

Lune flood defences and path diversion

A section of the multi-use path alongside the River Lune (between the Holiday Inn and Lancaster) will be closed for building a flood defence wall, from November 2019 until Spring 2021. There will be a temporary route for pedestrians and cyclists on the Caton Road pavements which will have two new crossings.

Williamson Park “dogs on leads” consultation

Caroline Jackson said: “Many dog walkers love the fact that they can exercise dogs off leads in Williamson Park. However, this has caused some problems for other users of the park. The Council wants to hear your views and ideas.” Have your say at www.lancaster.gov.uk/park-consultation

Gregson signs Seastraw pledge

The Gregson Centre is the first pub in Lancaster to sign the Seastraw pledge to reduce single-use plastics. The Gregson aims to replace plastic wherever possible - not just straws!



Finished at last!

The cricket pavilion on the Moor Hospital site is now complete.

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News and Views from the Green Party in Bulk Ward

Bulk elects three Greens again!

A big thank you from Tim, Caroline and Lucie

In the May City Council elections, Bulk ward voters elected three Greens to represent them.

Marsh, Castle and Scotforth West wards also elected Green Councillors. Lancaster now has the third biggest group of elected Greens in England.

Cllr Tim Hamilton Cox said :

“I am proud that so many Bulk residents put their trust in us again. We are very aware of the responsibility that involves. We will serve Bulk Ward and work for the good of the whole district to the best of our ability.”



Bulk Ward councillors: Lucie Carrington, Caroline Jackson and Tim Hamilton-Cox

Greens join a ‘cooperative alliance’ cabinet

The local election result gave no overall control to any political party. As a result, Greens, Labour and Liberal Democrats have agreed to work together to run the Council. Greens have three (out of 10) cabinet places.



Cllr Tim Hamilton-Cox has the Economic Development portfolio, Cllr Caroline Jackson is responsible for Housing, and Cllr Dave Brookes for the Environment and Public Realm. They will be working with the seven Labour cabinet members to ensure that the City Council delivers on the promises it made when a climate emergency was declared earlier this year.

Tim takes the lead on the local economy

Cllr Tim Hamilton-Cox's Economic Development cabinet portfolio includes asset and property management, digital strategy, skills and markets.

Tim said *"I will lead on a strategy to deliver not just a greener, more sustainable local economy, but one which also aims to spread prosperity more widely and to retain more of the wealth generated in the district."*

The prospect is both exciting and daunting. But it is an opportunity to combine my business background with an effective response to the climate emergency."

Salt Ayre Leisure Centre's green power boost

Tim reports: *"Salt Ayre already has a large array of solar panels on its roof, installed when I was the responsible cabinet member in 2012."*

The Council is now planning for much more solar electricity generation. In the first phase - starting in early 2020 - it is expected that around 1MW capacity (that is up to 3,700 individual panels) will be installed on the ground to supply a large proportion of the Centre's electricity demand."

There is also scope to expand solar power generation onto the adjacent Council-owned former landfill site to meet some of the wider district's electricity needs, and to create new 'green collar' jobs in installation and maintenance."

Eden North project taking shape

The Eden Trust has submitted a 'scoping report' setting out what information it expects to provide in its forthcoming planning application for an £85m *"world-class tourist attraction that is completely in tune with its natural surroundings"* in Morecambe.

A large section of the seafront could be pedestrianised to ensure that visitors use sustainable transport for at least part of their journey. This is expected to improve Morecambe's environment and increase footfall to other local businesses. Up to 1 million visitors are expected per year; a maximum of 4,000 per day, with timed ticketing to control visitor flows. The buildings will be no taller than the adjacent Midland Hotel, and a 4,000-capacity outdoor arena is planned as part of the development.



Gina's our Eurostar!

Lancaster City and County 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 began her new role on 1 July. She 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 our wards and the whole Lancaster District."*

How the Lancaster District voted in the 2019 European Election

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| Brexit Party | 30.8% |
| Green Party | 20.5% |
| Liberal Democrats | 19.8% |
| Labour Party | 13.1% |
| Conservatives | 7.7% |

Scotch Quarry initiatives for wildlife and people

The Scotch Quarry Park community group has installed a 'bee bank' to provide a home for ground-nesting bees, complementing the wildflower meadow and seating area. Public events coming up include carving and willow weaving. For more info, find [Scotch Quarry Park](#) on Facebook.

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.

Green 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 www.morecambebay.foodbank.org.uk