

newsline

The choice: who do you want as your councillor in Wallasey?



Special issue for people who vote by post in the council election.

YOUR POSTAL VOTE IS ON THE WAY

Postal votes have now been sent by the Elections Office at the Town Hall to 2,384 voters in Wallasey. At the last election, some votes weren't counted because they were late being sent back or not completed properly. When your postal vote arrives, the sooner you use it, the better!

At every election, Labour wins some seats by just a handful of votes.

Opinion polls show it's neck and neck between Labour and the Conservatives. Lesley Rennie needs your vote to win.

In nearby Liscard Ward, Labour won by just 16 votes at one election. Don't let Labour sneak in here in Wallasey Ward.

If you don't receive your postal vote or need any help to return it, call the Postal Vote Helpline.

USE YOUR VOTE FOR LESLEY RENNIE TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE LABOUR COUNCIL:

- Cut the £2.6m Labour is spending on management consultants
- Stop using our Council Tax for loans to other councils. More on page 3.
- Scrap the Wirral View and use the cash for school crossings instead

Postal vote helpline: 0151 691 8046

Lesley Rennie



WHY YOUR VOTE ON 3RD MAY MATTERS

Wirral Labour Council
£1,541.09*

*Band C, 2018/19

Trafford Conservative Council
£1,319.89*

*Band C, 2018/19

**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE?
 LABOUR COUNCILS COST YOU MORE**

YOUR MONEY IS BEING WASTED BY LABOUR COUNCILLORS:

Efforts continue to abolish the controversial Wirral View newspaper

Liverpool Echo, 20 March 2018

£254,000 spent on 'Wirral View' so far, with a further £140,000 planned.

Hoylelake golf course plans draw criticism

BBC News 9th December 2017

£359,000 spent on the controversial plan for a Hoylelake Golf Resort.

Over the past 12 months Wirral's "hard pressed" Council has spent £2.6 million on consultants

Globe, 14th March 2018

£2.6 million spent on management consultants, as well as £1.4 million spent on top directors.

Council tax in Wirral will increase by almost 6% from April and new coastal car parking and toilet charges will be brought in.

Echo, 5th March 2018

Enough is enough! Use your vote to send a message to the Labour Councillors running Wirral.

A vote for Lesley Rennie is a vote to stop this waste.

Lesley Rennie



LOCAL PEOPLE TELL US WHY THEY'RE BACKING LESLEY RENNIE

The choice at this council election is clear: Lesley Rennie who works hard on local issues in our community or a Labour candidate who only popped up a few weeks before the election. Here, six people explain why they are backing Lesley.



Jo Wood, Wirral Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre, says: "Lesley has been a massive help to Wirral's Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre. She's a first-rate councillor who always gives her support to tackle local issues and help others. That really matters to organisations like ours."



Mel Neilson, local resident and business owner, says: "While the current Government may not be my choice in national elections, locally I vote for Lesley, Paul and Ian. They work hard on local issues, they're a good team and they keep in touch all year round."



Brenda Liston, local resident, says: "I'm fed up with this Labour Council wasting our money on consultants, food bins and the Wirral View newspaper. I'm using my vote for Lesley Rennie to send a message that enough is enough!"



Jane Owens MBE, local resident, says: "We only hear from Labour candidates when they want our vote. I like the way Lesley, Paul and Ian work all year round and keep us informed of local issues. They can't solve every problem but they always try their best."



John Mason, former police officer, says: "I worked with Lesley when we were both police officers. She patrolled these streets and never walked away from a problem. I know she is dedicated, committed and hard-working. I'm using my vote to keep her!"



Lesley Cubbin, Chair of Wallasey Village People, says: "I'm backing Lesley Rennie because, regardless of any of our group's political persuasion nationally, we, as a group, could not fault the support we received for the Wallasey Village Christmas Event."

"We only hear from Labour at election time. We hear from Lesley Rennie, Paul Hayes and Ian Lewis ALL the time!"



YOUR POSTAL VOTE IS ON THE WAY: **USE IT OR LOSE IT!**

Postal votes are the safest way of voting but, at every election, some votes aren't counted because they have been sent back too late or haven't been completed properly.

This Guide tells you what should be in the postal vote pack that has been sent to you by the Town Hall.

The step-by-step guide also tells you how to make sure it is done correctly. Remember, you don't need a stamp to post it back. You can send it back using your nearest post box.

If you make a mistake or if you're not sure what to do, call the Postal Vote Helpline at the Town Hall on **0151 691 8046** or elections@wirral.gov.uk and the staff there will do their best to help.

Please remember that, at every election, there are seats that are won or lost by just a handful of votes.

Don't wake up on Friday 4th May to find that you have a Labour Councillor - make sure you use your postal vote to keep Lesley Rennie working for Wallasey.

WHAT YOU WILL GET FROM YOUR COUNCIL

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO COMPLETING YOUR POSTAL VOTE

STEP 1
Fill in the ballot paper and put into the envelope marked "A". Now seal the envelope marked "A".

STEP 2
Sign your postal voting statement and give your date of birth, both of which will be checked against the Postal Vote Register.

STEP 3
Put the Postal Voting Statement and the sealed envelope marked "A" into the envelope marked "B" and ensure the address shows through the window.

STEP 4
Post it! No stamp necessary.

WHY YOUR VOTE MATTERS:

At every council election, Labour wins seats in Wirral because some people don't vote, thinking it only matters in a General Election.

