MARK TOMES CHOSEN FOR CHURCH HILL WARD

There will be elections for Redditch Borough Council in May 2021 and the Liberal Democrats have chosen local resident Mark Tomes as their candidate for Church Hill Ward.

Mark, who has lived in Church Hill South for almost all his life, is a passionate community activist who devotes much of his spare time working to tackle isolation in adults through his voluntary work with Young@Heart, which he runs with his wife Maria. In addition to his work with Young@Heart, Mark has held Vice-Chair positions on Church Hill P.A.C.T. and on Church Hill Big Local.

Mark said, '**I've been a Church Hill resident for most of my life and I want to give even more to my local community. I am driven to make sure Church Hill is the best it can be for ALL its residents: a community that is caring, clean and safe.**'

STAY IN TOUCH

You can keep in touch with Mark's work in Church Hill by:

f following him on Facebook @MarkTomes4ChurchHill

join our emailing list by visiting: www.redditchlibdems.org.uk/Mark4ChurchHill

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MY VISION FOR CHURCH HILL:

- **Clean and Green**

- **Caring and safe for all**

- **We all come together as one community, despite our differences**

YOUR LOCAL *FOCUS* TEAM:
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Mark Tomes   Adam Smale
Andy Thompson   David Gee

COMMUNITY STEPS UP FOR LOCKDOWN

During lockdown Mark, along with the Church Hill *Focus* team, gave up their time to help vulnerable members of our community. Mark and *Focus* team members delivered over a thousand leaflets to residents in Church Hill and other parts of Redditch as part of the Support Redditch Emergency Network response. Mark collected prescriptions for those who were unable to leave their homes during the height of the pandemic. He continues to be a volunteer for Redditch East Stronger Together (REST), who offer support to those who need it.

Talking about the lockdown, Mark said, '**The Coronavirus has really shown me just how much we rely on people who are often undervalued for the amazing work they do. We have the fantastic staff at the NHS and Alexandra Hospital - the porters, cleaners, administrators, nurses, doctors, ambulance staff, the 111 service and our GPs (to name but a few) who have all worked tirelessly to help keep us safe and well during these challenging times.**
But we must not forget the shop workers, delivery drivers, teachers, postmen and postwomen, refuse collectors and everyone else who has selflessly put the wellbeing of the community above their own. I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you for everything you do for us, not just during the height of the pandemic but every single day. You are all our heroes.'

CLEANING UP IN CHURCH HILL

Over the last few months we have seen an increase in fly tipping in the area and Mark has been making it his mission to report it and get it picked up. So far Mark has reported dumped mattresses, bed frames, fridges, lawn mowers, window frames, washing machines, pallets, a halogen cooker and even a pair of car wheels! He also made sure a felled road sign was replaced on Melbury Way.

Mark has also been out and about with other members of Redditch Liberal Democrats carrying out litter picks in the area. If you know an area that could do with a bit of tidying up, email mark.tomes@redditchlibdems.org.uk and we will get our team out there to give it a bit of TLC.

FIX OUR FOOTPATHS

During his walkabouts around Church Hill, Mark has noticed that many of the footpaths are in a bad condition. Slabs are broken, tree roots have broken through making paths uneven and the 'repairs' that have been made are shoddy quick fixes that make the paths difficult to use, particularly for people with push chairs, wheel chairs and mobility issues.

Mark has launched a petition calling on Worcestershire County Council and Redditch Borough Council to Fix our Footpaths and is asking local residents to add their name.

The petition can be accessed by scanning the QR code or going to **www.red.lib.dm/FixOurFootpaths**