



Former Green Cllr Jon Barry officially opened the new Pony Wood footpath last month

No.11 bus U-turn

As promised, an extra bus stop has been added to Willow Lane on the Abraham Heights side of the mini roundabout. But County Highways has decided not to install bus stops on Coolidge and Roosevelt Avenues, and will retain the 'hail and ride' scheme there instead.

Willow Lane Post Office

There is a new Post Office counter in the McColls shop on Willow Lane, offering a wide range of services. Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6am-11pm, Sun 7am-11pm.

How to contact us/keep in touch

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Or Lancaster Green Councillors page

Quay roadworks

- Resurfacing works along New Quay Road should start shortly.
- Crossing points near to the new student block on St George's Quay, and on New Quay Road will be started in the next 6 weeks.
- Despite requests from Ward Cllrs Mandy and Gina, County Highways say there are no plans to reduce the current speed limit of 30mph to 20mph from Carlisle Bridge to end of New Quay Road.

Potholes etc

Potholes and other road problems can be reported at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/

Rooms for hire

Apple Tree Nursery on Milking Stile Lane has two rooms for hire for weekdays or evenings. Ideal meeting/teaching rooms, for one-off or regular events. Email burser@appletree.lancs.sch.uk or tel 01524 64132 in school hours.

Council's Climate Action Plan Published

Lancaster City Council has published the first stage of its Climate Emergency Action Plan, aiming to reduce its own carbon emissions to net zero by 2030. Actions include building solar farms at Salt Ayre leisure centre and tip, electrifying the Council's vehicle fleet, and moving away from gas for heating buildings. Further stages of the plan will look at Council housing and how the Council can influence wider change across the district. There are plans to set up a 'Citizen's Jury' on this topic in early 2020.



Caroline Jackson
Green MP candidate for
Lancaster & Fleetwood

Caroline for Parliament

Caroline Jackson is your Green Party candidate in the General Election on Thursday 12 December.

She said "I have lived in Lancaster for 25 years. Following my career in teaching, I have been working hard as an environmental campaigner, a charity volunteer, and as an elected City Councillor. As your MP I promise to fight for a fairer society and a rapid transition to a low-carbon economy that works for everyone"





Greener housing?

Planning applications for ten or more homes will need to set out how they will save and generate energy, under a scheme currently out for consultation. Green Cllr Tim Dant, who proposed the change, said: *“Current planning policy doesn’t allow us to insist that developers include extra measures to tackle the climate emergency. Fixing this is much harder than it should be, but in the meantime this scheme will help to send the message that this is a high priority for the Council.”*

Green Cllrs Mandy Bannon, Caroline Jackson and Dave Brookes planting bulbs in Storey Gardens last month



More plastics in kerbside recycling

Thanks to Cllr Gina Dowding’s campaigning at County level, the City Council can now collect any tubs, pots or trays with a 1, 2 or 5 symbol (see left) via your kerbside box for recycling, along with plastic bottles. All items need to be clean and free of food residues.

The three types of plastic that can now go in your recycling bin/boxes

Riverside View says “No” to link footpath

Residents of Riverside View off New Quay Road have voted *not* to have a footpath linking their estate to Willow Lane. The consultation resulted in 125 out of 147 (85%) voting against the proposal - giving noise, disturbance and anti-social behaviour as their reasons.

Cllr Mandy Bannon said *“It’s disappointing that the £7,000 earmarked for the footpath has to be returned to the developers. So I have written to Barratt Homes and Redrow to ask if they’ll consider donating some of it to Marsh Community Centre who do such valuable work with local children and young people.”*

Bin Lids

Volunteers from Marsh Community Centre distributed 200 elasticated recycling box lids around the Marsh Estate. Contact the Town Hall if you’d like one of these wind-proof lids.

NEWS FROM YOUR GREEN MEP

My first four months as an MEP have been very busy. I have organised visits to the European Parliament for two groups of young people from the North West. The climate strikers were delighted to find that their demands for action are certainly being heard in Europe, and a group of aspiring young women leaders were inspired by the work of MEPs. In August, I visited the West Bank in Palestine as part of a cross-party fact finding delegation.

The core role of an MEP is working on legislation. I represent the Greens on the ‘Transport and Tourism’, ‘Foreign Affairs’, and ‘Industry, Energy and Research’ committees. My report on ‘The Green New Deal in the North West’ lays out a transition to a low carbon economy, creating thousands of jobs in green industries, warm home renovations, public transport and renewable energy. You can read the report and other news on my website at: www.ginadowding.org.uk

Best wishes, Gina

Gina Dowding, your Green Party Member of the European Parliament



Freeman’s Wood update

The Public Inquiry to decide whether the Wood can be protected as a Town Green was held at the end of August. Local people successfully raised £17,000 to pay for legal fees, and sixteen witnesses gave evidence in support of the Town Green. As Green View went to press, the Inquiry’s Planning Inspector had not yet given his verdict.

Towneley Close handrail

The Fairfield Association has raised more than £1,000 to pay for a handrail for Towneley Close. Lancashire County Council is contributing £800 and is expected to fit it soon.