

GREEN VIEW

CASTLE, BULK & JOHN O'GAUNT

**February/March 2021**

COVID VACCINE IS BRINGING HOPE

The continued community response to the lockdown has been amazing – and help is still available

A mass vaccination hub opened at **Lancaster Town Hall** at the end of January, with up to **1,000 people a day** now receiving a jab. Green Party County Councillor Gina Dowding said: "Lancaster district is doing well in getting priority groups vaccinated quickly, which we now know also helps **reduce spread of the virus**. Help, in the form of **advice, support and grants**, is at hand for those who are struggling." See below for information.

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**:

Call **01524 582000**, email **customerservices@lancaster.gov.uk** or go to **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**. Lines are open 7am to 11pm.

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

PETITION TO EXTEND 20MPH LIMIT ON QUERNMORE ROAD



Local Green campaigner **Jack Lenox** has launched a petition to the County Council to extend the 20mph speed limit to beyond the Grammar School.

Quernmore Road is very dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and wildlife in the area where drivers speed up after leaving the 20mph zone. With parked cars at weekends, it is reduced to one lane for vehicle traffic. **The 20mph zone should be extended to the end of the urban area past the Coop.**

Jack said: "I've seen **too many near misses and too much roadkill** on this section of **Quernmore Road**, and the County Council needs to do something before there's a serious accident." **You can sign the petition at: <https://bit.ly/36ZS2Q0>**

Lockdown leafleting

The Government has said volunteers cannot deliver leaflets during lockdown but they can be delivered by Councillors and paid companies.

All Green Views are being delivered following the same Covid-secure delivery guidance as Royal Mail.

LANCASTER GREENS: HERE ALL YEAR, NOT JUST AT ELECTION TIME

NEWTON BECK WOODS

Jamie Melly: Listening to residents' concerns

Local residents got in touch to talk about the state of the woods. Jamie visited and said: "Residents love the local walks the woods offer but the paths are in bad shape which is made much worse by scrambler bikes using them. I asked the council to visit and they are now working on ways to stop the woods being misused. If you're interested in helping form a **Friends of Newton Beck Woods group** – get in touch."



Degraded woods in Newton Beck

NEWS IN BRIEF

Action on letting signs – We've been listening to **Moorlands residents** about the troublesome letting signs which are left up for months on end. Residents want action on this, and so do we. **We've worked hard at the council** to change the rules – watch this space for updates.

Action on flytipping – **Hardworking Jamie Melly** has taken action at **Ridge Community Centre**, which is becoming a hotspot location for fly tipping. If you have a fly tipping hotspot near you, let Jamie know.

Ridge Weekly Food Group – The Ridge Weekly **Food Group**, which has been meeting at the Community Centre, is moving to an empty unit just across **Ridge Square**. Food Group members can pick up a **bag of food for £4** including **milk, bread and eggs**. Anyone in the **Bulk area** who wants to join can contact Caroline for details.

RIDGE SQUARE CLEANED UP!

Litter picking in Ridge Square



Jamie picking litter in Ridge Square

When residents got in contact with Jamie about the amount of litter in **Ridge Square**, he decided to take action and took his litter picker to clear up the mess outside **Ridge Community Centre**.

There was a great response from residents and the before and after pictures speak for themselves.

FREE EVENT

Hidden threats to our democracy
Want to spend an evening exploring the hidden threats to our democracy? Join us, along with Keynote Speaker and **former MEP, Molly Scott Cato**.

Tuesday 16 March 7:30pm on Zoom, register on our website.

CAN WE HELP?

If you have a comment or query about our area, we'd love to know. Here are the ways you can get in touch:

Councillor Tim Hamilton-Cox: 07894 587927 thamiltoncox@lancaster.gov.uk
Councillor Caroline Jackson: 07958 434549 cjackson@lancaster.gov.uk
Jack Lenox: 01524 881590 jack.lenox@greenparty.org.uk
Jamie Melly: 07516 642902 jamiemelly@cantab.net

You can also follow **Lancaster Green Party** on social media:

We're **Lancaster District Green Councillors** on Facebook, and **@NorthLancsGreens** on Twitter and Instagram.

Find our website at: northlancs.greenparty.org.uk

POSTAL VOTES

Local elections this year are due to take place on 6 May for all 84 seats on Lancashire County Council.

Anyone can apply for a postal vote before the elections. Just call **01524 582905** or email elections@lancaster.gov.uk for your application form.

Let us know if you have any trouble.

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