

Green Xmas Fair

Saturday 23 Nov
10 am - 4 pm

Friends Meeting House
(next to Lancaster station)

* Art and craft stalls * Books
* Café * Live music * Santa *

Ashton Road resurfaced

The new surfacing of Ashton Road (A588) was completed a few weeks ago, and Green Councillors are now pushing for more frequent speed checks following complaints about dangerous driving from local residents.

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or find her page on Facebook: **Gina Dowding MEP**

Conder Green Road closure

Part of Conder Green Road will be closed from Monday 21st October until no later than Friday 1st November, for works to rectify a 'defective reinstatement'.

Time for a rural strategy

Gina has signed the call by the Rural Services Network for a comprehensive, long term and properly funded Government strategy to protect and enhance rural communities. You can find out more about this, and add your name, here:

www.rsonline.org.uk/time-for-a-rural-strategy

Green View



Autumn 2019

News and Views from the Green Party in Cockerham & Glasson

Gina's our Eurostar!

Gina Dowding became the North West's first Green MEP in May, with 12.5% of the vote overall across the NW region, which stretches from Cheshire to Cumbria.

Gina began her work as an MEP in July alongside six other Green MEPs from the UK and 66 Green/Alliance MEPs from other European countries.

Gina said: *"Thank you to everyone who voted Green in this year's local and European elections. My top priority is to get urgent action by governments and industry to tackle climate change, restore our natural world, and end extreme poverty."*

"I will continue my City and County Councillor roles until the UK's future relationship with the EU is clear. At the time of writing, it's impossible to predict whether or when Brexit will happen or whether there will be a General Election or People's Vote by the time you receive this newsletter! Juggling three roles is challenging, but as an MEP, I have staff to help me both in Brussels and here in the NW region. Whatever happens next, the Green Party and I will continue to work hard for the Lancaster District."



Gina Dowding, Green Member of the European Parliament

2019 Euro Election results in the Lancaster District

Brexit Party	30.8%
Green Party	20.5%
Liberal Democrats	19.8%
Labour Party	13.1%
Conservatives	7.7%

Read Gina's weekly blog at www.ginadowding.org.uk

Greens in co-operative cabinet

There are now 10 Green City Councillors in Lancaster, making it the third “greenest” council in England in terms of councillor numbers. No single political party has an overall majority, so the Greens are working with Labour and Lib Dems in a ‘cooperative alliance’. Greens have three (out of 10) places on the Council’s Cabinet, with the following portfolios:

- Cllr Tim Hamilton-Cox - Economic Development
- Cllr Caroline Jackson - Housing and Homelessness
- Cllr Dave Brookes - Environment and Public Realm.



They will be working with the seven Labour cabinet members to ensure that the City Council delivers on the promises it made when a climate emergency was declared earlier this year.



Nine of the ten Green City Councillors who were elected in May 2019

Uniform Project launched

Families who need school uniform can now get it from the Morecambe Bay Foodbank shop on Euston Road, Morecambe. The project welcomes donations of school uniform in good condition, for all ages from 4-16. If you would like to donate, there is a donation bin at Lancaster Town Hall.

Green Cllr Joanna Young, Chair of Morecambe Bay Foodbank said: “The Uniform Project will help local families and keep clothing out of landfill.”

Find out more via www.morecambebay.foodbank.org.uk

Eden North project taking shape

The Eden Trust is preparing a planning application for an £85m “world-class tourist attraction that is completely in tune with its natural surroundings” in Morecambe. A large section of Marine Road could be pedestrianised to encourage visitors to use sustainable transport and increase footfall to local businesses. The buildings will be no taller than the adjacent Midland Hotel, and a 4,000-capacity outdoor arena is planned as part of the development.

More plastics to be recycled

County Cllr Gina Dowding set up and chaired a County task group on reducing single-use plastics. One of the outcomes of this initiative, supported by Lancaster City Council, has been to expand the range of materials that can be collected for recycling via kerbside boxes.

From 1 October you'll be able to put clean plastic tubs, trays and pots in your recycling box, in addition to plastic bottles. Gina said: “It's great to see both County and City Councils committing to increasing the range of plastics that can be recycled. Of course it is still better to avoid buying things packaged in plastic in the first place, wherever possible!”

Salt Ayre Leisure Centre’s green power boost

Green Cllr Tim Hamilton-Cox reports: “Since 2012, Salt Ayre has had a large array of solar panels on its roof. The Council is now planning for much more solar electricity generation. In early 2020, around 1MW capacity (that is up to 3,700 individual panels) will be installed on the ground to supply a large proportion of the Centre's electricity demand. There is also scope to expand solar power generation onto the adjacent Council-owned former landfill site, to meet some of the wider district's electricity needs, and to create new 'green collar' jobs in installation and maintenance.”