



Election of a Mayor for Doncaster 2021



Doncaster Council

About this booklet

This booklet must be sent to you by law. That means everyone who is registered to vote will receive a copy individually.

It includes:

- Information about the election
- Voting information including postal and proxy votes, how to fill in your ballot paper
- Key dates up to and including the election
- How the Mayoral election result is calculated
- An election address (i.e. a statement) from each of the Mayoral candidates who wish to be included
- Frequently asked questions

On Thursday May 6 2021 electors in Doncaster will vote for a Mayor who will have a four year term of office until 2025.

On the same day you will also vote for local ward councillors and the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire. Some wards will also vote for town and parish councillors. These votes are not connected to the Mayoral election.

The ballot paper for the Mayoral election is separate to the other elections taking place and is lilac.

The Mayoral voting system

The voting system in a Mayoral election is different to others. It uses the supplementary voting system which means you can choose your first and second preference candidate. More information on the voting system is on page 4 of this booklet.

Doncaster Council is putting in extra precautions to help keep everyone safe during this year's election.

There are three ways you can choose to vote:

- **Vote in person** at a covid-secure polling station. Social distancing measures will be in place and a limit on the number of people allowed into the polling station at any one time. **You will also need to wear a face covering (unless exempt)**, so please remember to bring yours with you. There will be single use pencils available to mark your ballot papers, but you can bring your own pen or pencil if you wish.
- **Vote by post** – If you prefer not to vote in person you can apply for a postal vote; to request an application form please call 0800 180 4604 or email electoralservices@doncaster.gov.uk and send your completed form back as soon as possible, and make sure it reaches us no later than **5pm on Tuesday 20 April 2021**.
- **Vote by proxy** – you can ask somebody else to vote on your behalf. To request an application form please call 0800 180 4604 or email electoralservices@doncaster.gov.uk and send your completed form back as soon as possible, and make sure it reaches us no later than **5pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021**.

The Mayoral candidates

There are 7 candidates standing for Mayor of Doncaster. Election addresses from all of them appear in this booklet.

All candidates are listed in alphabetical order and with any political party they are standing for or as an independent candidate. This is the order they will appear on the ballot paper.

Candidate	Description
Joan BRIGGS	
Andy BUDDEN	Yorkshire Party
Frank Lloyd CALLADINE	Independent
Warren Peter DRAPER	Green Party
Surjit Singh DUHRE	Reform UK
James Vincent HART	The Conservative Party Candidate
Ros JONES	Labour Party

The order in which the candidates' addresses appear in this booklet has been determined by the drawing of lots by the Returning Officer. Each candidate is responsible for the content of their election address. The views expressed in these addresses are theirs alone and cannot be attributed to the Returning Officer or Doncaster Council.

Damian Allen
Returning Officer
Civic Office
Waterdale
Doncaster
DN1 3BU

For more information visit: www.doncaster.gov.uk/elections or call 0800 180 4604

Voting information, postal votes and key dates

Every registered elector will receive an official poll card which will include your name, address and number on the electoral register. It will explain when and where to vote. Visit www.doncaster.gov.uk/elections for details of your assigned polling station or call 0800 180 4604.

If you have applied for a postal vote, we will send your postal voting pack around 21 April. As the Mayoral election is combined with Council local ward elections and Police and Crime Commissioner elections, you will receive your Mayoral ballot paper in a combined postal pack. You should send your completed postal voting statement and marked ballot papers to the Returning Officer in the envelope provided straight away. You cannot vote at a polling station if you have a postal vote. You can drop off your completed postal pack at your local polling station or the Civic Office up to 10pm on May 6 if you do not post it in time.

If you lose or spoil your postal ballot papers you can apply for a replacement by contacting the Election Office by 5pm on Thursday May 6. If you want to vote by proxy – that is someone who can vote for you at your polling station if you cannot go yourself – you must apply by completing a form by 5pm on April 27.

April 21

Postal vote packs start to arrive

If you opted to vote by post you will receive it around April 21. If you do not receive your postal pack by April 29 please call our helpline: 0800 180 4604 or e-mail electoralservices@doncaster.gov.uk

April 27

Last date for proxy vote request

If you are a registered voter and you wish to apply for a new application to vote by proxy (someone to vote on your behalf) you must do this before 5pm.

