christmas shopping period.

However the work is now completed, and our shopping area is much more accessible for the elderly and people with disability.

If you have any requests to make life a little easier for those with mobility problems, why not raise them with Steve or Bruce.



Dropped kerb outside Iceland in Hoylake Road



Jenny's Wood at the rear of Littlemore Close

Jenny's Wood

Jenny's Wood is at the rear of the new fire station in Saughall Massie. For the last four years we have campaigned for 'no fishing' signs at the pond. This was to discourage children from swimming in the pond which is 12 foot deep, and to prevent fishing through the night in the summer months, and disturbing residents' sleep. The council installed a 'no fishing' sign, which was thrown in the water. The council installed another no fishing sign and also fenced off the entrance.

Residents reported that a candidate from last years local election had opened up pathways into the wood, cut down trees and was actively encouraging people to fish the pond. We discovered that council rangers were also involved in this activity. The same rangers who had installed 'no fishing' signs were now encouraging people to fish! We had a meeting with the council officer manager. We agreed that the way forward was to move the fish to other ponds.

Contact Details

We do not hold conventional political surgeries but can be contacted via the details below at any time to discuss issues or to arrange a meeting

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Outreach Project

Outreach Project is the idea of a local businesswoman, Gill Dabek. Gill has already done some amazing charity work for Moreton, including getting the funding for two of our defibrillators, at The Outreach Physio on Hoylake Road, and the one outside The Vineyard at Moreton Cross.

Gill has recently organised a fundraising evening at the Grange Pub, for which many local businesses and residents have donated amazing prizes for the raffle.

Gill has plans for many more events.

The Outreach Project is now registered as a Community Interest Company at Companies House.

Gill has a great network of clients and friends who keep her up to date with people who may just need that extra help at a difficult time.

More details of the project can be found on Facebook, at The Outreach Project Moreton.



Gill Dabek

