

Around the ward

Slimy pavements

Pavements on the steep hills in Greaves are very slippery in the wet, as Cllr Abi Mills has experienced walking from school with her childminded children. Abi has asked for all the pavements in the area to be checked and jet washed if necessary.

Dorrington Woods



Virgin Media volunteers clearing mud off the paths.

Cllr Abi Mills organised a day for Virgin Media staff to work with the Friends of Dorrington Woods and Play Park (FoDWandPP).

Abi said: "A huge thank you to everyone involved, the volunteers did a brilliant job and the woods are lovely to walk round now".

Gina Dowding back from Brussels!



Councillor Gina Dowding's term as Green MEP for the North West ended on 31st January. Gina worked with the European Green group which had 75 MEPs from all over Europe. Gina said: "It was a privilege to be an MEP and I am more determined than ever to work at a local level to tackle the climate and biodiversity crisis, while creating jobs and ensuring everyone feels the benefits of new Green measures."

Public Meeting - all welcome

GREEN NEW DEAL: WHAT IS IT?

"How can we improve our local environment, tackle the climate crisis, and improve everyday life for residents?"

Speaker County Councillor
Gina Dowding

Tuesday 10 March 7.30pm
Friends' Meeting House

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Green View



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News and Views from your Green Councillors in Scotforth West Ward

Better balanced communities

Green councillors have successfully pushed for better control over the number of private houses being converted to Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs, which are often student houses).



Subject to consultation and formal approval, planning applications for HMOs will not be permitted if more than 10% of houses within 100m are already HMOs. There will also be control over the display of 'to let' signs. Cllr Tim Dant said: "Too many HMOs together can change the character of a residential area. Pressure on street parking, too many bins on the street, tenants absent outside term time and the visual clutter of agents' signs all change how residents feel about their street." Local residents can respond to the six-week consultation on the Lancaster Planning webpages. See the information at: <https://tinyurl.com/u2hqkno>

Recycling

The City Council agreed in November to find new ways to work with residents to promote recycling. Green Cllr Paul Stubbins, who brought the motion to Council, said: "It is important that everyone knows what can be recycled, how clean it has to be and where it can go – especially now we can recycle more plastics." A councillors' task group has been set up to look at the issue and make recommendations. If you have ideas about what would help us all to recycle more, do contact us (see overleaf) or Paul directly: pstubbins@lancaster.gov.uk, phone 01524 807175.

Action on City Centre Anti-Social Behaviour

Lancaster city centre has recently experienced an increase in anti-social behaviour. The City Museum had closed the front door because of street drinkers on the steps and abandoned belongings. In January, the police, city council officers and the Business Improvement District took (BID) action together. The museum is now open and local shops and businesses are reporting all anti-social behaviour and shop-lifting. Green Councillor and local business woman, Joanna Young said, *"The police, the BID and the council are working together on ways to make the city centre welcoming for everyone, while supporting rough sleepers."*



Green Cllrs Caroline Jackson and Joanna Young who were at the meeting to tackle anti-social behaviour



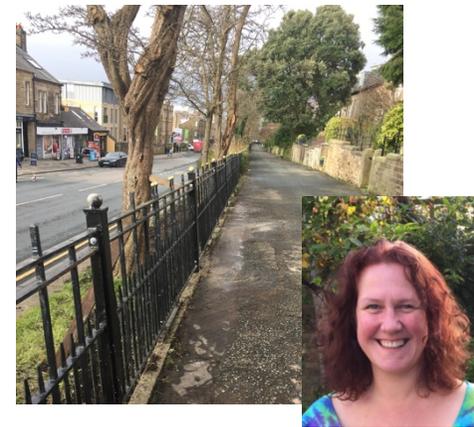
Former Green Cllr Jon Barry with Marsh Cllrs Mandy Bannon and Gina Dowding

Victory for Town Green Campaign

Freeman's Wood has been officially designated as a Town Green by Lancashire County Council. The application was originally made by former Green councillor Jon Barry in 2012. A Public Inquiry was held in August 2019 when over 80 Marsh residents provided evidence and 16 spoke at the meeting. The inquiry inspector ruled in favour of the Town Green. Marsh ward Green councillor Mandy Bannon, who gave evidence at the Inquiry said: *"This decision is a great victory for Friends of Freeman's Wood and the local community. It's fantastic to know that people will still be able to walk their dogs, take exercise, play and explore there."*

Flooding near you?

In an emergency such as a flood, the South Lancaster Community Emergency Centre (at St Paul's Parish Hall) will open its doors to residents for a cuppa, company and support. Cllr Abi Mills, one of the Emergency Coordinators, said *"If the Centre is needed, the Emergency Services and City Council will notify residents. The details are on our Facebook page"*.



Railings repaired on Belle Vue Terrace

At long last the railings have been repaired along Belle Vue Terrace. Cllr Abi Mills said: *"These railings have been knocked by cars a number of times and were leaning against the trees. Residents are proud of these historic cast iron railings and are delighted that Lancashire County Council have firmly set them upright."*



Benches for Royal Albert Fields

The Council have installed two new benches along the path in Royal Albert Fields. *"Now people can pause and enjoy this green space – when the weather is a bit better!"* said Cllr Tim Dant.



Proposal for houses behind De Vitre Cottages

A planning application has been submitted for 72 dwellings at Royal Albert Farm, Pathfinders Drive. Cllr Abi Mills has supported residents in objecting to the plans. It is expected that the proposal - 19/01568/FUL - will be going to the City Council Planning Committee on 30th March.