



JAMES MILLS

The best local choice for Witney West & Bampton
**OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BY-ELECTION
ON THURSDAY 7 MAY 2015**



CARING AND CAMPAIGNING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

ABOUT JAMES

- James, 39 grew up in West Oxfordshire in the village of Aston. For the last 16 years he has lived in Witney.
- James first became a District Councillor in 2002. During this time he was a member of the Lower Windrush Gravel Liaison Group.
- James has served as a school governor both at Madley Brook School and The Henry Box School. He is a trustee of the Witney Educational Foundation and a former trustee of the Batt Church of England School Trust. James has served as a Church Warden for Witney Parish, which includes St John's, Curbridge.

James says:

"Having grown up locally, this has given me a good understanding and appreciation for all this area has to offer."

I have a track record of being a hard-working representative taking an active role as a local voice for residents. I enjoy being involved with many community groups and help wherever and however I can. Meeting with residents gives me the opportunity to listen to your views and concerns.

If elected I will work hard to resolve the local issues which you care about: proposed housing developments in our area, road conditions, transport and further flood alleviation measures.

Please support me with your vote on 7 May and let's work together for the good of our community."

TEN KEY REASONS TO VOTE CONSERVATIVE IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL BY-ELECTION ON 7 MAY

- 1 More jobs
- 2 Boosting innovation and business
- 3 High speed broadband
- 4 Improvements to our road network
- 5 Further flood alleviation
- 6 Supporting our local schools
- 7 Protecting libraries
- 8 Looking after our elderly
- 9 High waste disposal & recycling rates
- 10 Protecting our environment

If you need help getting to the polling station or would like to contact James, please email us at office@witneyconservatives.com or telephone 01993 702302

Polling Day

Thursday 7 May 2015

Polls open 7am to 10pm



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WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED NATIONALLY:

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- 6 Welfare capped to reward work**
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A MESSAGE FROM DAVID CAMERON

Local elections are so important for the welfare of our district. Please vote Conservative on 7 May and, together, let's keep West Oxfordshire a wonderful place in which to live, work and raise a family.

VOTE JAMES MILLS X

PLEASE DISPLAY IN YOUR WINDOW TO SUPPORT JAMES' CAMPAIGN

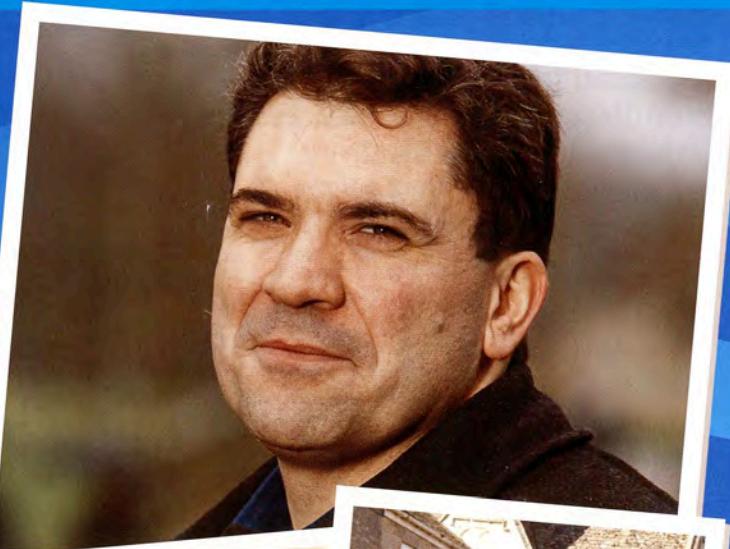


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**The local choice for
Witney West & Bampton**

- Improving our roads and transport network
- Supporting our local schools and young people
- Working towards further flood alleviation measures



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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM JAMES MILLS

Dear Elector

Having grown up locally, I have a very good understanding and appreciation for all this area has to offer.

I have a track record of being a hard-working representative and taking an active role as a local voice for residents. I enjoy being involved with many community groups and help wherever and however I can. Meeting with residents gives me the opportunity to listen to your views and concerns. If elected I will work hard to resolve the local issues you care about: proposed housing developments in our area, our road conditions, transport in and around Witney and Bampton and flooding alleviation measures.

Please support me with your vote on May 7th and let's work together for the good of our community.