May 6

Polling Day

Polling stations are open from 7am until 10pm. You can return your postal vote to the Civic Office or your local polling station if you do not post it in time. To find your polling station, check your poll card or visit: apps.doncaster.gov.uk/FindMyPollingStation

May 6/7

The Count

Counting of the Mayoral election will take place on the evening of Thursday May 6. The elected Mayor will then take up office on Monday May 10. Local ward councillor votes will be counted on Friday May 7. Town and parish councillor votes will be counted on Saturday May 8 and the Police and Crime Commissioner votes will be counted on Monday May 10.

Completing your ballot paper

The ballot paper is lilac and will list all the candidates standing. Next to the list of candidates will be two columns.

Election of Mayor		
	FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE
Candidate		
Candidate	X	
Candidate		
Candidate		
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You put an X in the first column for your first choice and an X in the second column for your second choice, if you have one.

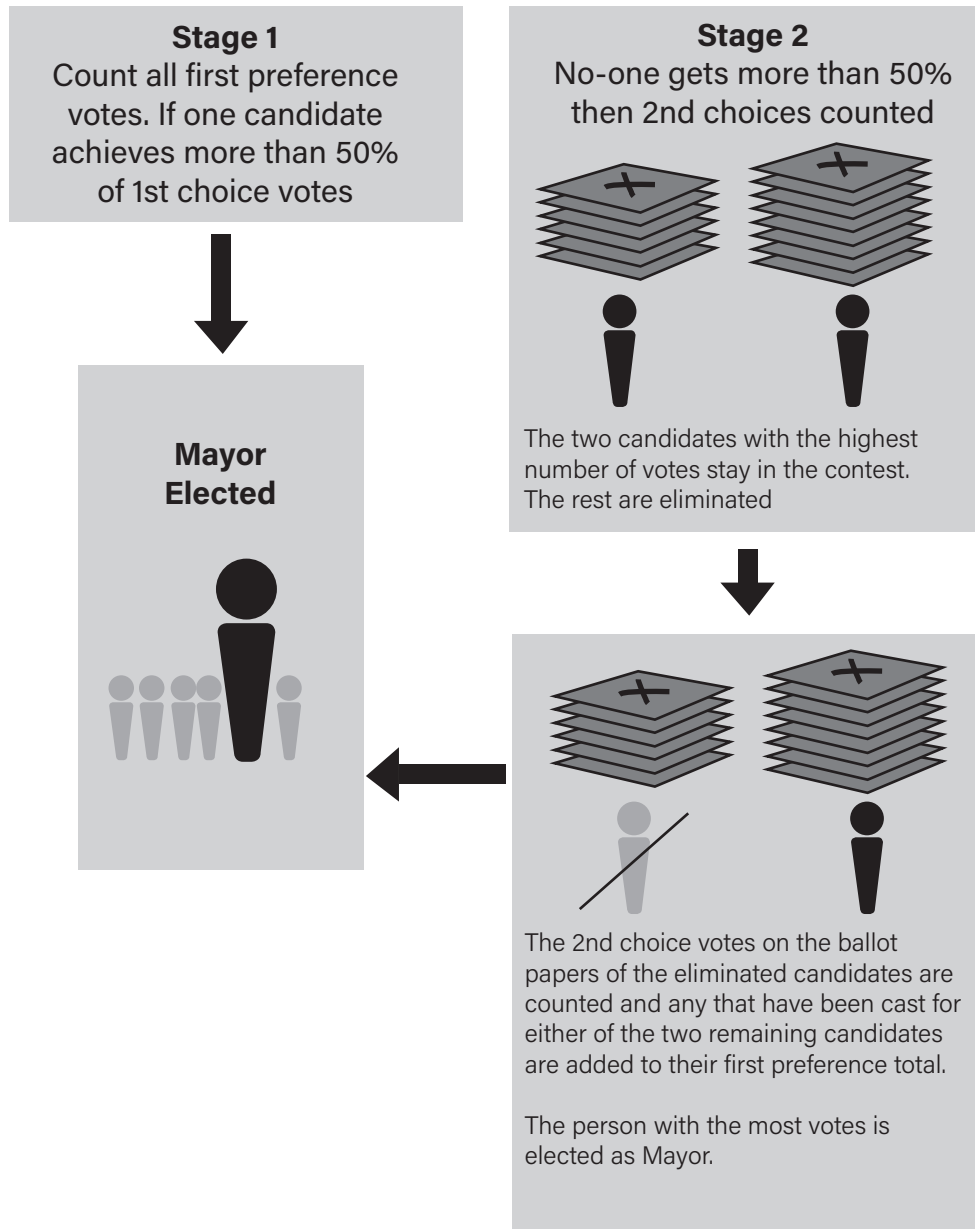
Do not mark more than one X in each column – your vote will not be counted if you do.

