



South Lancaster

GREEN VIEW

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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 also helps reduce spread of the virus. Advice, support and grants are available for those who are struggling due to the impacts of Covid." See back page for information.

## Housing and road plans for South Lancaster fields

The design for the new housing development to create 8,700 new homes in 'Bailrigg Garden Village' is being led by a company called JTP. Green Councillors supported residents in asking for the first stage of the consultation to be extended. We share residents' serious concerns about the impact on flooding, traffic, biodiversity and the risk of ending up with piecemeal urban sprawl.



County Cllr Gina Dowding on Burrow Road bridge, by fields earmarked for the BGV housing development

Cllr Abi Mills says: "As local councillors we continue to support the community against the over-development of South Lancaster. This number of new houses is not sustainable, and it is not fitting with the Council's Climate Emergency Declaration." For details about the next stage of the consultation, visit CLOUD's website: [www.cloudbgv2017.co.uk](http://www.cloudbgv2017.co.uk)

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## 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](mailto:customerservices@lancaster.gov.uk) or go to [www.lancaster.gov.uk](http://www.lancaster.gov.uk)

**Testing:** If you develop symptoms book a test immediately. You can do this online at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk), or if you do not have internet access, you can phone 119 between 7am and 11pm.

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

## 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 was (safely) delivered.

## Preventing litter on recycling days

Hamish Mills and Cllr Abi Mills have been out in Greaves, picking up litter which had been blown about in the wind from recycling boxes without lids.

To help to reduce litter, you can get replacement recycling box lids free of charge.

Phone the City Council on 01524 582000 or email: [customerservices@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@lancaster.gov.uk)



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Cllr Tim Dant at Piccadilly Triangle

### Piccadilly Triangle improved

Green Cllr Tim Dant pushed for the paving slabs to be re-laid and trees trimmed in the small park on Scotforth Road near Piccadilly.

Tim says: *“There will be some planting later in the year, but at least this space is now safe for people to walk and sit in.”*

### 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.

Gina said: *“County Highways received lots of helpful comments, which will be taken on board. Further consultation will happen this summer. It’s a great opportunity to create a healthier and friendlier feel to our wonderful city.”*

### 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.**

### Dorrington green space

Cllr Joanna Young secured funding to create plans for the land behind Dorrington Road houses and the railway. Future funding will improve this wild space, possibly including installing a path and adding native planting and seating, to make it a nicer place for residents (and wildlife) to enjoy.

Look out for consultation on the plans - coming soon!

### Lancaster Street Aid

Green Cabinet member for Housing, Caroline Jackson, has helped launch Street Aid in Lancaster. It provides help to homeless people and those in vulnerable or supported housing, without exchanging cash.

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



Cllr Abi Mills created 20mph posters to increase speed awareness on Victoria Ave.

### Get involved in 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 by 2030.

Hamish Mills was one of the young people who led the original campaign for a climate emergency declaration. He said: *“I am looking forward to seeing the recommendations of the People’s Jury come to fruition, and I am very pleased that local residents are helping lead the process.”*

Contact any of your Green Councillors (see back page) if you are interested in getting involved with the following projects: local food; awareness raising; zero carbon homes; buses, bikes and walking; recycling; and green energy. More info at: [www.lancaster.gov.uk](http://www.lancaster.gov.uk).

### Apply now for a postal vote

Local elections are due to take place on 6 May 2021, for all 84 seats on Lancashire County Council. Anyone can apply for a postal vote in advance of the elections. Phone the local elections office on 01524 582905 to request an application form, or find it online.