

## What we stand for -

The next Town Council elections are currently due to be held in May 2019 and with just twelve months to go it would be unwise to make a lot of promises or seek to set out a detailed set of priorities.

However, we feel it is important that voters have some idea of our values and our general approach to local services and community issues.

### Health & Well-being:

- Labour Councillors will campaign on health issues on behalf of local residents. The NHS was founded by a Labour Government and Labour Councillors will do everything they can to maintain and improve services.

### Local Industry:

- Our town needs employment opportunities. Labour Councillors will work with potential investors to attract a variety of industries to provide a wider range of jobs.

### Library:

- We will work with other parties, individuals and / or community groups to consider all viable and sustainable options to maintain a library facility in the town.

### Growth and Development:

- As the town expands it is vital that local services and facilities expand with it. A robust 'Local Plan' and 'Neighbourhood Plan' are key ingredients in ensuring that planning and development proposals meet the needs of the wider community. Labour Councillors will review these plans at the earliest opportunity.

### Traffic:

- The £11 million Desborough by-pass has taken most of the heavy traffic out of the town. Labour Councillors will campaign for further improvements to make our town safer for road users and pedestrians.
- Our roads and footpaths are a disgrace and potentially dangerous. Labour Councillors will press for immediate repairs as a matter of urgency.

### Town Centre:

- We will support efforts to boost shopping, commerce and jobs. The Lawrence's site stands derelict and abandoned whilst the various authorities seem incapable of getting the area regenerated. Labour Councillors will press for action to get this moving.

### Youth, Leisure:

- Young people are our future and Labour Councillors will listen to young people and work with them and community groups to promote more activities and services in the town.

### Law and Order:

- Many people no longer feel safe on the street or secure in their homes. Labour Councillors will press for more, high profile, community policing.

For more information go to the Desborough pages at - [www.ketteringlabourparty.org](http://www.ketteringlabourparty.org)

## Why it matters -

The Town Council has very few powers but can be an effective voice for the town: campaigning for the services we need, speaking out on community issues, lobbying for our fair share of resources, listening to local residents, providing leadership, and working hard on behalf of the whole community.

## What we will do -

The main issue over the past three years in Desborough has been the massive increase in the 'Parish Precept'. The Town Council has now taken almost £1 million from local tax payers since 2015 with little to show for the money.

Desborough residents are paying more in local taxes than people in any other part of the Borough and, in effect, are subsidising others throughout the Borough and across the County. **Labour councillors will ensure that -**

- All non-committed expenditure is frozen with immediate effect.
- The Town Council conducts a full review of all committed expenditure to establish exactly how much has been spent, how much is in balances and what contracts have been entered into.
- Steps are taken, as soon as possible, to bring the 'Parish Precept' into line with that of other, similar, local Town Councils and reduce the tax burden on local residents.
- There is full disclosure, openness and transparency in all council matters.
- They are available and accountable to local people through regular newsletters and advice surgeries.



## Why your vote is important -

In the last by-election in Desborough (November 2017) only one out of every four people bothered to vote (25%).

Increasingly in our democracy it is not the people who vote who have the biggest influence on the outcome, it is the people who don't bother.

**Labour – The voice of experience to make sure that Desborough is heard!**