Making a second choice is not compulsory. If you only want to make a first choice make sure you place your X in the first column.

You cannot make a second choice only and leave the first column blank - If you do this your vote will not be counted.

If you do not vote in column two, your first choice will still be counted. However, if you vote for the same candidate twice, your second choice vote will not be counted.

How the winner in the Mayoral election is chosen



Frequently asked questions

Why two votes for one Mayor?

The law says it must be done this way. It allows you to say who your second choice for Mayor would be if your first choice is not in the top two after the first round of counting and if there is not an outright winner at that stage.

How do I mark my vote?

In the usual way with a single X clearly in each of the columns indicated. You have two votes – one for your first choice and one for your second choice, if you wish to use it.

What happens if I don't make a second choice?

Your first choice will still be counted.

I really don't like any of the candidates. What happens if I only mark an X in the second choice column?

Your ballot paper will be rejected, which means it won't count, because you have not voted for a first preference.

What if I mark an X in the first choice column for more than one candidate?

Your ballot paper will be rejected. If you wish to vote for two candidates then you must mark an X in column 1 for your first choice candidate and an X in column 2 for your second choice candidate.

Why has every elector in the household been sent a booklet, wouldn't one do?

The law governing this election says everyone registered to vote must be sent their own copy so that they get a chance to see one - no matter how many electors are registered at that address.

Further information is available at www.doncaster.gov.uk/elections or if you have specific questions email: electoralservices@doncaster.gov.uk

Elect JOAN BRIGGS as Mayor of Doncaster

Joan was born and raised in Mexborough and has lived in Doncaster her entire life, raising her own family in the historic Old Edlington and helping to run a long established family business in the borough. Joan is a dedicated public servant and takes her civic duties seriously. She has been a past Mayor in her home town, been a Town Councillor for many years and understands the importance of council services and local democracy. Joan is a volunteer Director of Exceed Learning Partnership and a Trustee of The Hilltop Centre Associates.

Joan is an experienced candidate for Mayor of Doncaster, and, if elected will form a Doncaster First Alliance of Independent Candidates, First Groups and work cross party to appoint a balanced cabinet that works solely for the benefit of all the Towns, Villages and Hamlets in Doncaster.