Thank you, *James Mills*

FOR WITNEY WEST & BAMPTON

ACTION FOR YOU ALL YEAR AROUND

What we have achieved together

- Boosting innovation and business growth through the Oxfordshire City Deal - £108m of Government funding has been secured to create jobs and help cement Oxfordshire's place as a world leader in technology, knowledge and expertise.
- Funding superfast broadband to over 90 per cent of Oxfordshire by the end of 2015.
- Improving our road network to increase capacity and reduce journey times. The Ducklington Lane corridor is the first phase of the Witney transport strategy and work is due to start on the Wolvercote and Cutteslowe roundabouts to make the A40 flow better.
- Supporting Dementia Friends Campaign
- Putting nurses into every secondary school allowing pupils of all ages to access essential support and guidance around subjects ranging from mental wellbeing to healthy eating.
- Protecting our environment – Oxfordshire County Council is the best performing county council in the country for waste disposal and recycling.
- Encouraging apprenticeships - the number of new apprentices is on the rise in Oxfordshire.

If you would like to raise an issue of concern, or help my campaign, please contact me:

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INTRODUCING JAMES MILLS

- James, 39, grew up in West Oxfordshire in the village of Aston. For the last 16 years he has lived in Witney.
- After graduating from the West of England University, Bristol, he worked for a leading market research company in Oxford. More recently he worked for a local Witney business before starting his own company last year.
- James first became a District Councillor in 2002. During this time he was a member of the Lower Windrush Gravel Liaison Group.
- James has served as a school governor both at Madley Brook School and The Henry Box School.
- He is a trustee of the Witney Educational Foundation and a former trustee of the Batt CE Primary School Trust.
- James has served as a Church Warden for Witney Parish, which includes four churches: St Mary's, Witney; Holy Trinity, Witney; St John's, Hailey; and St John's, Curbridge.
- In 2012 James was asked to be an ambassador for the local charity SpecialEffect, which helps young people with disabilities enjoy video games. He continues to champion and raise money for the charity. James is also an active member of Witney Round Table helping to organise the Witney Beer Festival.
- As a member of Witney Rugby Club he has played for every team from Under 15s through to 1stXV. He now only needs a Vets game for the full set.

JAMES MILLS THE LOCAL CHOICE



TED FENTON X

The best local choice for Bampton and Clanfield



West Oxfordshire District Council Election
on Thursday 7 May 2015

CARING AND CAMPAIGNING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



ABOUT TED:

- Married to Hilary and has lived in Aston since 1998. Prior to that Ted was a resident master at Cokethorpe School where he has worked since moving to the area in 1985.
- More recently he was a governor at The Henry Box School until its conversion to an academy.
- In his younger days he was involved in Witney Rugby Club where he served as honorary treasurer for two years and as Club Captain. He was also a member of the Oxfordshire Society of Referees.

Ted says: "Over the last 30 years there has been considerable development in the area around which I live and it is all too apparent that there is pressure for there to be more. If elected, I would do my best to ensure that any such development focuses on the requirements of local families and businesses and not the profits of big national companies. The preservation of the character of our villages and countryside is vitally important and where there is a need for more housing, it is essential that the infrastructure is in place before building starts and the requirements of people already living in the district must be carefully considered before expansion of any kind is permitted."

TEN KEY REASONS TO VOTE CONSERVATIVE IN THE LOCAL DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON 7 MAY

- 1 More jobs
- 2 Supporting our local economy
- 3 Frozen council tax
- 4 Free car parking
- 5 High speed broadband
- 6 Encouraging tourism
- 7 Leisure activities for our young people
- 8 More affordable homes
- 9 Resisting unsustainable development
- 10 Protecting our environment

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Vote Conservative on 7 May

TED FENTON

**The Local Choice for
Bampton & Clanfield**

- ✓ Working to develop more affordable homes while resisting development in unsustainable locations
- ✓ Improving flood alleviation measures
- ✓ Promoting our local economy and businesses



A message from Ted Fenton

Dear Elector

I am extremely honoured to stand as the Conservative candidate for the Bampton and Clanfield ward. Although this is the first time I have stood, I am no stranger to the concerns of our area having supported Hilary (District Councillor for Standlake, Aston and Stanton Harcourt) and other local candidates in several recent elections. I hope to be able to carry on the good work of the serving Conservative Councillors for Bampton and Clanfield.

Over the last 30 years there has been considerable development in the area around which I live and it is all too apparent that there is pressure for there to be more. If elected, I would do my best to ensure that any such development focuses on the requirements of local families and businesses and not the profits of big national companies. The preservation of the character of our villages and countryside is vitally important and where there is a need for more housing, it is essential that the infrastructure is in place before building starts and the requirements of people already living in the district must be carefully considered before expansion of any kind is permitted.

