

GREEN VIEW

BOWERHAM WARD



Green Party Campaigners Hamish Mills, Sarah Punshon & Councillor Abi Mills

GREENS TAKE ACTION ON LITTER IN BOWERHAM

Sarah and Hamish are working hard and organising litter picks to keep Bowerham clean



Hamish Mills and Sarah Punshon work hard all year round to keep Bowerham clean and tidy.

Along with Bowerham residents of all ages, local campaigners Hamish Mills and Sarah Punshon went out on a litter pick around the Cork Road area.

Sarah said:

"Thank you to everyone who came out to help us! We're working hard to keep Bowerham tidy with our regular litter picks."

The next litter pick will be on Saturday February 11th, meeting at the top of Golgotha Road at 2pm. Everyone welcome to come and help.

LISTENING TO YOUR CONCERNS

Sarah and Hamish speak to residents all year round

Hamish Mills, Sarah Punshon and other Green Party volunteers have been out and about regularly, speaking to residents across the ward.

They are working hard to try to resolve various local issues that have been raised with them.

If you want to suggest anything, contact Hamish or Sarah - details on the back page.



Hamish, Sarah and other Green Party volunteers at a Bowerham action day in December, finding out what residents want their local councillors to focus on.

SPEEDING ON COULSTON ROAD

Greens have worked hard to make progress, but still want more to be done

After a request from Green Cllrs, County Highways have said they have prioritised installing temporary signs between January and March to remind drivers to think about their speed. The signs will be re-erected between July and September to maximise the effect of the message.

Hamish said:

"We welcome this action, but feel that more needs to be done. The signs are not obvious enough to make drivers aware of the 20 mph limit. The County Council Cabinet Member responsible for Highways is visiting Lancaster in February, and we will show him the speeding problems with the hope that more will be done."



Hamish is serious about taking action to combat speeding on Coulston Road

COULD YOU BE A FRIEND OF WINCHESTER FIELD?

Hamish and Sarah want to set up a community group for the area

Hamish and Sarah are hoping to set up a 'Friends of Winchester Field' group to help maintain and improve the space.

Sarah said:

"Lots of residents have told us that this local green space feels a bit neglected. Setting up a 'Friends' group will make it easier to get new equipment for the play area, and put pressure on the land-owner to fix the drainage problems."

If this is something you'd like to get involved with, please get in touch. Contact details for Sarah and Hamish are on the back page.



Sarah and her daughter exploring the drainage problem near Winchester Field playground

GREENS CALL FOR WATER TO BE PUT BACK IN PUBLIC HANDS

Privatised water: a 'scandal that needs to end'

Thousands of local residents had their water cut off just before Christmas, after icy weather damaged the water supply network. Lancaster's Green parliamentary candidate, Cllr Jack Lenox, said:

"Huge thanks to staff from the City Council and United Utilities who worked hard to support residents and businesses during the loss of supply."

"While this was caused mainly by the cold weather, it was not helped by chronic under-investment in the water supply network since privatisation in 1989. It's a scandal that needs to end."

Eye-watering figures:

- 3 billion litres of water are wasted every day in England and Wales, due to leaks.
- The annual pay package for the boss of United Utilities is reported to be £3.2 million.
- Privatised water companies paid £57 billion in dividends to share-holders over 30 years.



Green Cllr Jack Lenox:
"Privatised water companies waste a lot of our money and water."

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PRESSURES

High inflation forces difficult decisions

Lancaster City Council is facing very significant financial pressure, mainly because Government funding has not increased in line with big hikes in energy, fuel and wage costs. The funding increase from Government for the next year amounts to less than 1.5% of the budget, whereas general inflation is more than 10%.

Green cabinet member Cllr Tim Hamilton-Cox said:

"Cabinet members are working together to identify savings which have the 'least worst' impact on services. The Council cannot rely on increasing income to fill the gap."

Some services will inevitably have to be reduced, but we are prioritising maintaining things like street cleaning, parks and green spaces, support for the poorest and most vulnerable people, and delivery of new - especially affordable - housing."

Greens have successfully pushed the Council to invest in energy-saving and generating its own renewable energy. Without this, the Council's budget gap would be much worse."



Green Cllr Tim Hamilton-Cox speaking at a Council meeting

NEWS IN BRIEF

SLOW DOWN STICKERS FOR NEWLANDS ROAD

Sarah, Hamish, and Abi are concerned about speeding on Newlands Road and are offering stickers which can be put on wheelie and recycling bins, reminding drivers to slow down. Please use the contact details on the bottom of the page to request one.



Contact Sarah, Hamish, or Abi to get a sticker reminding drivers not to speed

REPORTING LOCAL ISSUES

Cllr Abi, Sarah, and Hamish have been continuously reporting various issues in Bowerham, including vegetation obstructing the pavements, blocked drains, road marking that needs renewing, and potholes. They've been using the [LoveCleanStreets](#) app to do so and recommend that you do the same!

JOIN OUR NEXT LITTER PICK!

Saturday 11th February

2pm - 4pm

Meet at top of Golgotha Road.

All welcome. Equipment provided.

Contact: greenhamishmills@gmail.com

BOWLING GREEN PLANNING DECISION

The Bowerham Green Team have written to the Planning Inspectorate about the appeal by Bowerham Hotel against the decision by the Local Planning Authority to refuse planning permission for two retail units on the Bowling Green. Hamish said:

"We have written expressing our support for the refusal of planning permission, explaining that the proposal was inappropriate for the site and would negatively affect the area."

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