Here's why YOUR vote for the election of a local councillor in this community **DOES** matter:

Only our local Conservative Councillors stand up and challenge the Labour-run Council. A Labour Councillor for Wallasey couldn't do that.

ELECTION OF A LOCAL COUNCILLOR: YOUR CHOICE

UNDER WIRRAL'S LABOUR COUNCIL:

£2.6 million spent on consultants and **£1.4 million** spent on senior directors

Parking charges being introduced in country parks and coastal areas

School crossing patrols removed but **£254,000** spent on the Wirral View newspaper

Food waste bins being issued to every home, **costing £1.5 million**

OR

OUR PLAN FOR WIRRAL:

Cut spending on consultants and senior directors

Abolish parking charges in country parks and coastal areas

Scrap the Wirral View newspaper and use the money to **reinstate school crossing patrols**

Scrap the plan for food waste bins and do more, instead, to reduce the amount of packaging and plastic waste

USE YOUR POSTAL VOTE AT THIS COUNCIL ELECTION TO RE-ELECT LESLEY RENNIE AS OUR HARDWORKING LOCAL COUNCILLOR

REVEALED! WIRRAL'S LABOUR COUNCIL HAS LENT £51.7 MILLION TO OTHER COUNCILS

In the last five years, Wirral Council has lent a staggering **£50 million** to other councils. They also lent **£1.7 million** to help the police in Lincolnshire!

- 1 Newcastle upon Tyne City Council:** £2 million at just 0.65% interest.
- 2 Birmingham City Council:** £3 million at just 0.40% and 0.45% interest.
- 3 Wolverhampton Council:** £1 million at just 0.48% interest.
- 4 Bath & North East Somerset:** £5 million at just 0.65% interest.
- 5 Lancashire County Council:** £5 million at just 0.50% interest.
- 6 South Cambridgeshire Council:** £1 million at just 0.47% interest.
- 7 North Somerset Council:** £3 million at just 0.50% interest.
- 8 Moray Council in Scotland:** £1 million at just 0.50% interest.
- 9 Glasgow City Council:** £5 million at just 0.50% interest.
- 10 Stirling Council in Scotland:** £3 million at just 0.53% interest.
- 11 London Borough of Haringey:** £3 million at just 0.53% interest.
- 12 Staffordshire County Council:** £3 million at just 0.55% interest.
- 13 Greater London Authority:** £2 million at just 0.63% interest.
- 14 The Highlands Council:** £3 million at just 0.41% interest.
- 15 Thurrock Council (Essex):** £5 million at just 0.41% interest.
- 16 Uttlesford Council:** £2 million at just 0.65% interest.

If you believe that Council Tax paid by Wirral residents shouldn't be used to support other councils, use your vote to send a message to the Labour Councillors running Wirral.

A vote for Lesley Rennie is a vote to end these loans.

Lesley Rennie



WHAT LABOUR ISN'T TELLING YOU AT THIS ELECTON:

HEFTY LEGAL BILL FOR LABOUR CANDIDATE:

Following false claims in his leaflet, a Labour Candidate in this constituency was forced to pay legal costs of £3,000 and issue an apology to the local Conservatives.

WALLASEY LABOUR CANDIDATE QUILTS:

Labour's first choice for candidate in Wallasey Ward in this election was Louise Reece Jones. She was suspended by her Group after a damning inquiry into her conduct and behaviour.

LOCAL LABOUR PARTY SUSPENDED:

the local Labour Party in Wallasey was suspended after allegations of bullying, intimidation and homophobia.

TOTAL CONTROL: Labour wants total control of Wirral Council, having wiped out most of the opposition in councils in Liverpool, Knowsley, Sefton, St Helens and Halton.

They have all four of Wirral's MPs and control of the Police Commissioner, the Metro Mayor, the Fire Authority and Merseytravel. Only a vote for the Conservatives in this council election will ensure a healthy opposition.

A RECORD OF ACTION...



Football pavilions:

Since the last election, Lesley, Paul and Ian have secured cash to refurbish football pavilions in Harrison Park, Belvidere Playing Fields and Wallacre Pitches.



Defibrillators:

Since the last election, Lesley, Paul and Ian have worked with the North West Ambulance Service to have life-saving 'defibs' installed in Wallasey.



Road repairs:

Since the last election, Lesley, Paul and Ian have campaigned for a share of the cash to fix pot holes. The Town Hall has now agreed to spend £344,000 here.

...THE PROMISE OF MORE



Wallasey Village station:

With your vote, we will continue to push for Merseytravel to improve access at this station, as they have elsewhere on the Network.



Library repairs:

With your vote, we will continue to have repairs and refurbishment at our library. We've had a new roof installed. The toilets are next...



Camper van parking:

With your vote, we will push for action on this issue. The Town Hall has waffled for too long - it's time they acted to deal with this once and for all.

YOUR POSTAL VOTE. YOUR CHOICE:

REMEMBER:

The council election here in Wallasey is between Lesley Rennie and Labour.

There isn't a UKIP candidate this time.

The Greens and Liberal Democrats are too far behind and can't win here.

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Candidate: Lesley Rennie

Background: former police officer in Wallasey

School governor? Yes: Elleray Park Special School in Wallasey

Member of: Wallasey Village Library Friends, Friends of North Wirral Country Park, Friends of Harrison Park.

Backed by: Paul Hayes and Ian Lewis

Regular newsletters? Yes



Candidate:

~~Louise Reece Jones~~
Paul Martin

Background: not known

School governor? not known

Member of: not known

Backed by: Council Leader Phil Davies

Regular newsletters? No

