

### Your Councillors have been busy:

- Lights at Arcon House are fixed;
- The yellow lines on Boundary Road are visible again;
- There's now a No Through Road sign at Greaves Park.

## Apple Day at De Vitre



De Vitre Gardens volunteers have recently put up a pergola. Cllr Tim Dant said *“Future sessions will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August from 9.30am. Oh, and put the 14<sup>th</sup> September in your diary; it will be Apple Day at De Vitre!”*

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## Save Freeman's Wood

This much-loved green space on the Marsh is under threat of development for 250 houses, but the local community is trying to get it designated as a 'Town Green' to keep it for wildlife and recreation.

A public inquiry will be held in Lancaster Town Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August. The Friends of Freeman's Wood are fundraising to hire a barrister to help them win the case. For more info about their campaign, events and how you can help, see [www.freemanswood.com](http://www.freemanswood.com) or call Jon Barry on 01524 844 113.

## Uniform Project launched

Families who need school uniform can now get it from the Morecambe Bay Foodbank shop on Euston Road, Morecambe.

The project welcomes donations of school uniform in good condition, for all ages from 4-16. If you would like to donate, there is a donation bin at Lancaster Town Hall.

Cllr Joanna Young, Chair of Morecambe Bay Foodbank said: *“The Uniform Project will help local families and keep clothing out of landfill.”* Find out more via the Foodbank's Facebook page or at:

[www.morecambebay.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.morecambebay.foodbank.org.uk)

# Green View



Summer 2019

News and Views from your Green Councillors in Scotforth West Ward

## Scotforth West goes Green!

### Three Green Councillors were elected in May

Scotforth West is now represented by three Green Councillors, all of whom live in the ward.

Cllrs Tim Dant, Abi Mills and Joanna Young are looking forward to representing residents on Lancaster City Council, and working on community projects over the next four years.

*“We are all delighted and proud to have been elected! A big thank you to everyone who voted for us.”* said Cllr Abi Mills.



**Cllrs Tim Dant, Abi Mills & Joanna Young at a community litter pick by the River Lune**

## Pavement problems

Residents have complained about the standard of work being carried out by contractors, laying cables across the ward.

Cllr Abi Mills said: *“The County Council have now stopped new work until all remedial work is satisfactorily completed. Get in touch if you have been affected.”*

## Ashton Road resurfaced

Ashton Road has been resurfaced and double yellow lines now run from Pointer roundabout to Pathfinder Drive making it safer for cyclists and pedestrians.

*“Some residents' are concerned about kerbs and a flood risk – if you are worried, do let us know”* said Cllr Joanna Young.



## Pony Wood path opens

Fairfield Nature Reserve has created a new footpath around Pony Wood from Aldcliffe Road, giving great views of the reserve, the castle and on good days, the Lake District. Dog walkers are requested to keep dogs on leads.

## Clearing the watercourse on Snuff Mill Lane

The footpath from Stodday onto the multi-use path along the Lune estuary floods for much of every winter. Aldcliffe-with-Stodday Parish Council have recently paid for the beck beside the path to be cleared of silt. The beck should drain into a pipe which has been found to be blocked.



Photo: Nick Webster

Parish Councillors Nick Webster, Kevan Walton and City Cllr Tim Dant recently met with a United Utilities area manager who has agreed to help with finding the cause of the blockage.



## Gina's our Eurostar!

County and City Councillor Gina Dowding has been elected as the North West's first Green MEP, with 12.5% of the vote overall across Lancashire, Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Cumbria. Within the Lancaster District she won 20.5% of the vote.

Gina says: "I will continue my councillor roles until the UK's future relationship with the EU is clear. As an MEP, I have staff to help me both in Brussels and here in the NW region. Locally, the Green Party and I will continue to work hard for Lancaster Central and the Lancaster District."

## How best to use land between Dorrington Road and the railway?



Tim, Joanna and Abi visiting the cleared space with staff from the City Council.

The land has been cleared of trees by Railtrack because they were in danger of falling over railway lines. This large space is owned by the City Council. Cllr Joanna Young said: "We think it's ripe for a new community project! And we want to know what residents might like to do with it. Email or call us (details overleaf) or come along to a public meeting that we will be hosting at 7pm on 7<sup>th</sup> August at the Scout Hut at the end of Dorrington Road."

## Green Councillors join a co-operative alliance cabinet

Greens, Labour and Liberal Democrats have agreed to work in partnership to run the City Council. Cllr Tim Hamilton-Cox is responsible for Economic Regeneration, Cllr Caroline Jackson for Housing, and Cllr Dave Brookes for the Environment & Public Realm. They will be working with the seven Labour cabinet members to ensure that the Council delivers on the promises it made when a climate emergency was declared earlier this year.



Lancaster now has ten Green Councillors. From left to right they are Cllrs Tim Dant, Dave Brookes, Gina Dowding, Tim Hamilton Cox, Abi Mills, Mandy Bannon, Joanna Young, Lucie Carrington and Caroline Jackson, plus Paul Stubbins (not pictured). Together they represent Marsh, Castle, Scotforth West and Bulk Wards.

## Cleaner buses

Stagecoach have recently introduced 18 new double decker buses for Lancaster routes with 60% less NOx pollution than the current fleet.