

# FOCUS

Pelaw, Heworth, Wardley & Bill Quay



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As local election day, Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, approaches local people are saying:

## “We are backing Amanda and the Focus Team”

With local election day fast approaching, more and more local residents are backing Amanda Wintcher and the Focus team.

Amanda said “Pelaw and Heworth is my home. I care deeply about it and, most importantly, the people who live here - as they ultimately make our area such a great place to live and raise a family. I have had a great reception from residents and, whatever the result, want to thank everyone for their kind words.”

Pelaw and Heworth Councillor, Ian Patterson, said “We need to keep a strong, united Focus Team that will speak up for our area. That will only happen if people turn out and vote for Amanda”.

Paul Diston said “Amanda is a real community-spirited person and, if elected, will do an excellent job. The last thing Gateshead needs is yet another Labour Councillor and voting Conservative just risks letting Labour win”.

Election day is on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May and polls open between 7am and 10pm. You do not need your polling card to vote.

Local residents explain why they are voting for Amanda Wintcher and the Focus Team. . .



“We’re voting for Amanda because she is in touch with the real issues affecting the community, from fly tipping to anti-social behaviour.”  
**Florence Nevin and Max Harvey, Wynn Gardens**



“The Focus Team works hard for the area”  
**Lillian Campbell, Longhirst**



“The Focus Team responds quickly to residents with concerns”.  
**Michael Duffy, Turfside**



“The Focus Team will fight for this area on the Council” -  
**Alan Brown, Gullane Close**



“The Focus leaflet keeps residents informed of local issues”.  
**Mr Ahmed, Croxdale House**



“Ian & Paul get things done for the area”.  
**Joan Mundy, Wynn Gardens**

### Only Amanda can beat Labour here



The Conservatives came a distant third place last time, with only 7% of the vote, and just won't win here. Only Amanda can beat Labour - voting for anyone else could let Labour win!

Lib Dem  
Focus  
Team

1st

Lab

2nd

Can't win here



Con  
3rd

# Amanda's interview:



## Tell us a bit about yourself

I have lived in Pelaw since 2008, and I think it's a great place to live. We have plenty of nice green space, good public transportation, and a friendly community. I've spent some time working in other parts of the UK but I always come home to Pelaw. I am an archaeologist and have been working with a local litter picking group and planted trees as part of the creation of a new community forest. I enjoy pottering around in the garden, long walks around Gateshead's green spaces, and visiting the animals at Bill Quay Farm.

## Why should people vote for you?

If elected, I will bring a fresh perspective. I will do my utmost to represent the entire community, and will work alongside my fellow councillors to get things right for everyone across Pelaw, Heworth, Bill Quay, and Wardley.

## What are your priorities if elected?

People have told me we need better council services, cleaner public spaces, and safer streets. If I am elected, I will push for improvements to council services including more timely repairs and better efforts to reduce fly tipping and clean up neglected green spaces. I will make sure that the police are informed about problems in our area and work with them to find solutions. Finally, I want to make sure that any new housing developments fit in with the area and local community needs.

# Local News

## More attacks on local bus stops



After another set of attacks on local bus stops, including on Fisherwell Road and Gosforth Terrace, passengers and residents have had enough. Amanda Wintcher said: "The young people doing this seem to think the Police don't care and so they can get away with it time after time. This means that attacks are increasing. Nexus need to start replacing glass with Perspex to stop this."

## Fewster Square seating revarnished

Following the request of the Focus Team, the Council has revarnished the shabby looking seating in Fewster Square.



# The choice in Pelaw & Heworth

## Local candidate Amanda Wintcher

- ✓ Wants more spent on street cleaning
- ✓ Opposes Labour's waste
- ✓ Wants a Council Tax freeze



# OR

## Gateshead Labour

- ✗ Labour have given us endless failed traffic schemes
- ✗ Labour wastes millions of taxpayers' money
- ✗ Labour charges the highest Council Tax of any metropolitan council



**The Conservatives came a poor third last time and won't win here**