*Lets put Doncaster and the
towns and villages*

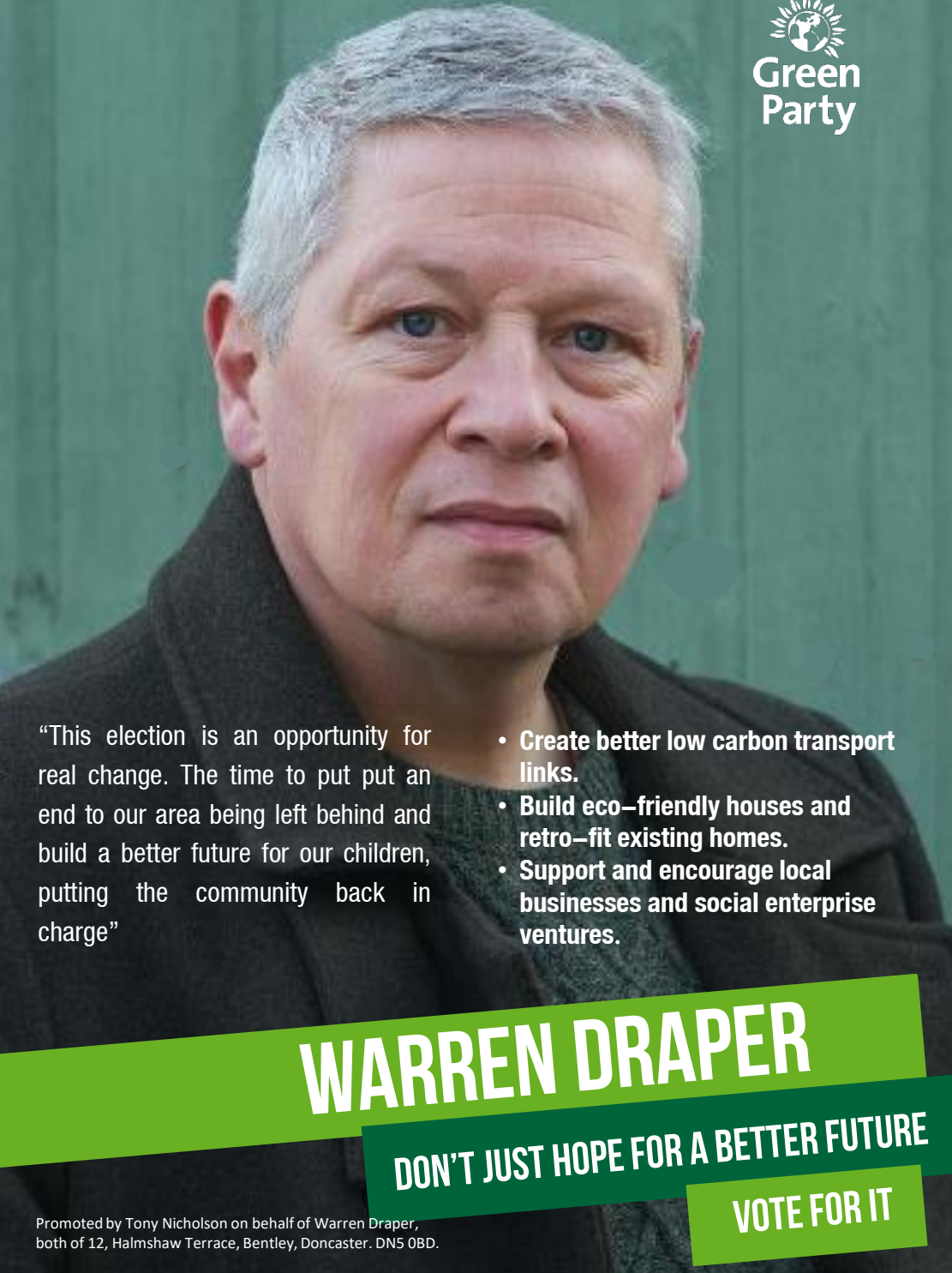
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Promoted by Robert Reid on behalf of Joan Briggs both at 14 Roberts Road, Edlington, Doncaster, DN12 1JF.

My Plan for Doncaster

1. Fight for better paid jobs and better access to the qualifications residents need to access them. Support residents who have set up small businesses in the pandemic and help them to take the next steps to success.
2. Provide Free Bus Travel for everyone 60+ and those in school or education to get our economy and future economy moving.
3. Section 106 money from developers will be given directly to the relevant Town or Parish Councils to invest for their community.
4. Give Councillors £5,000 budgets for community celebrations and events when allowed under the covid guidelines.
5. Open Household Waste Recycling Centres 7 days per week, on extended hours with no limits on waste/visits for residents. Reviewed every 12 months. Tougher penalties for Fly-tippers.
6. Decentralise street scene teams to local communities via Town and Parish Councils helping to keep our towns and villages tidy.
7. Encourage local groups and charities to apply to keep streets and parks in the borough clean, and give them incentives for each pound of rubbish collected using money from fines from fly tipping and litter.
8. Make Doncaster a Canopy Town. Give each home with a garden a tree and plant another 250,000 all with a TPO. Strictly enforce Tree Protection Orders already in place and protect our woodlands.
9. Provide each Town and Village with a development blueprint that is determined by the communities themselves.
10. Better protection for our young people, creating a borough strategy to stop unnecessary school exclusions, prevent criminal and sexual exploitation of children and deal with our rising drug epidemic.
11. Ensuring all social housing and rented accommodation is to modern standards and deal with rogue and absent landlords.
12. Restructure the Councils Youth Services and strategy to meet the needs of young people today and provide more enriching activities that encourage the development of young people.
13. Listen to residents and local communities ALWAYS.

***Vote for Joan Briggs to bring Local
views back to Doncaster Council***



“This election is an opportunity for real change. The time to put an end to our area being left behind and build a better future for our children, putting the community back in charge”

- **Create better low carbon transport links.**
- **Build eco-friendly houses and retro-fit existing homes.**
- **Support and encourage local businesses and social enterprise ventures.**

WARREN DRAPER

DON'T JUST HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE

VOTE FOR IT

A GREEN NEW DEAL FOR HOUSING

A Green New Deal investment in housing will reduce climate emissions, tackle fuel poverty and provide genuinely affordable housing by improving the insulation of every home in the borough. Nobody should have to choose between heating or eating. Everyone should have a safe, affordable and warm place to call home.

