



Ashford Independent Party

**Standing For Local People
Not National Party Politics**

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VOTE RACHAEL CARLEY
**Local Independent Candidate
for Downs North**

Ashford Borough By-election 18th July

Polling stations:

- Chilham Village Hall, Maidstone Road, Chilham
- Old Wives Lees Village Hall, Long Hill, Old Wives Lees
- Molash Village Hall, Pound Lane, Molash
- Godmersham & Crundale Recreation Hall, The Street, Godmersham

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Dear Residents

My love of cycling, running, walking and of performing arts, has brought me into Chilham, Godmersham and Crundale ever since I moved to Wye in 2007. Downs North is a great place to live. I would like to help keep it that way. With your vote I will champion safe outdoor activities alongside better traffic management and give you a meaningful independent voice in Ashford Borough Council.

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Teamwork & community service

Leadership, teamwork and community service are my life-long values. In addition to working in the youth and community development sector, I co-founded and ran an award-winning music and creative arts charity for sixteen years and was also a parent governor at my children's primary school. I am especially interested in ensuring quality support for children with special educational needs and encouraging more families to walk or cycle to school. In my forties, I studied for a degree in architecture and interior design where I discovered a passion for sustainable design and urban planning.

Health, air quality and traffic issues

I currently volunteer for Sustrans - the charity that maintains the National Cycle Network, and work with Spokes - the East Kent Cycle Campaign. I look after the National Cycle Network in our Borough for Sustrans and have founded 'Wye Active' - which aims to improve local facilities for walking and cycling, including a proposed traffic-free route to Godmersham. I've recently facilitated events for all the cycle and active travel campaign groups in the County, to consider working together to support and encourage local councils to be more effective in tackling health, air quality and traffic issues - through the promotion of better facilities for active travel.

My various professional and voluntary roles, together with my background in business, management and youth and community engagement, combined with knowledge of the workings of parish, borough and county councils, give me many skills and qualities that, I feel, equip me to be an effective and competent Borough Councillor.

IT IS TIME FOR CHANGE!

Vote for me and I promise to challenge poor decisions that have no regard for local people, the environment or that are potentially damaging to our communities.



Standing for Local people, not National Politics

I am not a career politician. I am a local resident, and if elected, am fully committed to giving my time and effort to the role; listening to your views and concerns, representing your interests and keeping you informed.

I would fight to protect the countryside that we are so fortunate to be surrounded by, and to improve the quality of life for people living in rural areas. Where new developments are agreed, I will endeavour to ensure that they are well designed and sustainable, and that local businesses and local people benefit from investment and growth.

Vote Ashford Independent on 18th July to add to the new diversity in our Borough

Free from any National Party Whip, Ashford Independents are the opposition group giving residents a stronger voice in Ashford Borough Council.

