North Devon Council By Election, Fremington Ward, <u>Thursday, June 28th, 2018</u>

Dear Resident

My name is Blake Ladley and I am standing in the upcoming District Council by-election in the Fremington Ward.

I am 21 and have lived in the Parish for over fourteen years, with the area being an instrumental part of my upbringing and childhood. It is a district that my parents fell in love with, encouraging them to move here and raise me within the area. This is a key motivation for me standing in this election, in order to work hard and give something back to the place that has given so much to me. At the age of 21, I feel that I can bring a wave of fresh ideas and energy to the post.





One of the many great things about Fremington is the togetherness that I have witnessed throughout my time living here, and whilst I was unable to attend the Royal Wedding picnic party, seeing on Facebook, the preparation put in by people in the area further shows that community spirit and dedication that makes us stand out.

In the grants that were issued by the Parish council last year, we see that £2,360 worth of funding was given out to various local groups. Whilst I pay homage to the council for the donations they continue to make to these groups, I would, as a District Councillor, like to press further in securing more funding so that we maintain these local groups that allow many people in the area the chance to socialise and grow with one another. This, in turn, helps to keep Fremington as a place that thrives on community values.

Our community depends on local councils to provide essential public services such as housing, schools, transport and infrastructure. Due to the political choices made by central Government since 2010, this country has seen funding for all of these key services being suffocated, leaving many areas such as ours neglected. Our local school is facing cuts of over £65,000 which serves as a reminder to all of us that choices made by central Government have serious consequences to our lives. With a Labour Government we would see major investment in all our key services. This leads me to believe that change, fresh ideas and new voices can mean that we can build a better future for our area so that it will flourish for generations to come.



A vote for me, and a vote for Labour is one that will ensure the fight for a better Fremington continues. As we continue to grow it is essential that we maintain the area so that we can keep the togetherness which makes us so unique. As your Councillor, I would seek to add further enthusiasm and fight within the council so that we press on and deal quickly and efficiently with your concerns.

For any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me 07711781135 or at 4,The Coombes, Roundswell, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 3XF and at <u>blake.Ladley@northdevonlabour.co.uk</u>

With Best Wishes

Blake Ladley

Labour Candidate, Fremington Ward, North Devon Council

