

John Marjoram

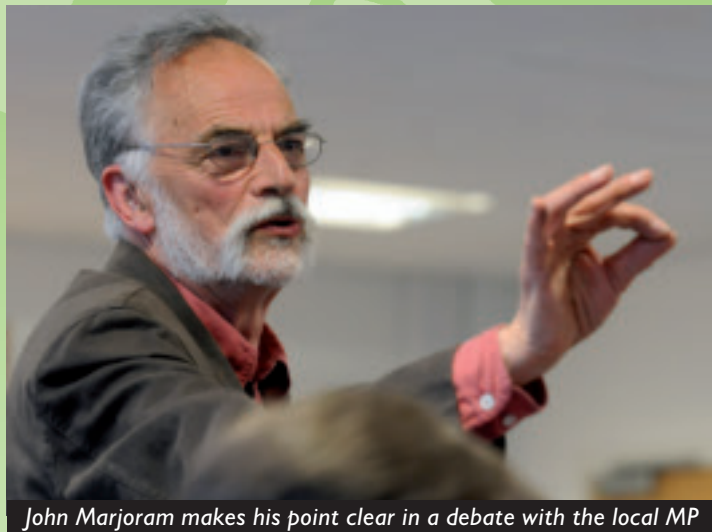


About John Marjoram... your Green Party candidate for Trinity

Originally I came to Stroud in 1967

to run a Youth Centre and I did this for three years, but have spent subsequent years teaching gardening and animal husbandry to people with learning difficulties at the Home Farm Trust in Frocester. For the past few years, I have been working part-time at Ruskin Mill. Since retiring however, I have never been so busy with green projects and Council work - I am also standing for the Town Council, having been Town Mayor nine times.

I live with my partner Laura in Castle Street. I have two daughters and four grandchildren, two of whom do building work locally. I am a Quaker, which I think makes me more balanced than I would be otherwise! I enjoy the more meaningful films and belong to the Lansdown and Stroud Film Societies. I recently got an allotment at Spider Lane. And finally, another great interest is knowing more about the history of Stroud.



John Marjoram makes his point clear in a debate with the local MP

John Marjoram - working for you

Planning - this is my passion as I think it does affect the way we live. I have been on the District Planning committee for the last 24 years.

I am still campaigning for a better process that gives, as it used to, more democratic rights to Town and Parish Councils. They have more local knowledge than anyone else. This was taken away by the Tory controlled administration who, we are told, believe in localism! Most of the housing that is currently being built is unaffordable to local families. I will continue to ensure that housing is built on brownfield sites and not on the green fields. I am especially concerned that the Gunhouse Lane area should be protected.

Safety - I will continue to push for 20mph traffic restrictions in Stroud.

Canal - While I am generally pleased that the canal is progressing, I am attempting to ensure that there will be open green spaces for the public to enjoy.

Ashcroft House - Working with the tenants, we stopped the District Council closing down their sheltered accommodation. This is a wonderful community living along London Road.

Highfield Road - With a fellow Town Councillor, I successfully opposed a plan to demolish four council houses in Highfield Road, and the houses have now been renovated.

Can you help us? If you would like to help in my election campaign, please ring 01453 750962.

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Stroud District Election Communication from the Green Party

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Vote for John Marjoram

in Trinity Ward on
Thursday May 5th



Dear Voter,

In my 25 years as the District Councillor for Trinity Ward, this is probably going to be the most difficult time to seek re-election. For the swingeing 28% cuts that this coalition have imposed on our Council will make it extremely difficult to produce many creative benefits for our community. Despite this I will try my utmost to see that Stroud gets its fair share of funding. As I write I am challenging, together with the Town Council, the proposed increase in Stroud car parking fees. This will have a damaging effect on local businesses, while some other towns in this District have free car parking!

The last time I stood, in 2007, I obtained 62% of the vote but having said that I never take a vote for granted. I hope to meet as many of you as possible during and after the election time to discuss issues.

Already when I speak to local people it is the cuts that worry them the most, not only those at the local level, like libraries and youth clubs, but also those concerning Stroud Hospital. Most of you will remember the march to save the Maternity Hospital five years ago, when with the backing of the midwives and strong local community organisation we succeeded in stopping its closure. It may take this sort of perseverance once again to save the General Hospital from being privatised and being taken out of the NHS realm. What is abundantly clear is that once you lose a public service it will be very difficult to resurrect it.

- The Greens on the District Council are the fiercest critics of this injustice of cuts for councils while bankers get bonuses.
- I am asking you to vote for me on 5th May not only on my track record but also on my determination to make Stroud a better place.

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