

Electoral division:

Church Stretton and Craven Arms

Name of Candidate:

Neville Stephens

Party or description: **Liberal Democrats**

1. How will climate change affect the county of Shropshire and what, in your view, are the urgent actions that the Council needs to take?

Particularly relevant to a rural area in terms of the environment, agriculture, tourism, housing, employment and the extensive road network with implications for industry and transport. Actions to be taken include drainage systems to alleviate flooding, energy conservation, eco friendly housing, transport and initiatives in education to promote new skill and knowledge of issues.

2. If elected, will you vote to include climate change issues in the list of the Council's top ten priorities?

The impact of climate change should be an integral part of all issues

3. What further steps should the Council take to raise public awareness and educate people about environmental issues so that they can achieve sustainable lifestyles?

Educate the public in the positive advantages to be gained by being more energy efficient.

Set targets for local improvements

Encourage Craven Arms to be a 'Transitional' town

Support schools and individuals to be involved in climate change issues.

Make public transport more readily available across the County to cut down on use of cars

Provide local services

4. What ideas do you have to help people in villages to live, work and stay there so that they are not merely dormitory or commuting satellites?

Build more affordable houses to meet local needs in small towns and villages.

Keep local schools if they are educationally viable for the children and area.

Encourage live/work units and a variety of employment opportunities.

Support provision of allotments and education in food production and preparation.

Encourage the provision of locally produced food – to be affordable for all.

Provide for young people i.e. youth club services, Youth Card for concessionary fares.

Provide means of access of information and services locally to all ages