

DAVID YORKE EDWARDS - CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE

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SAMFORD DIVISION

About David

David Yorke-Edwards moved with his wife and daughter to Suffolk from Hampshire in 1985. For over eight years he and his wife were the proprietors of the village shop in Stoke-by-Nayland where he soon became a member of the parish council and then chairman.

In 1994 they retired for the second time having made their home in Holton St. Mary, which is one of the parishes in Samford Division and have now lived there for just over fifteen years.

Both David and Barbara are active members of the community, David has twice served as President of Hadleigh Rotary Club, and is a member of Holton St. Mary Parish Council.

For most of his career David worked for a number of large industrial companies, including the Metal Box Company ending up as a personnel manager specialising in industrial relations. He also served for a period as a member of Portsmouth City Council. In 2005 at his third attempt he was elected to Suffolk County Council to represent the people of Samford Division.

During his four years as a County Councillor he was appointed to a number of committees including the Health Scrutiny Committee of which he is Vice-Chairman. This committee is responsible for the scrutiny of the services provided by the NHS in Suffolk. He has also recently been appointed to the Audit Committee

David Writes :-

Four years ago I was delighted to be elected as a member of Suffolk County Council to serve the people of Samford Division, and I now put myself forward for re-election.

Back in 2005 you will no doubt remember that the Conservative Party had criticised the Labour and Liberal Democrat run Council for their staggering increase of 41% in the Council Tax over the previous four years.

I felt that any increase in Council Tax should always give you value for money, and I believe that the Conservative Council which has run Suffolk for the last four years has done this. I therefore was pleased when we were able to announce an increase of 2.45% for the year 2009-10, this being one of the lowest increases in the Country.

Our task is to continue giving you value for money - providing the top quality services you want and need, at a price we can afford - this we have done.

We said in 2005 that protecting the most vulnerable would be paramount, indeed, it is our moral duty to do so. I am therefore delighted that we have been able to invest an additional £5 million into safeguarding vulnerable children and adults.

A matter which is of increasing concern is the accident record on the A12 between Capel St. Mary and the county boundary at Stratford St. Mary. This is a trunk road which is the

responsibility of the Highways Agency and we understand that £120 million has been allocated to it. I will be putting pressure on the Highways Agency for improvements at the junctions at Four Sisters and Stratford St. Mary.

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