

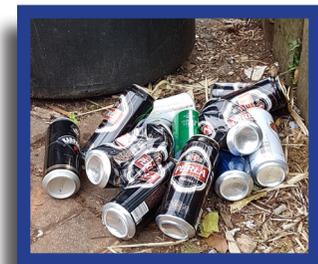
# David Fletcher and Karen Boyes InTouch

## YOUR CONSERVATIVE ACTION TEAM

David Fletcher has been one of your Councillors since 2015 and has lived in Denmark Street in the heart of the Castle Quarter for over twenty years. Karen Boyes lives in Rutland Road at the western end of Castle Ward and is chair of the Midland Road Residents' Association (MARA).

David and Karen are passionate about Castle Ward and are working hard to tackle issues relating to street drinking in Midland Road and the town centre. Working on a cross party basis and with the support of MARA, they have long argued that the Council should limit the number of alcohol outlets in Midland Road. In the face of police and Council indifference, David has at last achieved this objective, but only after the Council commissioned an expensive and unnecessary consultation!

David and Karen conduct surgeries in the Papillon café in Castle Road on the first Saturday of every month and in Mama Concetta in Harpur Street on the second Saturday of each month. Both surgeries run from 10am until 1130am



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### **Tackling Homelessness**

David is working closely with the Salvation Army, the YMCA and SMART which runs the Prebend Street Day Centre, where he works as a volunteer, as well as other agencies including Bedford BID which represents businesses in the town centre, to tackle this enormous problem.



### **Cleaning up Castle**

David and Karen have made big steps in bringing the problem of flytipping to the attention of the Council. David is particularly concerned about plots of private land that have public access and has at last succeeded in getting the Council to move piles of rubbish from a privately-owned site in St. Paul's Square and with his fellow Ward councillor has personally cleaned up other sites in Castle Ward.

### **Houses in Multiple Occupancy**

Karen and David are concerned that a monoculture of single-room rented accommodation is developing in Midland Road. This harms family life in the area and threatens vulnerable people.

He and Karen have worked hard on a cross party basis to bring this issue into the public eye and have gained the support of our MP in their efforts to persuade the Council to implement a policy which will cap the number of HMOs in the Midland Road of our town.

### **An ambitious plan for parking**

Car parking is a big problem throughout our Ward. Working on a cross party basis David was able to de-zone part of Bushmead Avenue and free up spaces in Howbury, Bower and Pembroke Streets which have long borne a disproportionate burden in this respect. David's ambitious plans to free up more street parking (details available on request!) in the Ward were put to the Deputy Mayor over eighteen months ago. It is disappointing that nothing has happened, but David is on the case!



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