West Oxfordshire District Council has an outstanding record for providing excellent local services within a very carefully managed budget. If elected I would do my best to ensure that this continues.

Please support me with your vote on 7th May and let us work together towards an even brighter future for our area.

Thank you so much.

Ted Fenton

TED'S FACT FILE

- Married to Hilary in 1998 and has lived in Aston since then. Prior to that Ted was a resident master at Cokethorpe School where he has worked since moving to the area in 1985 after finishing his PGCE at Magdalene College Cambridge having taken a degree in Theology at King's College London.
- Ted was born in East Africa and grew up near Hexham in Northumberland.
- In his younger days he was involved in Witney Rugby Club where he served as honorary treasurer for two years and as Club Captain. He was also a member of the Oxfordshire Society of Referees.
- More recently he was a governor at The Henry Box School until its conversion to an academy.
- Ted has a wide range of interests and enjoys participating in choral music both at work and outside it and he recently started learning to play the piano and the church organ.

CONTACT TED

CARING AND CAMPAIGNING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

YOUR PRIORITIES ARE OUR PRIORITIES

Conservatives at the District Council will:

- 1 Continue to spend as little of your money as possible, reduce council costs while protecting front line services.
- 2 Promote our successful local economy, attract inward investment to help business thrive and provide jobs to maintain high employment levels.
- 3 Work closely with law enforcement agencies to keep crime and antisocial behaviour levels down.
- 4 Address climate change and the green agenda, seek ways to recycle even more, and be energy efficient.
- 5 Continue to work with all agencies and landowners to prevent future flooding in West Oxfordshire.

PLEASE VOTE CONSERVATIVE IN WEST OXFORDSHIRE ON THURSDAY 7TH MAY

ACTION FOR YOU ALL YEAR AROUND

What we have achieved together:

- Created more jobs.
- District Council Tax frozen for fifth consecutive year making it the second lowest charge of all shire districts in England.
- Free car parking saving residents' money, helping businesses and protecting jobs.
- Funding high speed Broadband coverage in the hard-to-reach parts of our area.

- Working to deliver more affordable homes and self-build opportunities for local people.
- Resisting development in unsustainable locations and working with stakeholders for better transport infrastructure on roads like the A40 and railway links.
- Protecting our environment – high recycling rates, less rubbish to landfill, free green waste collection.
- Providing leisure activities for all ages and supporting tourism in West Oxfordshire.

Vote  Conservatives POLLING DAY THURSDAY 7TH MAY (7AM-10PM)

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MESSAGE FROM DAVID CAMERON

Local elections are very important for the welfare of our district. Your Conservative-run District Council has a first class record with very low council tax charge which, with funding help from the Government, has been frozen for the fifth year running. West Oxfordshire District Council has been at the forefront of pioneering more locally-led joint working with other councils to reduce costs and ensure that front line services are protected. I work closely with councillors in taking up your individual problems and championing local causes such as:

- Creating more jobs
- Rolling out super fast broadband
- Tackling crime
- Supporting small businesses
- Dealing sensitively with future housing growth
- Working on flood alleviation

Please support your Conservative candidate on the 7th May and let's work together to keep West Oxfordshire a great place in which to work and live.

Thank you.



A RECORD OF ACTION IN WEST OXFORDSHIRE

Constituency work is at the heart of what I do. Visiting businesses and schools, meeting with volunteers, holding surgeries and supporting campaigners in my constituency is extremely important to me. West Oxfordshire is a wonderful area to live and work and it is a true privilege to serve as your Member of Parliament.



ENCOURAGING SMALL BUSINESSES

West Oxfordshire is fortunate to have a vibrant economy led by many small businesses. I will continue to work with our business-friendly local council and speak up for the need for less regulation, simplifying employment law and reforming the Regional Development Agencies to create a vibrant, business-focused force that is more responsive to local needs.



IMPROVING THE COTSWOLD LINE

After sustained campaigning, I was delighted when Network Rail announced plans to reinstate double track on much of the Cotswold Line. This should help bring an end to the longstanding delays that rail users have endured and provide a rail service that we can rely on.

BACKING BRITISH FARMERS

West Oxfordshire includes 400 square miles of some of the most beautiful countryside in England. I am determined that we make sure we have a living, working countryside, not a museum. That means backing Britain's farmers with campaigns to buy British food, label British food properly and encourage rural enterprise.



