

Jim Duncombe – Standing up for Ilfracombe



Ilfracombe needs . . .

Investment and growth -

Regeneration of the High Street, shopper friendly parking, encouragement of new events and support of existing ones.

To support those in need -

We need to support the vulnerable, people on low incomes and benefits, and the homeless.

Stable NHS & Medical Provision -

With the threats of closures, stretched emergency services and over burdened GP practices, I will join with other councillors to fight for these services.

Improved health and wellbeing of residents -

40% of children in poverty, low life expectancy, struggling social care for the elderly are all important issues that need to improve in Ilfracombe.



Hello Voter,

My name is Jim Duncombe and I am asking for your support to join the Ilfracombe Town Council (ITC).

I was raised in North Devon, was educated here, played on the beaches, explored the countryside, I have worked for local employers, run my own business and in 2015 my family moved to Ilfracombe.

Moving to Ilfracombe was one of the best decisions we've made. We enjoy the diversity of the town and love attending all the events that happen throughout the year. I think it is time for me to give something back.

During the time we have lived in Ilfracombe, it has become apparent that the Town Council works hard to support local groups, develop and maintain the town we would like to become part of that team.

The ITC has an ambitious strategic development plan that addresses many of the issues and challenges that Ilfracombe face. I want to help Ilfracombe and its council deliver this.

I was a little reluctant when I was asked to stand as a candidate. What convinced me? What I could offer! I am a long way from retirement and with my experience in tourism and marketing I can bring a fresh perspective, new ideas and energy to the ITC.

Other than the core principles of the Labour Party I would come to the council with no personal agenda. My only interest is in a vibrant, prosperous and clean town for all.

Living in Ilfracombe isn't all ice creams and bracing walks - many people struggle to find permanent or fulfilling employment, which puts a strain on local services. A prosperous town will make sure no one gets left behind.



The number of families accessing the food bank in Ilfracombe has risen to unacceptable levels. The ITC can lead the way in supporting people in crisis by introducing simple schemes - such as collection points in all food outlets.

The population is set to grow with the arrival of new housing developments. This will stretch our existing services, especially our schools and health care. We must support these services and be vocal in ensuring they receive adequate funding

If there are issues that you feel that are important for me to be aware of, projects or clubs you would like me to visit, or if you'd like to help with my campaign please get in contact.

As your Town Councillor, I would work to make Ilfracombe Central a better place to live, with greater community facilities. I would use my influence to continue campaigning on some of the big issues in North Devon:

- Supporting the living wage and better job security
- Tackling homelessness and poor housing
- Fighting the threat to health care provision
- Improving social care
- Opposing the education funding formula
- Keeping our schools free from selection

