



Green Cllr Mandy Bannon

Lancaster Community Hub for all Covid-related support

For personal and family support, information on self-isolation support grants, emergency assistance grants, and business emergency grants, phone 01524 582000, email

customerservices@lancaster.gov.uk or visit www.lancaster.gov.uk.

Testing: If you develop symptoms, book a test immediately. You can do this online at www.gov.uk. If you do not have Internet access, you can call 119 between 7am - 11pm.

Vaccination: If you or someone you know is in a priority group and hasn't yet received a jab, phone your local GP.

King Street crossing repairs

Following a distressing incident for a lady in a wheelchair, Gina swiftly got potholes fixed, with more substantial work to follow.

Slippery path at Lucy Brook

Mandy has asked the City Council to help make the path over Lucy Brook leading from Coronation Field to Freeman's Wood safer. It is very narrow, falls steeply down towards the culvert and is often slippery with ice or mud.

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Covid vaccine hope

A mass vaccination hub opened at Lancaster Town Hall at the end of January, with up to 1,000 people now receiving a jab every day.

County Cllr Gina Dowding said: *"Lancaster district is doing well in getting top priority groups vaccinated quickly, which we now know also helps reduce spread of the virus. Advice, support and grants are available for those who really are struggling due to Covid."*

See back page for more information.



Green Cllr Gina Dowding at Lancaster Town Hall's new vaccination hub

Marsh Community Centre help

Although the Community Centre's doors have closed during lockdown, lots of work is carrying on, and everyone is welcome.

- ✓ Thursday Food Club supports families.
- ✓ Help by phone to apply for benefits or jobs.
- ✓ Phone buddies, and Zoom wellbeing groups, e.g. 'Brew, Make & Bake' on Tuesdays, and 'Coffee & Cake' on Fridays.
- ✓ Plus activities for young people online.

See Marsh Community Centre on Facebook or ring 01524 843300. Donations help this work. If you are able to contribute, please email: manager@marshcommunitycentre.co.uk

Leafletting safely

In January, the Government said that councillors may deliver their leaflets themselves or use paid companies, but no volunteers. If such rules are still in place, that is how your Green View has been (safely) delivered!

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Democracy under threat?

What are the hidden threats to our democracy and what can we do?

Tuesday 16 March

7.30pm on Zoom

with Molly Scott Cato,
former Green MEP.

Everyone welcome.

See our website for link to register.

Wildlife ponds for Fairfield

Fairfield Nature Reserve is creating four new ponds to encourage frogs and newts. The work will be done by Lancashire Wildlife Trust in February, with funding from Natural England. More information is on the noticeboard at Cromwell Road.

Green Cllr Gina Dowding enjoying some winter sun in Fairfield Orchard, part of the nature reserve which is getting several new ponds



Postal voting

Local elections are due to take place on 6 May 2021 for all 84 seats on Lancs County Council.

Anyone can apply for a postal vote in advance of the elections.

Phone the Council's elections office on 01524 582905 for an application form, or find it online.

Lancaster Street Aid

Green Cabinet member for Housing, Caroline Jackson, has helped launch Street Aid in Lancaster.

Street Aid provides help to homeless people or those in vulnerable or supported housing, without exchanging cash.

People give a £3 donation via mobile phone, using terminals inside shop windows, such as at Dalton Square Pharmacy. People needing help can apply online for up to £750, with help from their agency worker.

Local action on the climate

26 local residents were selected at random by the City Council last spring, and became Lancaster's People's Jury on tackling the climate emergency.

Responding to expert evidence, they have made 25 recommendations to help the council and other organisations reach zero carbon emissions by 2030.

Cllr Dave Brookes said: *"The People's Jury's ambitious ideas for action make it clear that everyone has a role to play in combating climate change."*

Contact Gina or Dave to get involved with the following projects: local food; awareness raising; zero carbon homes; buses, bikes and walking; recycling; and green energy. Or visit: www.lancaster.gov.uk

City Centre travel plan: cleaner & greener?

The County Council is to explore ways of changing Lancaster's one-way system to reduce air pollution and improve access for shoppers, pedestrians, cyclists and public transport. The initial consultation showed most support for replacing it with two-way traffic on the west (Castle) side, with the east (Town Hall) side for two-way buses, bikes and local/service access only. Further investigation will be done on how this could work, while preventing rat-running. The effects of introducing a 'clean air zone' charge for through-traffic will also be modelled. Local residents and electric vehicles would be exempt from the charge.

County Cllr Gina Dowding said: *"County Highways received a lot of helpful comments, which will be taken on board. Further consultation will take place over the summer. I think we have a great opportunity to create a healthier and friendlier feel to our wonderful city."*



Green Cllr Dave Brookes

Long Marsh Lane

Following emails from Gina, County Highways removed the No Through Road signs at both ends of Long Marsh Lane. Bollards, which still require a consultation and Traffic Regulation Order, have been awaited since 2017, to prevent rat-running.

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