



**Cllr Faye Penny, Cllr Alistair Sinclair
and Local Campaigner Suhir Abuhajar**

HARD WORKING GREENS DELIVER PARKING WIN

New H-bars painted in Moorlands

Having listened to views from local residents about dangerous parking in Moorlands, Cllr Alistair Sinclair wrote to County Highways explaining the issue and amplifying the voices of concerned residents. This led to the County Council agreeing to install more H-bars on corners in the area.

Cllr Alistair said:

"I'm glad that the County Council listened and took action which should help stop some of the dangerous parking."

If a vehicle is parked dangerously or is causing an obstruction, you can report it directly to the Police on their non-emergency number, 101, or use the Lancashire Constabulary 'Do It Online' website - ideally including the registration numbers of the vehicles and/or photographic evidence.



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INTRODUCING SUHIR ABUHAJAR

Local Campaigner joins John O'Gaunt team

Dr Suhir Abuhajar has lived in Lancaster for nearly 20 years, and has a PhD in Biomedical Physics from Lancaster University.

Suhir established the Naba Arabic School - a not-for-profit organisation which runs educational and social activities for children and adults in venues across the Lancaster District. She is also Vice Chair of the Lancaster City Council Communities Together group.

Suhir works hard in the local community, and wants to do even more as part of the Green Team to address your concerns and issues.



Suhir Abuhajar:
*"I am excited to join
the John O'Gaunt
Green Team!"*

LISTENING TO YOUR CONCERNS

Green volunteers speak to residents all year round

Cllrs Faye Penny and Alistair Sinclair braved the rain with local volunteers to get out door-knocking around Moorlands. Residents were asked about issues they had in the ward. When lots of people expressed concerns about parking, Cllr Alistair amplified their voices in his letter to the County Council, leading to the new H-bars (see page 1).

If you'd like to become a Green Party volunteer in John O'Gaunt, drop us an email at enquiries@northlancs.greenparty.org.uk.



Cllrs Faye Penny and Alistair Sinclair with Green Party volunteers - listening to the concerns of residents all year round.

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.

Bowerham Green campaigner Hamish Mills 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."



Bowerham Green campaigner Hamish Mills is serious about taking action to combat speeding on Coulston Road

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

CHRIST CHURCH REFURBISHMENT CONSULTATION

Cllr Alistair helps to involve the community

Christ Church, on Wyresdale Road, is looking to refurbish two large rooms within the church, to better serve the parish and conserve some local history. Cllr Alistair Sinclair helped out with the consultation in January, running a workshop which explored community strengths, wellbeing and some initial ideas.

£2 BUS FARES TIL END OF MARCH

The Government is encouraging more use of buses, with single bus fares capped at £2 for everyone, from January until the end of March this year. Green Cllr Abi Mills, Vice Chair of the local Bus User Group, said:

"The £2 fare is a great incentive to use the bus. See lancsbus.blogspot.com for more info."



EDWARD STREET CROSSING DANGER

Pedestrians crossing Edward Street at the Moor Lane junction in their hundreds every day. At peak times the traffic turning off Moor Lane is continuous, making it difficult for pedestrians to cross. The new Highway Code rule is clear: drivers should stop to allow pedestrians waiting to cross a junction. Greens have challenged Lancashire Road Safety Partnership and the deputy Police and Crime Commissioner to allocate resources to raise awareness of the new code.

New rule:

Give way to pedestrians at junctions



Changes were made to the Highway Code last year which state drivers should give way to pedestrians crossing at junctions

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