THE NHS IS A PRIORITY

I have always fought hard to help ensure we keep good local NHS facilities. It was essential to make sure that the new Chipping Norton hospital included maternity and NHS services, as well as care home facilities. As your Member of Parliament, I will continue to fight for the health service that my constituents need and deserve.



SUPPORTING BRITAIN'S ARMED FORCES

RAF Brize Norton is Britain's premier air base and plays a vital role in the West Oxfordshire economy. Our armed forces do a fantastic job and deserve our full support in all that they do for our country. They deserve excellent housing and outstanding schools for their children.



THE AFTERMATH OF FLOODS

Since the appalling floods of July 2007, dealing with flooding has been an important part of my work. I have worked with local agencies, held meetings across the constituency, organised a debate in Westminster and lobbied the Government to ensure that West Oxfordshire is as prepared as possible against future flooding.

Q & A with David Cameron

The economy is in real trouble, so can we really afford to focus on the environment as well?

We can't afford not to. If we ignore the planet now, we'll pay later. Floods will bring devastation which we'll have to repair at great expense. Unless we get cleaner sources of energy, we'll all have to pay higher prices at the petrol pumps. And above all, the global market for green goods and services is now worth trillions of pounds - so we need to start investing in new green technologies and industries if we're going to get a bigger slice of that pie.

What's your policy on immigration?

Immigration can help our country – but not when it's completely uncontrolled. The pace of immigration in the past few years has placed huge pressure on our public services and housing. That's why we would introduce an annual limit on the number of people from outside the EU coming to work here. What's more, we would create a new border police force to stop people from getting into this country illegally.

Lots of people are fed up with the way so many things in this country seem to be run from Brussels. What would you do to protect our interests in the EU?

The first thing I'd do is change the law so that any new treaty that transferred areas of power from Britain to the EU would have to be voted on in a referendum, by you. Next, we would introduce a new United Kingdom Sovereignty Bill to make it clear that ultimate authority stays in this country, in our Parliament. And then we would start negotiations to pull powers back from Brussels on issues like criminal justice, and in social and employment legislation.

Everyone's talking about how much debt we're in. So should we still be giving other countries money in international aid?

One of the great things about this country is our sense of compassion. You just have to look at our response to the recent earthquake in Haiti to see that. So I don't think it would be right to pay down our debt by pushing down the poor or the most vulnerable. And besides, in today's world, giving aid isn't just about generosity – it's about the national interest. Things that go wrong in one country can end up having an impact right here in Britain. That's why we've pledged to protect the international aid budget – and so with a Conservative government, development spending would grow.

VOTE DAVID CAMERON FOR WITNEY

Councillors to stand down



Simon
Hoare



Eve
Coles



Hywel Davies, left, and Mark Booty

WEST Oxfordshire-District Council chairman Norman Macrae has paid tribute to the four district councillors who are retiring at tomorrow's election.

Mark Booty who represented Bampton and Clanfield ward, Eve Coles who stood for Chipping Norton, Hywel Davies for Charlbury and Finstock and Simon Hoare for Hailey, Minster Lovell and Leafield are all standing down from the council and will be replaced by new councillors.

Mr Macrae paid tribute to each one and thanked them for the "enormous amount of hard work" they had put in for the people of West Oxfordshire and wished them well for the future.

Mark Booty has represented

Bampton and Clanfield ward since 2003. He has been a cabinet member since 2007 and deputy leader of the council for the past three years.

His cabinet responsibilities have included community safety, health and innovation. He has also served on a number of committees, including planning.

Eve Coles is retiring after 20 years as a district councillor for Chipping Norton. She has always had a particular interest in environmental issues and has been a member of the environment overview and scrutiny committee since 2001, as well as serving on several other committees and working groups.

Hywel Davies has represented

Charlbury and Finstock ward since May 2011. During the last three years he has served on a number of committees as well as acting as vice-chairman of the environment overview and scrutiny committee.

Simon Hoare has represented the Hailey, Minster Lovell and Leafield ward since 2004 and was appointed to cabinet in 2007. He was responsible for resources which includes the budget. He is now standing as the Conservative candidate for Dorset North in the General Election and has moved to the area.

There are 17 district council seats up for election tomorrow.

For more details, see westoxon.gov.uk/elections

Election Special: West Oxfordshire District Council

Tory stranglehold is maintained



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COUNCIL leaders at district and county level were celebrating as Tory candidates maintained the party's monopoly in West Oxfordshire.

Of the 17 district seats up for grabs, the Conservatives overwhelmed the opposition to retain the large majority.

