



# Funding Boost for Play Area

The play area between Cedar Road and Willow Lane is to be greatly improved. An application submitted by councillor Jon Barry on behalf of the Marsh Community Centre has received funding of £8,613 from the Lancashire Environmental Fund.

With £4,000 from developers of the former church land, improvements will include: new equipment, a bench, higher fencing and a wheelchair-friendly picnic table.



## Market Update

The City Council has appointed two market experts to come up with a plan to improve Lancaster market. One of the experts currently manages Leicester market, one of the most successful markets in the country.

Member of the council's market committee Melanie Forrest said: *"By creating a better market and filling up the empty stalls we will improve the Council's finances and provide more jobs in the city."*

## Green Christmas Fair

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
10am - 4pm at the  
Quaker Meeting House  
(next to Lancaster rail station)



With lots of stalls, live music,  
green café & Santa's grotto.  
Admission 50p (kids free)

# Hubert Place Wall

The wall marking the edge of the back alley of Hubert Place collapsed in the summer. For a time, this stopped collection of wheelie bins but this has now been sorted out by residents and local councillors. However, finding out who owns the wall (and hence will pay for its rebuilding!) is proving more difficult. Cllr Melanie Forrest is currently meeting with City Council officers to try to solve the problem.



In September, residents and local councillors took part in a 'community haircut' of the green space on Aldcliffe Road near to its junction with Cromwell Road.

## Aqueduct Funding Bid

Castle Ward councillor Jon Barry has written a letter in support of a lottery application that has been submitted by British Waterways to greatly improve the aqueduct, where the canal crosses the Lune. Plans include a ramp at one edge of the steps so that bikes can be more easily pushed between the canal and the river. Cllr Barry explained: *"The aqueduct is a unique piece of Victorian engineering and it is something that we should be proud of as a city."*

### Saving energy and YOUR money

Following a Green Party motion last year, the City Council is trying to reduce its energy use by 10% (and save taxpayer's money by the same amount!) in the financial year 2010/11. In the previous year, energy was reduced by 7.2% which was well above the 3.4% target.

## A Green Guide to the Cuts

The Con-Dem government has just announced big reductions in public spending that are bound to affect local services and jobs in the district. So what's the Green Party's response to the cuts crisis?



- Clearly, the budget deficit needs to be eliminated. But we think that the Government should focus less on slashing the public sector, and more on raising taxes from the wealthiest people and companies. For example, we would like to see a 50% tax on incomes above £100,000; a crack-down on tax avoidance; an empty property tax; and a 'Robin Hood tax' on currency speculation.
- We would cancel the Trident nuclear missile system, saving £100billion over the next 30 years.
- We would separate retail banking from investment banking, and we do not support Government bail-outs of failed investment banks.
- Locally, we will continue to look for imaginative ways for the City Council to save money and invest in a low-carbon economy, instead of losing vital jobs and services.
- The Greens will continue to try to defend funding to help vulnerable people (eg. grants to the Citizen Advice Bureau), and to fight for better youth services and provision for people with mental health problems.
- Green Cllr Andrew Kay organised a public meeting in October, which led to the setting up of a campaign group: 'Lancaster & Morecambe Against the Cuts'.

### 'The Debt Generation'



**Weds 24th November**  
7.30 pm, at the Gregson  
Centre, Moor Lane.

*Award winning filmmaker and BBC presenter David Malone will talk about his new book, 'The Debt Generation' - a scathing but highly entertaining look at why we all shouldn't be made to suffer in order to bail out the banks.*

## Castle cobbles

The cobbles on Castle Hill by the Storey have been re-laid after pressure from residents and local councillors.

## Pads' Homeless Site

Councillors Jon Barry and Melanie Forrest, along with several local residents, cleared the mess left after homeless people left their site on the 'pads' path from Abraham Heights to the canal. The rubbish was taken away by the Council.



Melanie and Jon also did a spot of 'gardening' with local residents to tidy up land between Meadow Street and West Road.

## Marsh Estate

If you have any problems with Council house repairs, contact Melanie Forrest on 751717.

## Dog poo

There have been recent dog poo problems on Willow Lane, Milking Stile Lane and Westbourne Road. You can report problems to the

**Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings take place on the first Tuesday of every month, 7.30, Friends Meeting House. If you have any crime concerns, please turn up.**

City Council on 582491 or to the police beat officer Richard Tredennick on 07872357986.

## Castle Ward Play Areas

The swings on the Furness Street area are to be reinstated after a survey by ward councillors found that a majority wanted to keep them. Jon Barry has submitted a funding bid with the Marsh Community Centre to improve the nearby play area on Cedar Road.

## Coronation Field Bench

The new bench on Coronation Field is now in place. This was provided by money from Chris Coates' County councillor community fund.

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