



Green City Councillor
Sue Tyldesley

WARTON MIRES PROJECT UPDATE

The RSPB are keen to begin the Warton Mires Project, to provide local flooding protection whilst creating a new nature reserve. Councillor Sue Tyldesley spoke with those running the project, and has joined a small committee set up by the Parish Council to try to resolve some of the outstanding issues such as ownership of the drains. Until these issues are resolved, at times of flood residents must rely on the pump which has been installed on Gardner Road.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OLD PLAY AREA OFF THE ROADS

Some local residents have expressed an interest in improving the old play area off The Roods which is owned and managed by the City Council. The hedge along the access to the site has just been cut back by the Council. Cllr Sue said:

“Making better use of the land might include some orchard planting and wildflower areas, with the possibility of some refurbished play equipment. If you are interested in developing ideas for this land, helping with fundraising and/or planting please contact me before 1st March.”



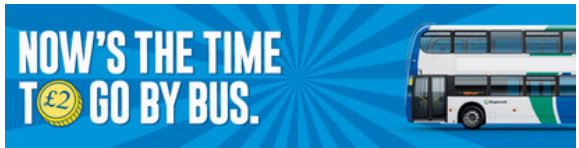
Cllr Sue wants to hear your ideas for the land off The Roods

LOVE YOUR BUS - SINGLE JOURNEY FARE £2 TILL MARCH

The Government is encouraging more people to use buses by capping single bus fares at £2 for everyone from January until the end of March this year. Cllr Sue said:

“As most single trips now only cost £2, this is a great incentive to use the bus.”

See lancsbus.blogspot.com for more information.



NEWS FROM YEALAND CONYERS

IMPROVING THE VILLAGE GREEN

Councillor Sue Tyldesley worked with other volunteers to plant wild flower plants and seeds on the Village Green.

This was part of a project with the Parish Councils and AONB. Fruit trees will also be planted in the same area soon.

Sue said:

"It is good to see these areas being filled with wildflowers and fruit trees."



Cllr Sue getting stuck in with planting flowers and seeds on the Village Green

APPLE DAY SUCCESS

A hydraulic apple press was available in Yealand on Apple Day for anyone who wanted to use it.

Sue went along to the event and thanked the organisers, she was impressed by the amount of juice pressed!



Cllr Sue thanked those who helped organise another successful Apple Day

CO WHEELS CAR CLUB : VEHICLES NOW AVAILABLE IN CARNFORTH

As part of the City Council's partnership with Co Wheels Car Club, the opportunity to hire an electric vehicle for as little as £5 an hour is now available from one of the electric charging bays in Carnforth. For more information see www.co-wheels.org.uk/lancaster.

Cllr Sue Tyldesley said:

"The Co Wheels initiative is a cheap and convenient way of reducing the impact of unavoidable car journeys, especially for those who only need to use a vehicle occasionally for short periods."

"Once you've signed up as a Co Wheels member, you pay a monthly membership fee to be part of the car club, and then just pay for your journeys when you use the vehicles."

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

DOUBLE YELLOW LINES IN WARTON

A County Council proposal to introduce double yellow lines in Warton is attracting differing views from local residents.

Councillor Sue Tyldesley said:

"While it seems some residents feel that new yellow lines would help road safety; others are concerned that it could be an inconvenience to residents, displace parking, and detract from the character of the village.

Please have a look at the details and explanation posted on the Warton Parish Council website and let me know your views."

Details are at: www.warton-pc.gov.uk.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor Sue Tyldesley is now a member of the Planning Committee.



Sue said:

"At my first meeting I spoke in favour of a large solar farm on the edge on Lancaster which I am delighted to say has now been approved.

"I also attended a site visit for the major proposal to replace a section of the Haweswater Aqueduct. which brings water from the Lake District to us and many other parts of the northwest."

SUSTAINABLE FOOD PROJECT

Cllr Sue, along with a number of Warton residents, attended an event organised by Food Futures event in Carnforth. The aim of the Food Futures project is to encourage growing local food, sharing, and avoiding food waste. Sue said:

"It is inspiring to see people working locally for a more sustainable local food economy. I was particularly impressed to hear about the 'garden surplus share' project in Silverdale. If anyone is interest in setting up something similar in Warton and Yealand, please let me know."



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