



Green Cllrs Faye Penny  
and Alistair Sinclair

### KEEPING MOORLANDS CLEAN



Green Cllrs Faye, Alistair and other volunteers collected enough litter to fill more than 12 bin bags in and around Scotch Quarry in July.

Along with Moorlands residents of all ages, Green Cllrs Alistair Sinclair and Faye Penny did three litter picks over the summer.

Faye said:

*“The Green Team are always out and about trying to improve our area. We’re a friendly bunch, and if you’d like to get involved or suggest changes you’d like to see in your area, please get in touch. We work hard on the things you tell us you care about.”*

### SCOTCH QUARRY: WILDLIFE GARDENING FOR ALL

New opportunities to learn how to garden for people, planet and wildlife are available. Rebecca Whittle is running workshops on the first Sunday of every month, 9-10 am in Scotch Quarry - the park between Wyresdale Road and Primrose. Volunteering sessions are on the same days, from 10am to 1pm. Rebecca said:

*“Newcomers are welcome. The next workshop is on 6 Nov. Each session involves a mix of principles and practical skills to help you apply your learning to your own garden/yard.”*

All profits from the course go towards refurbishing of Scotch Quarry play park. Sign up at: [tinyurl.com/SQGardening](https://tinyurl.com/SQGardening). More news at: [www.facebook.com/ScotchQuarryPark](https://www.facebook.com/ScotchQuarryPark).



Rebecca Whittle invites you to volunteer or sign up for gardening workshops in Scotch Quarry

## UPDATES ON HOUSING PLANS

### GRAB LANE

In 2021 Story Homes submitted a planning application to build 167 homes off both sides of Grab Lane. That application was withdrawn in May this year.

Cllr Alistair Sinclair said:

*"We understand that Story Homes intend to submit an alternative plan, and we Green Councillors want to make sure residents' concerns are listened to and taken on board."*

*"Development is something that existing residents ought to feel included in, not something they feel is 'done to them'."*

### WYRESDALE ROAD

The Eccleston Homes application for 27 homes on the south side of Wyresdale Road has been amended to incorporate a new, extensive surface water management scheme. It is designed to make the flow of water into Burrow Beck slower than it is currently from the undeveloped land.

## CYCLE LINK TO LEISURE PARK?

Green Councillors are aware and supportive of residents who would like to see a new pedestrian and cycle route linking the new housing at Lancaster Leisure Park to Coulston Road.

Cllr Alistair Sinclair said:

*"A new route could bring a lot of benefits to residents of Bowerham and businesses at the Leisure Park."*

*"But first there needs to be some feasibility work on different route options, taking account of the hilliness of that area."*

*"Funding also needs to be identified. Sadly there has not been any progress on this yet, but we will keep pushing for it."*



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## COULD YOU BE A FRIEND OF WILLIAMSON PARK?

The Friends of Williamson Park includes people of all ages with a variety of skills and interests from gardening to zookeeping, wall repairs to wildlife, fundraising to having fun. Everyone is welcome to the monthly meetings, and there are 2-hour work sessions on Mondays and Thursdays between 10am and 12, followed by a cuppa. Membership costs just £5 a year. For more info email: [membership@parkfriends.co.uk](mailto:membership@parkfriends.co.uk).

Green Party  
Council Leader  
Caroline Jackson  
is a Friend of  
Williamson Park



# ADVICE FOR RENTERS

Green Cllr Faye Penny said:

*"Many students and other renters will be protected from the recent energy price rises if housing contracts were signed many months ago with energy bills included in the rent."*

*"However, it is essential to check the small print of your contract in case you are liable for energy costs that exceed a particular amount."*

*"If you have any concerns, try to arrange a meeting with your landlord to discuss who is liable for extra costs, and to understand likely energy consumption based on previous years."*

*"Ask your landlord to upgrade the property if it has an old, inefficient heating system, poor insulation, or no thermostats that you can control on radiators or the boiler. You may also be able to reduce your electricity and gas usage in other ways."*

A good source of advice is: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk>



## LISTENING TO COMMUNITIES

The City Council hosts regular 'Community Conversations' to enable sharing and feedback about important issues with local people and groups. This initiative was established during the pandemic by Cllr Alistair Sinclair.

Alistair said:

*"Most recently, two online events brought people together to talk about the cost-of-living crisis and community wealth-building."*

*"In these challenging times it's really important to listen to diverse views, recognise the issues people are facing and deepen our understanding of community needs and strengths."*

*"We are keen to hear from anyone who is interested in helping to host these conversations within their own local communities."*

Contact Alistair for more details.

## 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 you to access food banks/food share clubs or the Lancaster District Hardship Fund.

**Green Cllr Joanna Young, a manager at Citizens Advice, speaking out against poverty at the Enough Is Enough rally in Lancaster on 1 Oct**



Green Cllr Alistair Sinclair said:

*"Life is getting harder for most of us. We must work together to resist the Government policies that are worsening poverty."*

## WELCOME TO STUDENTS!

Students are welcome to join the Green Party for only £6 per year.

Young Greens convenor Jamie Payne said: *"We have a local Young Greens group (for anyone under 30 and students of any age) who meet at 7pm on Wednesdays at Bowland Bar on Lancaster University campus. We run events, socials, action days, and much more!"*

*"If you don't want to come to campus, some of our events will take place in town - please get in touch or follow us on social media to stay updated."*

**Find us on Instagram (or Facebook) @LancUniGreenParty, or email us via: [lancaster@younggreens.org.uk](mailto:lancaster@younggreens.org.uk).**

## HOW TO REPORT FAULTS

Did you know you can report faults such as blocked drains, broken streetlights, potholes or poorly-maintained public footpaths?

Use the 'Love Clean Streets' app, or the County Council's website at: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/report-it-on-the-go/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/report-it-on-the-go/)

## GET IN TOUCH

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## FAYE'S FOOD AT 'THE HERB'

Green Cllr Faye Penny works as a chef at The Herbarium - the vegan bar/cafe, yoga studio and community venue on Great John Street.

The business is owned and run by Lucie Carrington who is also a former Green Party City Councillor.

Faye said:

*"If you haven't already discovered the great food and relaxed vibe at The Herb, come and give it a try!"*



**Green Cllr (and chef!) Faye Penny (right) with Lucie Carrington, owner of The Herbarium bar/cafe**

## GREEN XMAS FAIR

**Lancaster Friends Meeting House**  
**Saturday 19 November, 10 am - 4 pm**

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