



# ST. PHILIPS CONSERVATIVES

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## Elect **RAY FISHER**

Ray lives in the Stratton St Philip ward with his wife, Christine. All four of their children have attended Penhill Primary Schools and Headlands Secondary School. Also many foster children, from various ethnic backgrounds, have been cared for by Ray and Chris over the years. Christine is a Brownie leader and former Guides Division Commissioner.

Harold Hill Grammar School, in Essex, gave Ray enough "O-levels" to start a career in Management Accounting, leading on to a Fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

Roussel Laboratories brought Ray and Chris to Swindon in 1970, but Ray was made redundant a year later, when the company suffered some set-backs. After several years of commuting to Oxford, he joined Arkell's Brewery (also in the Stratton St Philip ward) in 1974, becoming Finance Director in 1990 - a position Ray is very pleased to occupy!

Until recently, Ray was in regular attendance at St Philip's Church and was an active member of the choir. He is also a member of the Highworth Choral Society.

Ray is currently a Trustee at the Prospect Hospice. He is also a member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Swindon. He intends to continue membership of several committees of both bodies, whether elected or not, seeing these roles as complementary to his work as a Borough Councillor.

Past voluntary positions include over twenty years as a director of Swindon Chamber of Commerce & Industry - including three terms as President. He also served as Chairman of the North Wilts Board of Young Enterprise, as Treasurer of the Thamesdown & District Tourist Association and was a Parent Governor of Penhill Primary Schools and Headlands Secondary.

Ray would like to offer his Management and Financial skills in service as a Swindon Borough Councillor. He has always had a ready ear for local issues and particularly wants to see local people benefit from improvements to education and infrastructure in Upper Stratton.

### LABOUR'S END OF TERM REPORT

20 years of Labour control in Swindon Borough Council ended following numerous dismal Labour failures, which resulted in their mass resignation.

Subject	Result
Education Department - OFSTED Inspection	Bad Failure
Social Services Department	Major Areas Of Concern
City Status Bid	Failed
STEAM Museum	Financial Crisis
Labour Administration	1979-2001 (Resigned)
Council Tax Rise	15.5% Hike

#### Comment by Estelle Morris MP, the Labour Secretary of State for Education:

Swindon's Labour Council "is seriously failing in its duty to provide support to its schools and their pupils"  
(Evening Advertiser, 15/09/01).

**Verdict:** Swindon deserves better than a Labour Council!

Labour  
Have  
Failed  
You!!

**Elect Ray Fisher, The Conservative Candidate** ✕

Swindon Borough Council Elections - Thursday 2nd May 2002

# Swindon Conservatives Committed To ...

## EDUCATION

- Reverse Labour's Ofsted failures
- Prioritise parental choice for schools
- Raise teacher morale and pupil performance
- Improve discipline and attendance
- Provide high quality education children deserve



## LAW & ORDER

- Zero tolerance of crime
- Target anti-social behaviour
- Combat drug-related crime
- More bobbies on the beat



## LEISURE & COMMUNITY

- Upgrade library facilities
- Strengthen support for community groups
- Promote health and well-being
- Provide leisure facilities that Swindon deserves
- More facilities to occupy the young



## COUNCIL TAX

- Fair & affordable taxes, not Labour's 15.5% Council Tax Hike
- Proper Government funding for Swindon
- End Labour waste and mismanagement in Swindon.
- Appropriate spending, not Labours £125,000 Laptops



## TRANSPORT

- Ease congestion and increase road safety
- Reverse Labours anti-car agenda
- Improve highways upkeep
- Prioritise road repairs



## ENVIRONMENT

- Encourage recycling
- Enhance the town centre and other public spaces
- Reduce litter, fly-tipping, graffiti and vandalism.
- Protect and enhance the countryside