Work on our homes, businesses and public buildings will create jobs and help shift to a net zero carbon economy.

A GREEN NEW DEAL FOR TRANSPORT

We need to invest in reliable, affordable trains, electric buses and better options for cycling and walking. By making public transport cheaper, better integrated and more efficient, people will no longer feel forced to use the car.

With a global rail freight facility at the iPort already offering speedy links to national and international freight networks, why do we need increased capacity for transporting and storing freight at Doncaster airport?

A GREEN NEW DEAL FOR THE ECONOMY

If we are to stop wealth flowing out of our community we need to support local people, businesses and organisations. Traditional economic development practice and developer-led regeneration have failed to address the economic challenges of our time.

So I propose community wealth building that will redirect wealth back into the local economy.

You can research the **Preston Model** on line for an example of how community wealth building (as a concept and a practice) achieves real results.

A GREEN NEW DEAL FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Plans to plant 80,000 trees sounds wonderful. But the recent Middlefield Road street tree fiasco saw **64 healthy trees destroyed** before residents and activists (including many Green Party members) persuaded the council to look again at its policies.

I want to see, planted across the borough, apple, nut and other crop trees that can produce food, store carbon, provide home-grown timber and create new wildlife-rich environments.



Working for the best interests of
Doncaster

FRANK CALLADINE

Independent Mayoral Candidate

I am standing as an independent candidate because I believe the office of Mayor should not be controlled by any political party.

We are in need of a change. I will bring about that change. I will concentrate solely on working for the best interests of Doncaster and its surrounding towns and villages.

Local government must be open, transparent and encompass all of the people and communities.

I give a firm commitment to carry out the wishes of the people and not use the position of Mayor for an political, personal or financial gain.

I will act as advocate for the whole of the Borough of Doncaster on all issues. I will take the lead to encourage a feeling of pride in our towns, villages and communities and promote a sense of community responsibility. This will be done by encouraging parish councils at the forefront of delivery by sending out a census to gain local community opinions of Parish and Town Councils and their residents.

NO more building on flood plains, protection of the greenbelt/trees, more Council apprenticeships, NO more outsourcing, Tackling Flytipping, Community Police Stations, encourage more grass roots community sports and activities.

My 4 point plan will be my main priority.

1. Fly Tipping / Waste Management

- Go back to weekly black bin collections
- All Dumpit sites to open 7 days a week 8am to 6pm
- Free Kerbside bulk item pickup
- Better Enforcement and more prosecutions

2. Crime and Antisocial Behaviour

- Work closely with local residents/businesses and landowners
- Work closely with local police and encourage reopening of Community Police Stations

3. Council Finance/Services

- Keep Council Tax as low as possible
- Every Town and Village to get its fair share of Council money and resources
- More Council Apprenticeships
- No more outsourcing or privatisation of Council services and gradually bring back inhouse.
- Have a mixed Cabinet so there is a balanced and unbiased view on all issues.
- Fix roads, footpaths and potholes

4. Planning Green Space Policy and Flood Policy

- No more building on flood plains
- More regular cleaning of gullies and drains
- Encourage dredging of rivers/dykes
- Protect trees, greenbelt and green spaces and protect historic monuments
- Protect our Towns and Villages and communities from overdevelopment.

Yorkshire Party

Our Plan for Doncaster



Throughout the pandemic, frontline services have gone above and beyond. However, many now feel cheated by the government. As mayor, I will pressure Westminster to match the 4% increase offered in Scotland and deliver the new hospital that we were promised. From Montagu Hospital and Doncaster Royal Infirmary to community healthcare, our NHS staff deserve better.



Good-quality social housing benefits everyone - not just those living in it. For too long, communities in Doncaster have been forgotten. Providing good-quality homes gives people respect and self-worth, saving money on social services in the long term. Working with residents, I want to invest in neglected estates, reduce crime and help restore pride in our towns and villages.



Doncaster has a vibrant and diverse history. Lockdown has brought many communities together. As mayor, I want to build on this by bringing back Pride events and expanding our culture markets to celebrate everyone in our community. Such events are an excellent way to share experiences and understanding, as well as championing local traders and new businesses.



