



Green Party

GREEN VIEW

NORTH LANCASHIRE

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM NORTH LANCASHIRE GREENS

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CAROLINE'S CANAL QUARTER UPDATE

Green Cllr
Caroline
Jackson
wants a
thriving
community in
the Canal
Quarter



Proposals to breathe new life into the Canal Quarter have been unveiled by the City Council. The 'masterplan' shows how a vibrant and sustainable neighbourhood with a mix of around 580 homes could be created, including homes with affordable rents.

Green Cllr Caroline Jackson, Leader of the Council, said: *"We want new homes to create a thriving city centre community, and to help the owners of empty heritage buildings find new uses for them. The Council has bid for Government funding to help regenerate difficult-to-develop brownfield sites such as these."*

COST OF LIVING CRISIS: LOCAL SUPPORT

Help and support is available if you, or someone you know, is struggling with the rising cost of living. See the City Council website for links to sources of financial support for households in need: www.lancaster.gov.uk

Warm Hubs update

County Council libraries in Lancaster, Morecambe and Carnforth, and some local community centres, will be warm and welcoming spaces this winter. Check opening times and other details at: www.lancaster.gov.uk

Grants for energy saving measures

The council-backed Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHIL) scheme installs fully-funded low carbon heating and insulation for households on low incomes living in inefficient homes. Find out more at www.chil.uk.com

Free energy advice from Green Rose

Local social enterprise Green Rose offers free home energy advice visits for households vulnerable to the cold, and advice on how to save money on bills and fit free small energy saving measures such as LED lights and radiator panels. Email info@greenrose.org.uk or call 0800 702 2528 to refer yourself or someone you know.

Become an energy champion!

Green Rose is recruiting volunteer Energy Champions to help people stay warm and well in their homes this winter. Full training and support provided. Email georgina@greenrose.org.uk to find out more.



Cllrs Tim Hamilton-Cox and Faye Penny clearing pavements in the City Centre. Green councillors work hard for you all year round!

Green Christmas Fair
Sat 19th November
 at the Friends Meeting House
 (next to Lancaster train station)

Stalls
 Live music
 Tasty food

Raffle
 Father Christmas

10am - 4pm

Admission £1 (kids free)

MORECAMBE BAY SEWAGE CONCERNS

Green Cllr Dave Brookes contacted United Utilities following concerns raised over the summer that sewage may have been discharged into Morecambe Bay.

After a meeting with UU representatives, Dave said: *"I was told that recent investments have greatly reduced the chances of untreated sewage being discharged during heavy and prolonged rainfall. But we know that climate change will lead to more extreme weather, so more needs to be done."*

Action by individuals can also help protect our bathing waters. For example, disposing of kitchen fats in a container in the bin rather than down the sink, and not flushing wet wipes down the toilet.

Cllr Dave Brookes (left) met with United Utilities to follow up concerns raised by residents



Cllr Gina Dowding (right) telling the BBC about local people's fracking concerns

GINA LEADS FRACKING DEBATE

County Cllr Gina Dowding forced a debate on fracking at a recent County Council meeting. This resulted in a unanimous vote to ask the Government to ensure that any decisions on fracking applications are made locally by the County Council.

Fracking is a big concern for people in North Lancashire, and the Green Party is leading the way to make sure it will never return to our region.

Interviewed on BBC North West, Cllr Gina Dowding said:

"There is no evidence that fracking is safer than when the Government called for a halt to fracking back in 2019.

"However, there is abundant evidence that renewable energy sources are the cheapest and cleanest way to ensure our energy security and reduce carbon emissions.

"The Conservative Government should honour its manifesto commitment not to bring back fracking, so we can focus instead on implementing real solutions to the climate and energy crises."

LANCASTER SLAVERY EXHIBITION

Lancaster Slavery Family Trees is an exhibition documenting the stories of enslaved Africans, based on local research by the City Council museums department and the Lancaster Black History Group.

It will be in Lancaster City Museum in Market Square until the end of February. Cllr Alistair Sinclair said:

"This is a very moving exhibition. The work by Lancaster Black History Group is invaluable in fighting racism."

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JACK'S CALL TO STOP ATTACK ON NATURE

Green Parliamentary candidate for Lancaster, Cllr Jack Lenox, has written to local Conservative councillors urging them to resist Government plans to rip up environmental protections.