Leader of West Oxfordshire District Council Barry Norton said: "It has been absolutely fantastic."

"We came in with 16 seats and we've left with 16."

"We had some incredibly strong candidates and it is a sign of the good work that the district council has done that people continue to come out and vote for us."

Most of the Conservative candidates enjoyed a majority of between 800 and 1,000 votes.

Conservative candidate Guy Wall won the Chipping Norton district council seat with 1,782 votes.

Traditionally a Labour seat, candidate Sian O'Neill lagged behind with just 807 votes.

Mr Wall said: "I'm very pleased by the result."

"As a Chipping Norton resident and a business owner in the area I think I can help tackle the issues of residents."

Although the Tories took a seat from Labour, the party ended up losing a district council seat in Charlbury and Finstock to Liberal Democrat candidate Andy Graham, who gained 1,018 votes.

Conservative candidate Rory MacArthur came in second with 790 votes.



A bad day for Labour at the West Oxfordshire District Council count in Witney

Mr Graham said: "It's really exciting. To a degree I feel relieved to have won."

"I think that this win really shows the importance of getting out there and engaging with residents on local issues."

Mr Graham said he knocked on 800 doors during the election campaign.

A number of veteran district councillors returned with robust majorities.

Councillor for Alvescot and Filkins since 1999, David McFarlane was the first candidate to find out he had won.

The communications consultant said: "I'm really pleased with the result."

"The district council has had a long history of putting residents first."

As well as district council elections, voters decided who would replace former county councillor for Witney West and Bampton Simon Hoare.

He left his seat after being nominated as the Tories Parlia-

tary candidate in North Dorset and won the seat with 30,227 votes.

District councillor for Witney East James Mills made the move to the county council, with 3,462 votes.

Mr Mills, who was slightly flustered after the vote count was read, said: "I can't believe it. I'm so happy."

Leader of Oxfordshire County Council Ian Hudspeth said: "I'm really happy for James. He has been a diligent councillor in West Oxfordshire for some time and I'm looking forward to working with him at County Hall."

Counters who worked on the Witney Parliamentary vote stayed at the Windrush Leisure Centre in Witney until 3pm to count the council votes.

Returning officer Keith Butler said: "Unlike the 2010 election we had about 20,000 and 25,000 more ballots to count. The mood has been good. It's always different when it's a Parliamentary election."

May 27th 2015

Four more additions to the council

FOUR new councillors were formally inducted into West Oxfordshire District council last week.

Following the May 7 election, councillor Ted Fenton for Bampton and Clanfield, Andy Graham for Charlbury and Finstock, Guy Wall for Chipping Norton and Gill Hill for Hailey, Minster Lovell and Leafield, took up their seats.

All are Conservative apart from Liberal Democrat Mr Graham.

Mr Graham, former Mayor of Bishop Stortford, said he would work with the Labour group and where possible the Conservatives who have an overwhelming majority of seats.

He said he would try to build policies from the ground up by focussing on community projects.

A new member was also appointed to the council's cabinet.

Council leader Barry Norton said there was a need to increase the cabinet from six to seven due to the

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increased pressure of work.

Councillor Colin Dingwell was appointed to deal with the Vision 2020 project, which is designed to increase cooperation and shared services with other councils.

Other cabinet portfolios were re-organised so responsibilities are more evenly split between members.

Councillor Robert Courts will take on a new portfolio for Community and Housing and councillor James Mills will take on a new portfolio for leisure and community.

Nominations were made to the council's 12 committees and Norman Macrae was re-elected as council chairman.

Comment

Tories' machine in cruise control

THE people of West Oxfordshire voted with overwhelming gusto to re-elect David Cameron as their MP and Prime Minister. After an election that featured strong campaigns by the smaller parties and opposition candidates in Witney, the result seemed surprising on one level.

Labour candidate Duncan Enright had set out his stall on local issues such as the A40 and housing developments.

National Health Action Party candidate Clive Peedell presented a case for championing the NHS and Ukip's Simon Strutt and the Lib Dems' Andy Graham argued well at the pre-election debates.

More controversial candidates such as Chris Tompson and Bobby Smith turned heads in Witney, one dressed as a character from Sesame Street, the other wielding a loud hailer for weeks in the High Street.

However on election night itself, it was noticeable how quiet the opposition parties had become. They made a lot of noise during the campaign, but when it came down to it they were powerless to challenge a Conservative machine which was slick, well organised and which ultimately held on to power.

May 13th 2015