Doncaster Council has neglected our heritage for years. Last election, the Yorkshire Party campaigned to save the Old Girls School and we have done! We will continue to give a voice to residents and make sure DMBC and government listen. I want you to feel proud to live here and show that people from Yorkshire are strong, capable and will fight for what is right.



Andy Budden

for Mayor of Doncaster



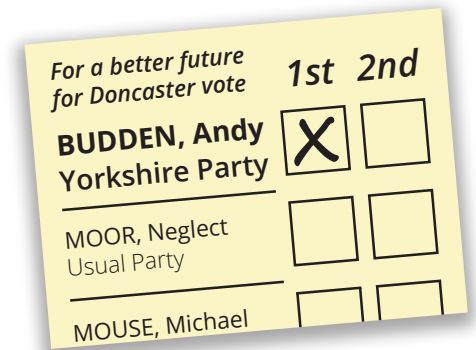
I was born in Scarborough and lived there until 1981 when I was shipped over to Germany with the British Army. I served with the Royal Corps of Signals in Germany, Belgium and the Falklands until 1993.

On leaving the service my wife and I moved to Doncaster, her home town, with our three children.

Over the last 27 years, I have invested time and energy into helping local children as the chairman and head

coach of Danum Phoenix junior rugby team. My wife and I have also looked after children for short-term respite care and as foster parents.

I have a depth of experience from serving in the Army, having worked as an apprentice mechanical engineer, a Financial Advisor, in the printing industry and currently in car sales. This is all experience I will bring to the role of mayor.



Why Vote Yorkshire Party?



Yorkshire has a larger population than Scotland and an economy twice the size of Wales but the powers of neither. Our region has been neglected by politicians in Westminster for years. Whether it's underfunding of our children's education or poor transport investment, Yorkshire deserves better.

This election is your chance to vote for better for our towns and to send a message to London. That's why you should vote for Andy Budden as Mayor of Doncaster and your local Yorkshire Party candidate.



Reform Doncaster



Dear Voter

I am Surjit Singh Duhre, candidate for Mayor. Coming out of Covid we need to **reform Doncaster** because we need a visionary mayor for the whole Borough not the same old just a leader of the council.

We aim to:

- **Reform Doncaster** so that councillors serve 8 years and no more
- Provide the right solution to the cladding scandal. Ensuring lease holders are not punished
- Reinvigorate the marketplace, stop the waste
- Offer free parking in town centres
- Create incentive schemes for improvements
- Attain Freeport, City and University status.
- Open station taxis 4 all taxis

I believe in Britain and British values for which I nearly paid with my life. We need to **reform Doncaster** because Brexit eventually happened only because of the persistence of, the real hero of the UK Independence war. **Nigel Farage! We salute you. U R A***

Reform Doncaster because absolute power corrupts absolutely. We need a constructive opposition to do the due diligence, checks and balances and ask the right questions that is required for a healthy democracy. **Reform Doncaster** is the best insurance policy.

Traditionally, our family has served in the British Sikh Army. I bring a lot of useful, different real-life experiences to **reform Doncaster** as: a volunteer social worker helping young people and crime prevention, a factory worker, a taxi-driver, an engineer, a teacher and as a bank manager.

I'm a doer, in the know I offer my services of connectivity in industry, economy and society to **reform Doncaster** and launch the next industrial revolution.

Be the reform you want to see. Put x in No 1 on the ballot paper for me.

Yours Respectfully

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OUR PLAN TO BUILD A BETTER DONCASTER

- 1 Wage a war on fly-tippers.** Cracking down on fly-tipping by prosecuting offenders with a dedicated enforcement team.
- 2 Get Doncaster moving.** Un-blocking traffic jam black spots & better coordinate roadworks to make it easier to get around Doncaster.
- 3 Boost self build housing.** We'll create a Doncaster Self Build Alliance to empower people to build their own homes and communities.
- 4 Develop our towns & villages.** We commit to have a dedicated economic plan for each of our towns and villages that will be developed with the community.
- 5 A new tree for every resident.** We commit to planting a new tree for every resident of Doncaster over our 4-year term, which will be just over 300,000 trees in total.

Visit www.jameshart.org.uk to see all of my manifesto commitments.

Promoted by Nicholas Allen, on behalf of James Hart, both of 51 Chatsworth Crescent, Doncaster, DN5 9JU



JAMES HART:

Building a Better Doncaster



In 2021 we have a unique opportunity to change Doncaster for a generation

I'm proud of our town, the town where I grew up, went to school and live & work in. But Doncaster can be so much more.

