

MIKE NORRIS & STEVE PHILLIPS

WORKING FOR NEEDHAM MARKET, BADLEY, CREETING ST MARY, CREETING ST PETER, BAYLHAM AND DARMSDEN.



Vote Mike Norris and Steve Phillips For the new Needham Market Ward on the 2nd of May

Our Thanks - to Councillor **Wendy Marchant**, who after 30 years diligent service as one of the Ward Councillors for Needham Market, has decided to stand down at this forthcoming election. Wendy would like to thank all those who have supported her for the honour of re-electing her for so many years.



Mike Norris "I was first elected to Mid Suffolk District Council in 1999 and have been fortunate enough to have been re-elected a number of times. My family and I moved to Needham Market in 1984, so I have a vested interest in matters affecting Needham Market and the area. If re-elected I will continue to represent the community of Needham Market to the best of my ability."

Steve Phillips "I have lived in Needham Market for over thirty years and would never consider living anywhere else. It is my interest to serve and protect what we have here. I have been a Needham Market town councillor for the last twenty years and have served as Deputy Mayor and Mayor six times. This election is about local matters that require a local Councillor. If elected I will do my level best for this community."

FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF MID SUFFOLK WARDS THERE WILL NOW BE FEWER COUNCILLORS BUT LARGER WARDS

MID SUFFOLK LIB DEMS - OUR FIVE POINT PLAN

1. **HOUSING**
Set up a housing company by releasing money from council commercial properties outside the district to build more affordable homes.
2. **ENVIRONMENT**
Invest in renewable energy and reduce waste. Protect the natural environment and open spaces. Increase cycling provision.
3. **YOUTH COUNCIL**
Set a youth council with powers to influence policies.
4. **AREA COMMITTEES**
Organise area committees involving local people with meetings across the district.
5. **PLANNING**
Support neighbour plans and work with them to reduce the impact of major developments. And make sure enforcement is carried out.



Needham Lake Visitor's Centre.

Mike, Steve and Wendy are very pleased that Mid Suffolk District Council have now agreed to build a new Visitor Centre, cafe and toilets at Needham Lake. This is something that Wendy and Mike have campaigned for over many years.

We welcome the present proposal, which is a facility that is very much needed. Needham Lake attracts in excess of 300,000 visitors per annum and is reported to be the second most visited free attraction in the East of England (after the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge). It is planned that the new visitor centre should be open for the summer season next year.

Liberal Democrats get things done!

Supporting our Community Organisations.

Using their Locality Awards funding Wendy and Mike have been able to assist local organisations with the following projects:

Needham Market Community Internet Cafe

Laptops, kitchen upgrade and furniture.

Needham Market Football Club Academy

Development of external classrooms.

The Parish Church of St John the Baptist

Roof renovation works, and purchase of new chairs.

Needham Market Cricket Club

An all-weather wicket, outdoor practice nets, and a cricket cage.

First Needham Market & Barking Guides

Camping equipment.

Needham Market & District Family Carers

Meeting room hire.

Forge Community Church Furniture Bank

Transport costs.

Mid Suffolk Holiday Opportunity Play Scheme (HOPS)

Core costs.

Needham Market Skate Park Committee

Skate park equipment.

Needham Market Community Centre

Projector and screen.

HGV'S Contravening the weight limit on Needham Market High Street.

Mike has been very much involved with Highways England in the past with their practice of always diverting A14 traffic through Needham Market on the B1113 with either very short notice or no notification at all of suspension of the weight limit, whenever scheduled works were being carried out on the A14. This was despite the accepted convention that diversion routes should not be on a lesser class of road than the route being diverted from. (The B1113 is an emergency diversion route if there is an incident on the A14).

After much correspondence the point was conceded by Highways England and this situation has improved. However, HGV traffic travelling through Needham Market from the Barking direction and avoiding the weight limit restriction by using residential roads has become an issue and additional signage will shortly be installed.



Noise nuisance , Creting St. Peter.

A company based in Creting St. Peter producing concrete products has been the subject of complaints from residents for a number of years due to noise pollution generated by their commencing operations earlier than their stipulated hours of working.

They have now applied for a certificate of lawfulness to permit them to commence operations at 6.00am and have produced statements from employees to confirm this. However this is at odds with what has been understood, which is that site operations should start at 8.00am. When they have started earlier and been challenged, the company have reverted to 8.00am.

Mike and Steve very much support the residents in this case and have written in support accordingly.



Creting St. Mary Lunch.

Mike and Wendy supporting a Creting St. Mary soup lunch event earlier this year.



Would you like to help Mike and Steve win?

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