

# Astrea HURLOCK



## YOUR STRONG LOCAL VOICE FOR UPPER MEON VALLEY WARD

*Dear Resident,*

*As a proud member of this community, I am writing to express my desire to serve you as your district councillor. It has been a pleasure to campaign alongside Hugh Lumby, who is stepping aside from Winchester City Council. If I am elected, I have big shoes to fill but I'm ready for the challenge!*

*I am passionate about the rural way of life, I have lived in the ward for 25 years, raised a family and run a business. I know the pressure of increasing energy costs, the complexity of the planning system and the desire to become more sustainable affordably.*

*As a Parish Councillor in Owslebury I witness the challenges and opportunities that our residents face first hand. This role has widened my knowledge and appreciation for what's important to our community and given me the chance to be involved in other local groups.*

*As your representative, I will work to protect our rural way of life and ensure your voice is heard at the district level.*

*Thank you for considering my candidacy and I hope that you will vote for me on 4<sup>th</sup> May.*

*Best wishes,*

*Astrea Hurlock*

**Conservative candidate for Upper Meon Valley Ward of Winchester City Council**



The Liberal-led city council continues to spend your money on external consultants for developments based in Winchester City centre. This is despite around 40% of council tax payers living in the rural and southern areas of the district. Conservative councillors will work hard for **every** resident and this year pledged to refund a percentage of council tax back to families to help with the cost of living. Vote for a strong, united Conservative voice and **value for your money.**

## CONSERVATIVES PLEDGE TO PROTECT OUR GREEN FIELDS

Conservative councillors have pledged to protect our green fields from development, whilst providing much needed homes on brownfield sites first. We will support enforcement officers at the City Council to ensure developers do not ride roughshod over planning decisions.

Winchester City Council will offset around 377ktCO<sub>2</sub>, costing more than £7.5m to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. Conservative councillors will ensure that your money is invested locally to support green jobs, better transport, and tree and hedge planting across our district. Conservative-led Hampshire County Council has already invested £30m in a new facility that will handle 135,000 tonnes of recyclable material each year.

Local Conservatives are committed to reducing the carbon footprint of the district and have been involved in setting up Climate Action Groups and organising Repair Cafes.



# A VOTE FOR ME WILL MEAN:



## ACTION TO PROTECT THE COUNTRYSIDE

We are privileged to live in a beautiful and historic area, with projects such as the Water For Life pipeline and a new round of Southampton Airport consultations impending. If elected, I will monitor these closely and try to ensure that our environment is not irreparably damaged.



## FOCUS ON COMBATTING CLIMATE CHANGE

I have recently been involved with the setup of a local Climate Action Group in Owslebury, where we would like to learn more to help each other reduce our carbon footprints at a realistic and affordable pace. A seat on Winchester City Council would allow me to bolster this knowledge and get involved at a decision making level.

*[Photo: Speaking at the Climate Café with 'Winchester Action on Climate Crisis' Project Officer, Stuart Mills]*



## ACTION ON AFFORDABLE HOMES & SOCIAL HOUSING

As demand increases there is little prospect of our children being able to afford homes in the villages they grew up in. I would like to represent our younger residents' interests at a district level and demand action on building the right houses in the right places.

*[Photo: Astrea & Cllr Neil Bolton outside affordable homes in West Meon]*



## SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESS

As a local business woman I am witnessing first-hand the impact of increased interest rates and energy costs on small businesses and farmers who are essential to our economy. I will represent businesses and continue the fight for better broadband and mobile signal to help improve productivity.

*[Photo: Astrea at a farm in Upper Meon Valley]*



## FOCUS ON HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE

As a parent I recognise the difficulties the next generation face, such as housing and their concerns over climate change. We need to build a better future for them. I will encourage them to be included and engaged in local issues and do my best to represent their interests.



## SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

My Ukrainian grandparents found refuge here in 1948, 75 years later history is repeating itself. I will never waiver in my support for Ukraine and I will vote for continued help for refugees from the Ukraine. I am currently promoting a petition that calls on the Russian Orthodox Church to denounce the War In Ukraine. It has been signed almost 2000 times.

*[Photo: Paul Bowes, Astrea and Richard Dale at the Russian Orthodox Church in Kensington]*

# VOTER ID INFORMATION

From this year voters will be required to produce an accepted form of photo identification at the polling station.

If you have a postal vote you are not required to produce photo ID, but when voting in person you will need to provide one of the following:

- A passport
- Photographic driver's licence (full or provisional)
- EEA photographic ID card
- UK Biometric Residence Permit
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (PASS card)
- A blue badge
- Oyster 60+ card
- Concessionary travel pass funded by HM Government or local authority

If you do not have any of the above forms of ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate which can be obtained free of charge. This is a document containing an elector's name and photograph, specifically for the purposes of voting. You can apply by visiting - [www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate)

More information about this can be found by visiting - [electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id](http://electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id) OR by phoning WCC on 01962 840222.



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# Vote for ASTREA HURLOCK on 4<sup>th</sup> May