



Maintaining our Green Spaces

Green Councillors have helped The Friends of Dorrington Woods, Greaves Park and De Vitre Gardens at their work days, also attended by local volunteers. A grant has also recently been submitted to improve land behind Dorrington Road. Thanks to everyone who joined in to protect our precious green spaces!



City Councillor Abi Mills working in Dorrington Woods with her son, Hamish Mills

Road Proposal Concern

The County Council has sent all households a letter about its proposal for new roads in south Lancaster. The consultation document presents six possible road options and highlights the huge swathe of land designated as a new housing area.

County Councillor Gina Dowding said, "I am appalled at the limited way the County is proposing to deal with transport in this district for the next generation. Building new roads is not the way to switch to low carbon transport. The County has again missed the chance to invest in a first class rapid public transport system from Galgate to Lancaster and through to Morecambe and Heysham. Instead, it intends to spend millions on re-designing the motorway junction. This subsidy for new roads should be spent on investment in quality public transport, safe pleasant walking and segregated cycling networks. We are seeing the terrible public health effects of coronavirus but climate chaos will be even more devastating if we don't stop building roads."

Join the Greens for a Zoom meeting to explore the consultation on 25th November at 7.30pm. Eventbrite link: <https://bit.ly/34sHJnF>

Bowerham Garage Demolition

The eye-sore building on the old garage site on Bowerham Road is finally being being demolished.

The Council issued an Enforcement Notice to the owner saying that the building had to be taken down.

Cllr Joanna Young said, "We are really relieved to see that things are now happening on the site and will continue to monitor the situation, letting residents know about any future proposals for the site'.



County and City Councillor
Gina Dowding

Graffiti Reported and Removed within 24 hours

Cllr Joanna Young reported offensive graffiti seen the ward which was quickly removed. Residents can report graffiti, either to Councillors or by contacting publicrealm@lancaster.gov.uk

Unsafe Parking Prevented

Cllr Abi Mills campaigned for the double yellow lines at the end of Belle Vue Terrace, which have finally been painted.

Unsafe Wall Reported on Ashton Road

Cllr Joanna Young reported concerns about the wall by the railway on Ashton Road to Network Rail who will now inspect it.

Faded Lines on the A6 Crossing

Cllrs Joanna Young and Abi Mills have recently reported the faded lines on the pedestrian crossing on the A6 at the Pointer Roundabout.

Aldcliffe Road Weeding

Cllr Gina Dowding cleared weeds on the pavement alongside the canal path with neighbours back in October making the pavement accessible.

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Foodbank Works with Council

Morecambe Bay Foodbank has given out over 20,000 food parcels since the start of the year. A report about the work, in partnership with the City Council, was released this week. See: <https://bit.ly/3ksfLOk>. *"The pandemic has caused a huge increase in numbers of people needing help" said Cllr Joanna Young, who is also Chair of Trustees at the Foodbank. "The City Council's community hub is here to support residents with food parcels, access to shopping, prescriptions, mental health issues or financial difficulties. You can call them on 0524 582 000."*



Joanna Young
Morecambe Bay food bank

City Councillor
Joanna Young on the BBC
talking about the Foodbank

Local Clean Electricity Supply

Cllr Gina Dowding won support from across all parties on the County Council to support a new green law. Gina said, *"Local and small-scale renewable energy projects are key to a future low carbon energy supply."*

Residents Say Build Back Greener

The overwhelming response to the Lancaster Green Councillors' Lockdown Survey was for the City Council to support local communities, help local businesses and tackle climate change. Cllr Abi Mills said, *"Local people are telling us that they want to 'Build Back Greener' after lockdown. We think the '20 Minute Neighbourhood' idea is one which would help the Council create the kind of places that people want. This means you can get almost everything you need within a 20 minute safe and pleasant walk, and where you can cycle and reach public transport easily."* More information about 20 Minute Neighbourhoods and the survey are on the Green Party website.

Help to make your home greener

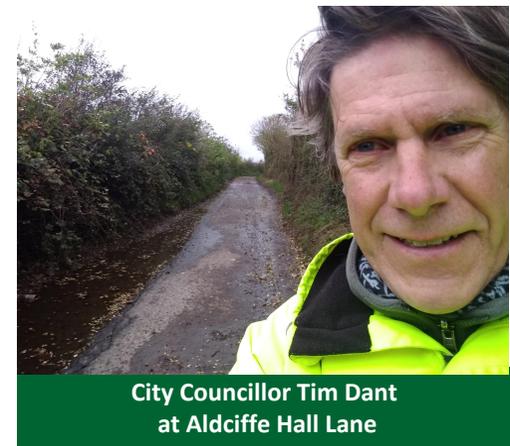
The Green Homes Grant scheme is now available until March 2021 to make homes more energy efficient. Grants of up to £5000 for everyone to cover two thirds of costs, and £10,000 to those in receipt of benefits, are available for insulation, low carbon heating, upgrading windows and doors. Local energy advice service, Green Rose, can help and find suitable local contractors. Call 0800 7022528 or visit www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk

Flooding on Aldcliffe Paths

Paths in Aldcliffe have been well used during the pandemic for getting to the Lune Estuary but they are often flooded. Cllr Tim Dant said, *"I have been working with the Aldcliffe-with-Stodday Parish Council and United Utilities to see if we can find a way of keeping the water off the path"*. Aldcliffe Hall Lane frequently has two large puddles that walkers and cyclists have to go through. There is a drain into a field that has been blocked and Tim's DIY rodding has, for now, allowed the water to flow out of the puddles.

Houses off Aldcliffe Road Opposed by Councillors

Developers appealed against the refusal of planning permission for this site, but Green Councillors, residents and the parish council submitted objections to the appeal. Cllr Tim Dant said, *"Building houses on this site would conflict with the listed buildings in Aldcliffe and spoil a landscape above the canal that is enjoyed by many residents."*



City Councillor Tim Dant
at Aldcliffe Hall Lane

Make Votes Matter!

Tues 17 Nov, 7.30 pm
Online meeting.

Details on our website.

Hear more about the campaign for a fairer voting system with proportional representation, to replace the outdated first past the post system.

Councils to Reorganise?

The City Council is working on a proposal to merge with South Lakeland and Barrow councils to form a new Morecambe Bay 'unitary' council, which would provide the services currently provided by the county and district councils. However the County Council's plan is to combine Lancaster with Blackpool, Fylde, Wyre, and Ribble Valley. Green County Councillor Gina Dowding said, *"There are both potential benefits and significant risks of becoming a unitary, but it's a terrible time to be considering this given the key role councils have in supporting residents through the pandemic, and the need to address the climate emergency."*