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# Jennifer McAllister to stand for County Council in May

## Bill Gifford passes on the County baton, but stays on District and Town Councils



**Cllrs Bill Gifford and Jennifer McAllister**

Councillor Bill Gifford decided last year that the time had come to lighten his load and not stand for re-election to the County Council whilst staying on the District and Town Councils.

Bill said, "I am delighted that Jennifer is stepping in as our candidate to represent Milverton on the County Council. Jennifer represents Lillington Village on the Town Council. Lillington Village is part of the Milverton County Division and residents there know just how hard Jennifer works for them and I know how much work she has put into the Town Council."

Jennifer has lived in Leamington for over 30 years, the past 24 years in Milverton. Her two children attended North Leamington School.

Jennifer said: "I am delighted to stand for the Liberal Democrats in Milverton for this May's County Council elections. Bill has been a great mentor to me and, if elected, I hope to continue the excellent work he has accomplished for the area these past 12 years as our County Councillor."

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## SW Local Plan

Councillor Sidney Syson is delighted that so many Milverton residents have responded to the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Preferred Options Consultation. The Green Belt to the North of Milverton is highly valued by local residents and that is shown in the vast majority of responses from the Milverton area.

Sidney said, "The Green Belt is valued by many not just as a beautiful and peaceful space where dogs can be walked on the public footpaths, but also as fine farmland that does provide a buffer between Coventry and the surrounding towns and villages."

She added, "We believe that the town would have real difficulty with the extra traffic moving from new houses north of Leamington to the shops and jobs to the south of the town."

"Finally we must all thank Old Milverton and Blackdown Joint Parish Council, who helped local residents to respond."



# 20mph Zone proposed for Old Milverton Road



**Councillor Jennifer McAllister supports the idea of a 20mph zone for Old Milverton Road**

Councillor Bill Gifford is talking to County Council officers about the possibility of reducing the speed limit on Old Milverton Road and the surrounding streets to 20mph.

Bill points out, "Old Milverton Road is a walking route to Brookhurst Primary School and Trinity School via the allotments, and walking to school should be encouraged by being made safer."

He added, "To my surprise, I am told by the WCC officers that in order to get a 20mph speed limit there will need to be evidence that the average speed of cars travelling on Old Milverton Road is less than 24mph. I have asked that the County checks the average speed. I am hoping that the speed humps will help keep the speeds down."

## Elizabeth Park

Planning permission has now been granted for the new Elizabeth Park at Edmondscote Field. Councillor Dave Brunson says, "There was in-depth public consultation last year and this is the result. It will mean in due course the moving of the athletics track. Some years ago Guide Dogs for the Blind got permission to redevelop their site and as part of that permission they would give their land in the flood plain to the Council as parkland – making an unbroken string of parks by the Leam from Potterton Fields to Offchurch."



Cllr Dave Brunson at Edmondscote Field

## Still Closed!



**Councillor Jennifer McAllister says, "After the temporary re-opening of Lillington Avenue, the road is now closed again as Severn Trent finish essential work to clean up the Leam. Severn Trent at the moment say that Lillington Avenue (see above) will remain closed till the end of March. We will have to wait and see!"**

## Unitary Authorities and Town Councils

Though Warwickshire County Council and the five Warwickshire Boroughs and Districts were not chosen by the Government to be in the first wave of new unitary authorities, the Government is keen for them to be in the next wave.

Town Councillor Simon Keay (pictured) says "Not enough thought has yet gone into the future role and responsibilities that a Town Council may want or receive. It is a worthwhile exercise looking at the websites of Chippenham, Shrewsbury and Kendal Town Councils to see the different approaches taken by these town councils to manage really important non-statutory amenities such as parks and museums within a unitary authority."



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