“To bring change, you need to be the change.” As a firm believer in community work, I feel extremely proud to be standing as your candidate for Westborough. I live in Southend with my husband and two children, and they go to a local school. I understand the worries of parenting and know that trying to do the best for our children can be very challenging.

In the past, with my Masters degree in Media and Communication, I have worked as a journalist, then at Senior management positions, and now in teaching. There are a few things that have always been very close to my heart: our young children, education, domestic violence, and climate change. I have served as a Governor at a primary school and have completed research work on domestic violence. Currently, I have joined my children’s school-run charity that raises funds for the school to provide better services.

Why should you vote for me? It's simple, Westborough needs attention and love which has gone missing over the past years.

If elected, I will make sure that, out of the many things that need addressing in Westborough, I will ensure that our top priorities are tackling crime, stoping fly-tipping, improving our children's education, and supporting our businesses. We live in a fantastic seaside town which sees a large number of tourist each year, and these visitors bring business and thus create jobs that are essential for our community.

One of the reasons I supported Brexit was to create huge opportunities for our generations to come. With Brexit firmly delivered by the Conservatives, I believe these opportunities will now be seen by all. Further, our town needs to have a vision of growth and opportunity so that we make the most of local and national Government funding.

Lastly, I will make myself available to residents and keep in touch regularly as I strongly believe that effective communication can solve many problems. Rest assured, I will make this happen. I will be the voice of Westborough and make sure we have a fair representation on the Council.

I am counting on your vote, a vote for change, a vote for a Conservative council.

- Tamkeen Shaikh