



# Charlbury and District Labour Party

## LABOUR IS BACK IN CHARLBURY



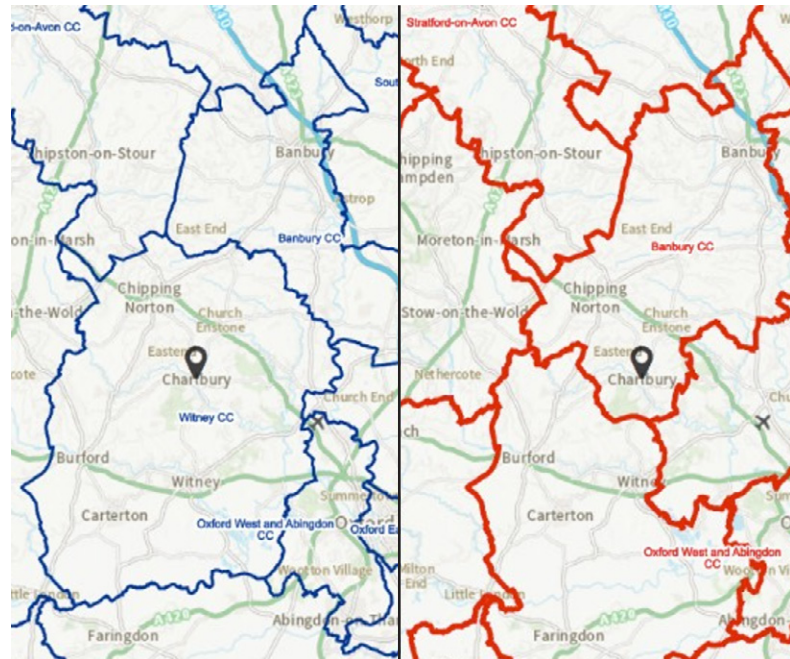
Labour party members in Charlbury, Finstock and Fawler have now established a full branch, with an elected executive led by the Chair, Robin Puttick.

The inspiration for this revival has been the new constituency boundary changes, which will move us out of Witney constituency into the Banbury constituency. If you are interested in joining the branch you must join the Labour Party nationally. More details from the Secretary of the Charlbury Branch, Phil Morgan, at [philmorgan717@hotmail.com](mailto:philmorgan717@hotmail.com).

Robin writes: "I have lived in Charlbury for eight years, and served on our Town Council for five years. I hold a post graduate teaching degree. I was a local government officer in a London Borough for twelve years, most of those in a senior position."

## ALL CHANGE FOR CHARLBURY IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION

**There's real hope for Labour in Charlbury, Fawler and Finstock for the next General Election.** The Boundary Commission for England has increased the number of Oxfordshire Parliamentary seats from six to seven, and to accommodate this change, the existing electoral map is being significantly altered. Our area has been removed from the Witney constituency, transferring to a new-look Banbury constituency, including Chipping Norton and Enstone. This means there is now genuine hope for a Labour victory in this seat come polling day – the choice of tactical vote to remove the Conservatives is clear, as the Liberal Democrats tend to poll poorly in the north east of the county. On the day the boundary changes were announced, Electoral Calculus gave Labour a staggering **72%** chance of taking the seat.



Existing situation: February 2023

Proposed situation for next General Election



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## LABOUR COUNCILLORS WORKING FOR YOU IN OXFORDSHIRE

**Labour is a strong part of the coalition which is in power in the Oxfordshire County Council and in the District Council of West Oxfordshire.**

Neither the County Council nor the District Council seats for Charlbury will be affected by the change of constituency.

Labour Councillors are active on your behalf both in the District and County Councils. There is a district wide cost-of-living crisis plan led by Cllr Joy Aitman (Lab. Witney East) which is now being implemented in partnership with local organisations. Duncan Enright (Lab. Witney East) has championed the WODC purchase of the businesses and assets at Marriotts Walk, the town centre shopping area in Witney which includes a multi-storey car park. The aim is to be a more

active landlord, adding vitality and support to businesses across the town and district. We want Witney to continue to offer value and choice to residents and visitors, and to support a healthy mix of local traders as well as national chains.

Duncan also chairs the County Council Transport Committee. The Labour Group has scoured the County budget, which includes challenging savings and huge pressures. Labour has secured some small but significant sums for our priorities. These include work on:

- special educational needs
- cost-of-living crisis support; and
- rail and freight strategy work, including plans to get big lorries out of rural communities.



## ID REQUIRED FOR ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS

For the first time ever, residents in West Oxfordshire District will need to show photographic ID to vote in person at this year's local elections which are being held on 4 May 2023. Proxy voters, but not postal voters, will also need ID.

Young voters in particular should be aware of the new ID regulations. Student Identity Cards, all Library Cards, all national Rail Cards, plus all Young Person's Travel Passes will NOT be forms of acceptable ID. Most young people who do not have a passport or driving licence will need to have an Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card) or apply for a free Voter Identification Certificate in order to vote in person.

See the WODC Website for a full list of what types of photo ID count as valid, including passports, photocard driving licences, and free Bus Passes for Older or Disabled Persons: [www.westoxon.gov.uk/elections](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/elections).

Voters will also be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo. Those without acceptable ID can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. Apply online or at the WODC offices in Witney. The deadline is 5pm Tuesday 25 April, and for a postal vote it is 5pm on 18 April. Any queries: tel. 01993 861410 or email [elections@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:elections@westoxon.gov.uk)

**Voters need to be registered to vote as well having acceptable ID.**

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