

Labour's Team for the St Giles Ward



David Coe

David is married to Teresa, they have three children, six grandchildren and two great grandsons. David's first job was at British Rail in Desborough and he will continue to campaign for a new station to serve the town. He worked for the Desborough Cooperative Society for 34 years, the last 13 as Secretary. David is a former Captain of the Cricket Club and a former player for Desborough Football Club. He has served the community as a town and Borough Councillor for over thirty years and was the first Desborough person to ever become Mayor of the Borough (1983/84). David says *"As a Desborian I am keen to see planned and sustainable growth, not only in housing, but in employment, leisure and schooling to meet the needs of the local community"*.

John Cope

Father of four, with six grandchildren, John moved to Desborough five years ago, and in that time has become a strong and committed member of the local community. Born and raised in Bewdley, Worcestershire, John served 25 years in the Royal Air Force, including tours of duty in the Far East, the Middle East and Europe, before moving to Northamptonshire over 20 years ago. A keen gardener and allotmenteer, John is eager to put something back into a community that has welcomed him so warmly. *"My only regret is that I didn't move to Desborough years ago"*. John is keen to see the town restored to the vibrant, local community it deserves to be and believes that local people should be empowered through local decision-making.



Ben King

Ben, aged 27, graduated at the University of Leeds. His main employment has been in the public sector, where he has been working tirelessly. Ben also demonstrates commitment in his personal life as a volunteer and Trade Union activist in Unison, where he lobbies and campaigns on issues that affect people in the workplace and the wider community. Ben from personal experience of services, both good and bad, is good at sympathising with people and understanding their issues so that he can ensure they are properly represented and supported. One example of his experience, he had good care when he had cancer but can see where specialist support was lacking for his needs as a young person. Ben is good at organising, to ensure that people are not let down!

Rose Sawford

Rose lives in Desborough with her husband Phil, they have two sons and four grandchildren. Together, Rose and Phil have been very involved in the Desborough community for over thirty years. Rose is a long serving School Governor at Havelock Junior and she believes that making sure Desborough children have a good education is the key to the future of the town. Rose, a member of the Co-op Party and GMB, cares about maintaining local employment, having worked for two businesses in the town she now works for UNISON on behalf of health service workers at Kettering General Hospital. Rose says *"I think our town council should do a better job for Desborough people, and if elected I will do my best to be a strong representative for local people"*



Jo Taylor

Jo has lived in Desborough for 25 years with her husband Brian and two daughters, who went to Havelock and Montsaye Community College and are now both away at university. Jo has worked locally in the NHS for 32 years as an Occupational Therapist. Jo, a union steward for the British Association of Occupational Therapists/Unison has for the last 8 years been supporting staff through unprecedented change in our NHS. Jo is active in the Desborough community, in organisations such as the Twinning Association, Womens Institute and Montsaye Community School Book Club. She has been a School Governor at Montsaye Community College for 13 years. She says *"my particular interests for Desborough are to make it a vibrant community with improved shopping and transport facilities. I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a town Councillor for the St Giles Ward to help make Desborough a place we can be proud of"*

Lynsey Tod

Lynsey is 29-years-old and was born and raised in Desborough. Having previously worked at the House of Commons and for a national trade body in London, Lynsey now works as an Extended Services Coordinator for local schools. Lynsey serves as a qualified Leader for 5th Desborough Brownies and is a Community Governor for a local primary school. She says, *"I'm a Desborian through and through and it would be an honour to be your representative. I would work hard to be the voice Desborough so desperately needs and campaign for the services it deserves."*



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