

## Staffordshire Councillor flies the Staffordshire flag

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Another story about county pride, this time in Staffordshire. The Stafford flag is definately one of the more attractive flags to fly.

Article from the Litchfield blog

Lichfield Rural East's county councillor has launched a campaign to give a new pride of place to people who live in Staffordshire.

Matthew Ellis, who retained his county seat with a landslide win in June, says that a sense of belonging is important in tackling some of the social issues the whole country is facing.

He explained:

"I'm always taken aback by the sense of belonging people feel in Cornwall. They are openly proud of their county, the food that's produced there and the culture which is so incredibly strong. Everywhere, it's Cornish this and Cornish that and you can't travel far without seeing Cornwall's black and white flag flying."

And he believes that starting to fly Staffordshire's official flag is a good way to encourage people to feel part of their county.

Cllr Ellis has kicked the campaign off by buying a five foot Staffordshire flag for each of the thirteen parishes he represents. He added:

"Staffordshire has a long and fascinating history. We should be proud of that and reject efforts nationally to make us all feel part of the West Midlands Region. I don't know where that starts or finishes and, frankly, I don't want to. I do feel part of Staffordshire but don't feel part of some artificial administrative region. It may seem a small thing but if we can share a common cause and identity I think that could be very positive for the future."

Most public buildings in Staffordshire now fly the Union Flag permanently as a result of a County motion put forward last year by Cllr Ellis.