



Green Party

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GREEN VIEW

ELLEL WARD



Green City Cllr  
Sally Maddocks



Green County Cllr  
Gina Dowding

## UNANIMOUS 'NO' TO GALGATE HOUSING

The City Council's Planning Committee voted unanimously to reject the proposal to build 115 homes on fields off Meadow Park/Highland Brow in Galgate.

Green Cllr Sally Maddocks worked with residents to oppose the application, and spoke against it at the meeting, along with five local residents.

Sally said:

*"Planning officers had recommended refusal on eight different grounds, including highways and drainage issues, and climate change implications. I'm delighted with the decision, and it was a privilege to work with the Galgate community to get the outcome we all wanted."*

Sally was thanked by the residents for her consistent support and her approachable manner.



Green Cllr Sally Maddocks (3rd from right) with happy local residents after the Planning Committee decision



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CHRISTMAS FAIR



Lancaster Friends Meeting House,  
Meeting House Lane

Saturday 19 November, 10 am - 4 pm

Lots of stalls - art, crafts, books, plants  
and more - plus cafe, live music and Santa!

## GOOD NEWS ON RURAL FUNDING

The Lancaster District has been allocated £500k of the Rural Prosperity Fund.

This fund can be used to support rural businesses and tourism. Electric vehicle charging points or community renewable energy schemes are examples of what could be funded. Cllr Sally Maddocks said: *"I will now ensure that our local businesses are kept informed on how to apply."*

GREEN COUNCILLORS WORK HARD ALL YEAR ROUND - NOT JUST AT ELECTION TIME!



**Cllr Sally Maddocks at a charity fundraising event with managers of Royal Enfield bike shops**

## BIKERS FOR TREES

Sally attended a Royal Enfield motorcycle event at Glasson Dock, as the guest of the Lock Keepers Rest.

Royal Enfield all over the world were raising money for Treedom - a charity devoted to planting trees.

## DISAPPOINTMENT OVER A588 NEW SPEED LIMITS

Lancashire County Council's Cabinet has decided to lower the speed limits on the A588 - mostly to 50 mph on the road between Lancaster and the Shard bridge in Hambleton. However, calls for an even lower 30 mph speed limit through Upper Thurnham were ignored.

County Cllr Gina Dowding said:

*"I am extremely disappointed that the County Council has failed to act on residents' concerns. This was a missed opportunity to really tailor the scheme to local needs. Upper Thurnham would be the only village along the A588 that doesn't have a 30 mph speed limit."*

Cllrs Gina and Sally had supported residents in challenging the original proposal by helping to organise meetings with County Highways, and submitting an online petition with over 300 signatures plus a strong letter from Sally. The online petition results were not included in the report to the Cabinet.

Following the decision, Sally met with Andy Pratt, the Chair of Lancashire Road Safety Partnership, together with the Parish Council and some residents. Andy has agreed to ask for the decision to be revisited.

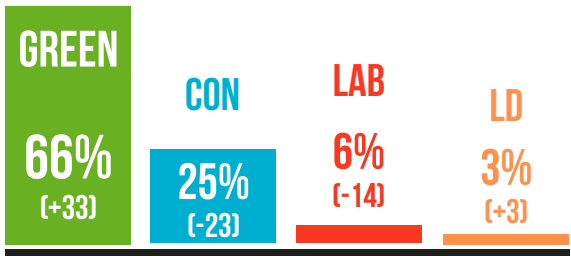
Sally said:

*"I am delighted that Andy will try again to ensure that our calls for lower speeds are heard."*

The installation of 'average speed' cameras will take place from November 2022 - April 2023.

## GREENS WIN IN WARTON

Greens have again won a seat from the Conservatives in a rural by-election, this time in Warton, to the north of Carnforth. Green candidate Sue Tyldesley won 66% of the votes! Greens now hold 15/60 seats on Lancaster City Council.



**Warton by-election results, 8 Sept 2022**

## WEEDING IN DOLPHINHOLME

Sally helped residents in Dolphinhome form a 'Friends' Group to tackle green areas in the village without weed killer.

## SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE



Sally with her grandson at a local Ukraine Independence Day event in September

Last month Sally attended the celebration of Ukraine Independence Day at the Baptist Church, on behalf of the Green Party.

It was an emotional occasion with about 60-70 people, organised by Mandy Whitehouse from Friends of Chernobyl's Children.

Mandy said:

*"To support Ukrainians, people can donate warm clothes in very good condition, toys and toiletries to our Pop Up behind Marks & Spencer at 2 James Street (the former fishmongers). We're open 10am - 1.30 pm Monday to Saturday and til 5 pm on Fridays."*

## A MESSAGE FROM SALLY

Sally was elected as your City Councillor at a by-election in May 2022. She said:

*"I'm grateful to you all for electing me! I'm very much enjoying being a member of the Green Group on Lancaster City Council, and I am getting to grips with what the role entails."*

*"I am on the Licensing, Audit, and Budget & Performance committees."*

*"I presented my first motion to Full Council - about providing (and funding) warm and welcoming places for people to go to this winter. Sadly that was defeated by Labour and the Conservatives."*

*"I have been able to help residents with different issues such as traffic concerns and weeds, a serious safeguarding incident, and a motorbike accident on the new tarmacked cycle path, involving youths wearing balaclavas."*

*"Please contact me if you think I may be able to help, or come to one of my monthly surgeries."*

## SALLY'S SURGERIES

Sally said:

*"I have held my first two surgeries in The Fleece Inn, and it was great to meet the handful of people who came along each time. A Residents' Group formed after one of these meetings to strengthen their influence."*

***"I will continue to hold surgeries on the last Friday of every month (except December) at The Fleece in Dolphinholme at 6pm."***

## GLASSON DOCK CAR PARK - CHANGES EXPECTED SOON

Local Green Councillors have helped to persuade Aquavista, the company who own the car park in Glasson, to install a contactless payment machine.

Their current machines require visitors to download an app onto a smart phone before paying. Cllr Sally Maddocks said:



Green Cllrs Gina Dowding and Sally Maddocks

*"I am delighted that senior managers at Aquavista listened to elected councillors, including the Parish Council, and have agreed to install new machines making it easier for visitors to use the car park. I have been pushing Aquavista to speed up installation of the new system, which has been delayed apparently because of procurement issues.*

*"At a meeting at the beginning of October, Aquavista confirmed that the new machines should be in place by end of November."*

## HELP WITH COST OF LIVING

Help is available for those on very low incomes who are struggling with the cost of living. Contact Citizens Advice on 0808 278 7882. They may be able to help provide access to food banks/food share clubs or the Lancaster District Hardship Fund.

## WHAT'S ON IN GALGATE

See the Ellel Village Hall website:  
[ellelvillagehall.co.uk/whats-on/](http://ellelvillagehall.co.uk/whats-on/)

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