

# Passionate about Lapley, Stretton or Wheaton Aston?

Want to help make it a better place?

Got the skills to share and time to spare?

Join our team and become

## A PARISH COUNCILLOR

*Together  
We Can!*



### What is a Parish Council?

Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council is the first tier of Local Government and is closest to the community it serves. It can take decisions and spend money on matters that make a real difference to our parish. The other two tiers of local council are South Staffordshire Council and Staffordshire County Council.

### What does LSWA Parish Council do?

It represents three wards- Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston. The PC tries to improve the quality of life in the parish and provides services to meet local needs such as annual Christmas illuminations and switch on event, planters and tubs around the village, parks, playing fields and, coming soon, allotments.

### What are Parish Councillors?

They are democratically elected councillors who work hard to represent and engage with their local community. LSWA Parish Council is made up of 11 unpaid councillors who hold office for a 4 year term.

To become a Parish Councillor you must be eligible, not disqualified and follow the 7 principles of public life, and be able to attend council meetings on Thursday evenings and working groups when required.

### Interested in becoming a parish councillor? You can:

- Check out the website of the Electoral Commission which explains the Parish Council election process for England, including the need to be nominated by two electors and the forms that need to be submitted - [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)
- Contact LSWA Parish Council for more information
- Keep an eye out for vacancies on the Parish Council website and in noticeboards

### Eligible?

- Over 18
- A UK, Commonwealth or EU citizen
- A Lapley, Stretton or Wheaton Aston elector, or live or work in or within 3 miles of the Parish boundary

### Disqualified?

- Work or hold office for the Parish Council
- Have been declared bankrupt in the past 5 years and have not repaid debts
- Have been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to not less than 3 months imprisonment within the past 5 years

### 7 principles of public life

Selflessness  
Integrity  
Objectivity  
Accountability  
Openness  
Honesty  
Leadership

**For  
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