



FOCUS on **TOWN WARD**

*Newcastle
Council Elections
on 3rd May*

TIME FOR CHANGE ON THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

After a few years of poor performance by Newcastle Borough Council, this is a time for change. We explain more over the page.

For the elections this May there have been changes to the Town Ward boundary and after this election, there will be no elections to the Borough Council for another 4 years.

You have two votes & two Liberal Democrat candidates:

Salwa BOOTH Salwa moved here from East Yorkshire 15yrs ago;she is married with two children still in Education. She has long been involved in community work, setting up her not-for-profit company, Cinders Community Hub. This runs social & arts hubs encouraging local creative talent, sometimes using vacant shops in the town centre.



She is keen to work for residents and fight for improvements to the Town and the Borough Council.

Hilary JONES Hilary has an impressive record of community work, including being the leading member of the Newcastle Fair Trade Group, a former team leader of Newcastle Food Bank and has worked with young people in Guiding and church groups. She worked for 13yrs as an administrator at Keele University and has lived in Newcastle for 25 yrs.



She is experienced at speaking up on committees and is now active in the new Friends of the Guildhall group in the town centre.

Newcastle Borough Council under Labour, supported until now by the Borough Independents.

In the last few years:-

- Building the new civic offices called Castle House before ensuring income from the old Sainsbury's site has cost us taxpayers in borrowed money. *The Liberal Democrats* were the only group to vote against.
- Delay in setting a local plan for new housing and employment sites has given developers a free hand to choose their own sites.
- A poorly planned new recycling system is still causing problems.
- The management and resourcing of the elections department was condemned last year by a national investigation.

This year's budget under the Tories supported now by the Borough Independents includes cutting services such as street cleaning.

On 3rd MAY, you have 2 votes

Vote for:



Salwa BOOTH X



Hilary JONES X

PARKING PROBLEMS



Parking continues to be a nuisance to residents in streets all around the Town Ward, not only in the area shown above.

Salwa and Hilary say the Borough Council must make some free car parking to prevent this problem and to help town centre shops. The Councils must do more about hospital access and speed up the process of making special parking zones.



Two Liberal Democrats who believe in serving residents all year round; members of a party with no strong party whip leaving councillors to do what is best for their residents.