Doncaster has fantastic prospects ahead to build employment opportunities, places to live and communities. Only by having an ambitious and positive plan for our town can we achieve this.

I want Doncaster to be the top destination for employers to locate, for our green spaces to be inspirational, for our town centre to be clean, safe and to thrive again.

Visit our website www.jameshart.org.uk and sign up to our campaign newsletter to see how together we can Build a Better Doncaster.

James Hart

 **Conservatives**

FOLLOW & JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN

 @James4Doncaster

 James Hart

 James Hart 4 Doncaster Mayor

@office@jameshart.org.uk



ROS JONES FOR MAYOR

LEADING DONCASTER'S RECOVERY

✔ **Let's vaccinate Doncaster.**

Lead a campaign to offer vaccination to every adult by the end of July. Re-open safe workplaces, shops and leisure facilities by the end of July.

✔ **Restart and recovery.**

Support local high streets, local firms and local people. Better jobs by improving skills.

✔ **Safer Doncaster.**

Crackdown on drugs and antisocial behaviour. Rapid response anti-fly-tipping teams. Enhanced CCTV. Support local police teams.

✔ **Million tree challenge.**

1 million new trees in ten years. Borough-wide "future parks." £100million on new warmer council houses.

✔ **Get Doncaster moving.**

Pothole response team. Rail station upgrades. Dedicated cycle ways. More electric vehicle charging points.

✔ **No one left behind.**

Protecting older citizens, backing our veterans. Laptops and catch-up classes for children.

Promoted by Chris Taylor on behalf of Ros Jones, both at Balby Labour Hall, Low Road Doncaster DN4 8PP



Ros Jones and her Labour team

will lead our recovery after Covid-19

Dear resident

This virus has cost us dear. We have lost loved ones, lost work, lost business and missed family occasions.

Now we must restart and recover; bring new jobs; retrain and reskill and get this borough moving again.

New-look stations, new homes, a new museum and library, new colleges, and new link roads to new jobs and industry.

This is just the start of rebuilding a vibrant Doncaster, supporting our towns and villages.

With my plan, our borough will be come a cleaner, green, safer and strong place for us all. Use your votes for Labour; and let's do this.

Together.

Ros Jones

Labour candidate for Mayor

"Ros Jones is my choice for Mayor", says hero Ben.

"Ros Jones has delivered on her pledges. I'm voting for Ros because she has done a great job for Doncaster and a great job for local veterans."

Ben Parkinson MBE

Vote **Ros Jones** 🌹 Thursday 6 May



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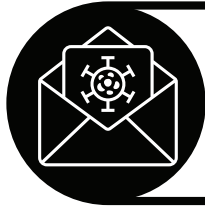
**LOCAL
TEST &
TRACE**

Know the process



Test

If you develop symptoms for Coronavirus you must book a test immediately.



Result

If you receive a positive test, you will need to self-isolate for a period of 10 days.



Phone call

Our Doncaster Test and Trace team will contact you by text or by phone.

Calls will come from 01302 734581



Home visit

If we are unable to reach you by telephone or text message, our team may visit your home address.

Coronavirus
isn't going away...



**NEW
NORMAL**

Let's all live
with it safely.



KEEP ON
**WASHING
HANDS**



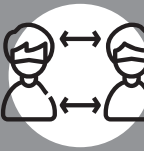
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HOMES**



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KEEP ON
**MAKING
SPACE**



KEEP ON
**GETTING
TESTED**

WE'VE COME SO FAR.

Let's keep it up!



We all need to learn to live with coronavirus and the best way to stay safe is to keep remembering to do the simple things like social distancing, hand hygiene and wearing a face covering. Avoid large crowds and if you feel unwell, stay home and get a test.

CORONAVIRUS
PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS

NHS



Doncaster
Council

**Let's
Do it** FOR
DONCASTER

Important Coronavirus Information

Please **DO NOT** go to the polling station if any of the following apply:

- you have **any Covid-19 symptoms**,
- you have had a **positive test result**,
- you are required to **self-isolate**.

Instead, apply for an **Emergency Covid-19 Proxy Vote** by calling freephone **0800 180 4604**. These are available up until 5pm on Election Day (6 May 2021).

If you need more help, or require this information in an alternative format that meets your needs, please call our Elections freephone helpline: **0800 180 4604** or email: **electoralservices@doncaster.gov.uk**

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