

RECYCLING

Following a request from a resident, Cllr Paul Stubbins has arranged for a trial of improved recycling facilities at Hardwicke House flats.

Paul said: *"I'm keen to ensure that everyone in the ward has the facilities they need to make recycling as easy as possible."*

If you would like Paul to review the recycling provision where you live, please get in touch - details below.

CASTLE TREES

The remaining red oak in front of the castle has been felled for safety reasons after it developed a deep split at the top of its trunk. Local residents will be consulted about plans for some replacement planting.

PONY WOOD PATH OPEN

The new path around the wood at Fairfield Nature Reserve is now open. Look for the signpost on the canal towpath, walking towards Aldcliffe.

RECYCLING - DID YOU KNOW?

Contact lens blister packs, including the foil and used lenses, are collected at Boots Opticians, Market Street. Lush, on Penny Street, collects crisp packets and bottle tops.

SUN STREET

Cllr Dave Brookes asked for worn out double yellow lines to be repainted after complaints about obstructive parking near the passage through to Market St. It took two attempts to get it all done because there were parked cars in the way the first time!

RAILWAY TREES

As promised at a meeting with Green councillors in January, Network Rail has now planted some replacement trees on the railway embankment behind Brook Street. Further tree removal works are due to take place between the railway station and the river in September.

FAIRFIELD GREEN

A new bollard has been installed at the entrance off Wingate-Saul Road following a number of complaints about contractors parking on the Green, and an incident where an ice cream van drove on to the Green through children playing football.

Cllr Dave Brookes said: *"The City Council responded quickly to secure the access with a stock bollard, but the Fairfield Association intends to replace it with a more attractive timber bollard in due course."*

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Please get in touch with any issue, or if you would like to get involved.

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Green View

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A MILESTONE FOR LANCASTER CANAL

The Canal & River Trust celebrated the 200th birthday of the Lancaster Canal in June with an information and family activity event at Aldcliffe Road Triangle.

On the same day, one of several new milestones along the length of the canal from Preston to Kendal, was officially unveiled. The stones have been made by Castle Ward resident, artist and stonemason, Alan Ward, in a temporary workshop at Galgate Marina.

Historically the milestones were used to calculate toll charges based on the distance travelled, so face the opposite way to what might be expected.



The new milestone near the Water Witch pub

ART TRIANGLE EXHIBITION

CELEBRATING THE CANAL

Sat August 24th -
Mon August 26th

10:30am - 4:30pm

@ Aldcliffe Rd Triangle

RESIDENTS' PARKING

The County Council says it received a large number of responses to its recent consultation on permit pricing, and a decision is not expected to be made until September. If the proposed changes are approved they will look to introduce them quickly, although they will set a changeover date and notify all affected residents.

In the meantime, the 30-visit cards are still available free of charge.

CASTLE STAYS GREEN!

At the local elections in May, Castle Ward voters elected both Green Party candidates, Dave Brookes and Paul Stubbins, to represent them.

Paul said: *“Many thanks to everyone who voted for us in May. We will do our best for Castle Ward residents over the next four years, whether you supported us or not. Please get in touch if you have any issues you want to raise.”*

Dave has been appointed Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, and Vice Chair of the Planning Committee. Paul was selected to Chair the Audit Committee and also sits on Council Business Committee.

Lancaster City Council now has ten Green councillors, making it the third ‘greenest’ council in England in terms of councillor numbers.

‘CO-OPERATIVE ALLIANCE’ TO RUN CITY COUNCIL

Following the City Council elections in May, no single party had an overall majority of the sixty seats. Discussions between leaders of the Labour, Liberal Democrat, and Green groups led to an agreement to form a co-operative alliance to run the Council, similar to a successful arrangement at Stroud. Greens have three out of ten places on the new Council’s Cabinet, and Labour have seven.

Lancaster City Council 2019 election result for Castle Ward

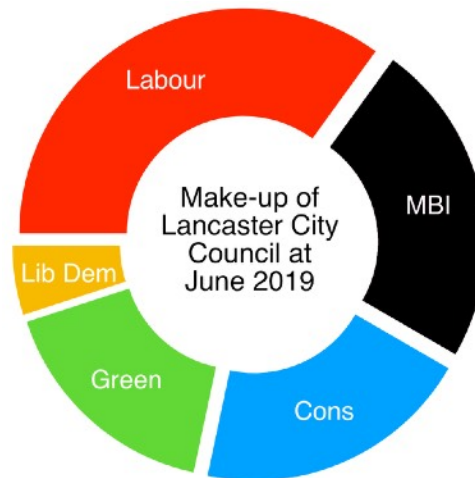
Dave Brookes - Green	1003
Paul Stubbins - Green	851
Steffi Sinclair - Labour	445
Peter Curphey - Labour	396
Tommy Shaw - Cons	102
Peter Williamson - Cons	99



Dave Brookes & Paul Stubbins

How Lancaster District voted in the 2019 European elections

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



GINA’S EURO ELECTION WIN

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



Gina - our Eurostar!

Gina began her work as an MEP on 1st July alongside six other Green MEPs from the UK and 66 Green/Alliance MEPs from other European countries. You can follow her blog at www.facebook.com/CllrGinaDowding/

Gina said: *“Thank you to everyone who voted Green in the European elections. My top priority is to get urgent action by governments and industry to tackle climate change, restore biodiversity, and end poverty.”*

Gina was selected as the Green Party’s lead MEP candidate back in early 2016, before the referendum on leaving the EU. She decided to stand as a city councillor in the recent local elections when it looked very much like the European elections would not be held.

Gina said: *“I will continue in my councillor roles at least 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, I and my Green Party colleagues will continue to work hard for the areas we represent and the district as a whole.”*

ALDI STORE GETS PLANNING PERMISSION

An application to demolish the former B&Q and replace it with a new Aldi store was passed by the City Council’s Planning Committee in June after Aldi agreed to limit evening opening hours to 10pm, and reduce the noise from its refrigeration plant. The lay-by on Aldcliffe Road (opposite the Toll House Inn) will be infilled with paving to create a safer place for people to cross the road, but there will be no formal pedestrian crossing.

Cllr Dave Brookes said: *“I know many will welcome having an Aldi south of the river, but a supermarket will generate a lot more traffic than B&Q did, and I’m not convinced this has been adequately addressed. It is very disappointing not to be getting a proper pedestrian crossing over Aldcliffe Road at the Penny Street traffic lights, which is long overdue.”*