Jack said:

"The Government intends to let many of our current environmental protections expire in 2023, scrap planning rules that protect nature, and withdraw plans to help farmers protect nature."

"It was recently reported that global wildlife populations have plummeted by 70% since 1970. We need to do much more to conserve wildlife and habitats - not less."

The RSPB and the National Trust have also expressed their outrage at the Government's proposals.



Green Parliamentary Candidate Jack Lenox speaks out against plans that will harm wildlife

NEW HOSPITAL PLANS?

The Royal Lancaster Infirmary could have a state-of-the-art hospital on a new site. That is the preferred option announced by the New Hospitals Programme (NHP).

Green Cllr Sally Maddocks went to an NHP event. She said: *"New sites are being considered by the M6 Junction 34 and near the university. Another option could be an improved Royal Lancaster Infirmary on its current site including a new 'urgent and emergency care village'."*

WILDFLOWERS IN MARSH WARD

Cllr Mandy Bannon worked with volunteers and the City Council to create the stunning wildflower patch on Willow Lane



BUDGET CRISIS HITS CITY COUNCIL

Soaring energy prices and inflation, and relentless long-term funding cuts to local councils have created a big gap between the Council's income and expenditure.

The Conservative Government has cut funding to local councils for more than a decade. The City Council's budget is now around £4m smaller than it was in 2010, and yet the need for local public services grows every year.

Cllr Tim Hamilton-Cox, City Council Cabinet Member, said: *"Councils all over the country are facing the same problems as we are. We are aiming to reduce the amount of council office buildings to cut running costs and find further 'operational efficiencies'."*

"However, cuts to some services seem inevitable unless Government increases the funding to Councils."

"The City Council is working hard to make its buildings energy efficient, and is putting a big solar array on one of its properties at White Lund which will generate power and income for the Council next year. Plans are also underway for a new solar farm on Council land."

WORKING HARD ALL YEAR ROUND - ALL OVER OUR DISTRICT!

MARSH



Gina Dowding*

JOHN O'GAUNT



Faye Penny*

ELLEL



Sally Maddocks*

BOWERHAM & SCOTFORTH EAST



Hamish Mills



Sarah Punshon



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WARTON



Sue Tyldesley*

HALTON



Mandy Bannon*



Alistair Sinclair*



Kevin Frea*

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James Sommerville



Chloe Buckley

UNIVERSITY



Jamie Payne

NEWS IN BRIEF

GREEN COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Scotforth Team Effort to Beat the Leaves

Cllr Abi Mills, with residents and pupils from Scotforth St Pauls School, braved the rain and swept the pavements in Scotforth, collecting 10 bags of leaves, unblocking drains and removing weeds.

Greens Listen to Moorlands Concerns

Cllrs Faye Penny and Alistair Sinclair, along with Green volunteers, have been out in Moorlands knocking on doors, listening to residents and taking action on their concerns.

Residents' Concern Over Dead Trees by Moor Park

The Council is insisting that developers fulfil their obligation to fell the dead trees, after Green Cllrs listened to residents in Bulk Ward.

Greaves Park Play Area Refurbishment

Thanks to the hard work of Cllr Abi Mills, who has led the fundraising, work has begun to refurbish Greaves Park play area.

Warton Flood Action Group

Cllr Sue Tyldesley has met the Warton Flood Action Group. Sue said: *"I am impressed by the research and work the Group has already done. I am going to engage with the RSPB and others to try to resolve this localised flooding problem."*

End to Campervan Problem in Morecambe?

Green Cllrs are working with the County Council and partners to find ways of restricting campervans from parking up overnight along the promenade, after years of concerns expressed by many Morecambe residents, hoteliers and businesses.



Cllrs Gina Dowding, Dave Brookes, Paul Stubbins, and Mandy Bannon weeding around Lancaster Castle



Cllr Abi Mills and Green campaigner Hamish Mills visiting the play area refurbishment in Greaves Park.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY TIDY UP - WEEDS, LEAVES & LITTER

Sunday 4 December, 10am - 12pm

Meet by the entrance to the Castle, or at the bottom of Moor Lane. All welcome. Equipment provided. Contact: enquiries@northlancs.greenparty.org.uk

HOW TO REPORT STREET FAULTS

Potholes, lights, signage, drains, vegetation and more!
www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/
or download the **Love Clean Streets** app

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