

# Vote Labour

TOWN and BOROUGH ELECTIONS Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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**For Godalming Central and Ockford  
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**Richard Ashworth**  
 **Lewis Curtis**

**Our Town, Borough, and County Councils are  
all controlled by **ONE** Party**

*It's time we had a council that represents all of us*

***Vote for Change!***

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Ashworth**  
for Borough



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# Meet your Labour Candidates

# What we stand for



## Richard Ashworth – Borough Council

I have lived in Ockford ward for 7 years and in Godalming for 30. My children and grandchildren have attended local schools including Green Lane where I was on the PTA. Most weeks I can be found early in the morning swimming at Broadwater Leisure Centre.

I am passionate about fairness, especially for young people saddled with debt and little chance of climbing the mortgage ladder. More social and affordable housing is urgently needed, especially for the young, as well as better rent control and more help for those with mental health issues.

It is time that Waverley Council represented all of its constituents and I will do my best to make sure this happens.



## Lewis Curtis – Town Council

I have lived in the Godalming area the whole of my life and I am committed to doing everything in my power to making sure everyone has a voice in our community.

I have lived in a council house for most of my life, so I understand the importance of social housing, and investing in it. I will make sure the people have someone to fight for them on this issue.

I am a blue badge holder, as I was born with a physical disability, and I understand the importance of this scheme. Blue badges allow people to live independent, active lives and to access the community and its facilities. Having a disability has a financial impact on day to day life which can be costly, and free parking is an essential, not a luxury.

It will be an honour to be elected as your local councillor.

This is a great opportunity to bring Labour representation back to Godalming and Waverley. **We want to reach those who think their vote is wasted.**

Our first priority is to keep our campaign respectful. There's enough damage in the world already without adding to it. Neither of us plan to attack or insult anybody.

Second, we aim to think globally while we act locally. Godalming Central and Ockford is a small ward but we have to start somewhere. As Borough and Town Councillors, we aim to influence positively:

**Traffic flow and parking:** traffic lights are due a review, as is the fining policy of the supermarkets. Blue badge holders need free parking restored; disability frequently means special transport needs and often financial difficulty. Such discrimination is actually illegal under the 2010 Equality Act.

**Housing:** so much social housing has gone and not been replaced. Even "affordable" housing is beyond most of our reach. It's time for a change.

**Health and public services:** NHS assets have been sold off and local GPs and social services are under enormous pressure. Urgent attention must be focused, for instance upon mental health issues among the young. Youth services generally are under serious stress. Even The Hub on the High Street is scheduled to close.

**The High Street:** a review of business rates is way overdue.

**The Environment:** we believe that recycling must be encouraged and facilities maintained and improved. Current policy encourages fly-tipping which will only make things worse. Attention is also called for to improve air quality, to recycle more plastic and much more.

**The local effects of austerity,** especially upon young people and the disadvantaged, should be assessed and positive remedial action taken.

**Our children are in danger of growing up debt-ridden and property-less in a depleted environment. We believe austerity has cost lives and livelihoods. It's time for a change.**