

Greens keep you informed

- Since 2001 we have published 4 issues of our Bulk Green View newsletter every year.
- We let you know what is happening in our local area and in the city.
- We work hard all year, every year.

Vote Green and you get much more than a better environment...

- Greens are LEADING the way on ensuring the cuts don't affect the worst off by: reducing increases in council housing rents; holding off the cuts in council tax benefits; protecting funding for local support services such as CAB; introducing the Living Wage for the worst off council workers.
- Being careful with your money. Greens supported 0% council tax rises for 2011 and 2012.
- Greens are coming up with at practical ways to reduce spending by councils. For example, the City Council's energy budget was reduced by £307,000 in 2011/12.
- Greens are strongly supporting ways for councils to create jobs for local people. For example, by encouraging investment in renewable energy on council buildings, and in the City Council's apprenticeship scheme.



Outgoing Bulk Ward City Councillor **Ceri Mumford** says:

"It has been a privilege to represent Bulk on the City Council for the last 2 years. I'm standing down because the demands of my job mean that I cannot commit as much time as the ward deserves.

"I am proud of my record on council, including serving on the District Tenants' Forum; working on the county-wide Arts Development group; stopping further council house rent rises and to keeping full council tax benefit for all claimants.

"I hope local residents will give Caroline and Sam their votes so they can continue the good work of the Greens. They have a wealth of experience, lots of energy and a great track record of getting things done."

Greens work well with others to keep Lancaster special for everyone.



County Council
election candidate
Sam Riches



City Council
by-election candidate
Caroline Jackson

Keep Your Green Voices on the County and City Councils!

Your Green Party candidate in the County Council election is Sam Riches, who has served as the County Councillor here for the past four years. Sam says: "Locally the Greens are leading the way on so many fronts. As your county councillor I have worked on everything from potholes to schools and street lights to the county's pension investments. I've managed to get the mileage allowance for councillors reduced to the standard rate used by employers across the country, and I brought the 20mph limit to our residential streets.

Greens are striving to ensure that money is saved by simple measures, such as improving energy efficiency in council buildings, as an alternative to closing respite centres and cutting funding to voluntary organisations. We are working for a fairer society – please give us your support."

Your Green Party candidate in the City Council by-election is Caroline Jackson. Caroline says: "When I saw what Green councillors were doing to make sure all local residents get a fair deal and to improve the local area I decided to join them. If elected I will work to make sure cuts aren't hitting the worst off and to provide new opportunities and apprenticeships for young people."

Caroline was Deputy Head at Ripley St Thomas School and then Head of Hornby School until it was closed by the last Labour-run County Council. Caroline is passionate about the future of young people: she is on the Lune Park SureStart board, works as a street pastor making sure young revellers out in town on weekend nights stay safe, and chairs Global Link, a Development Education Centre based in Lancaster.

About the elections...

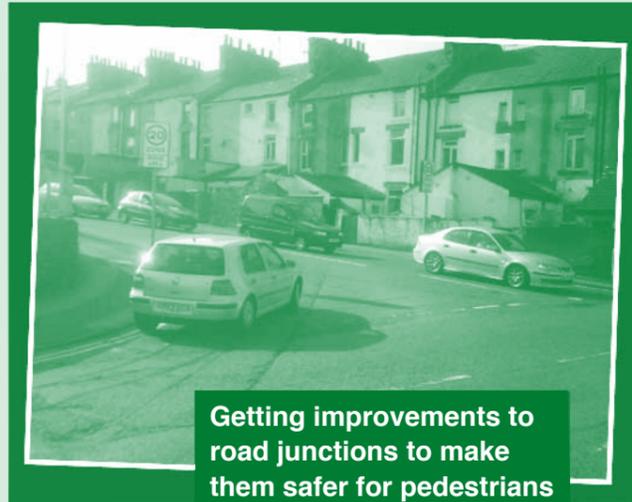
- Voting is from 7am to 10pm on Thursday 2nd May.
- For questions about the elections, such as where your polling station is, ring 582905.
- You have 1 vote for a county councillor in the Lancaster East County election and 1 vote for a councillor in the City Council by-election in Bulk Ward.
- If you want to help the Green Party, or put up a poster, please ring Sam on 07909001432 or email her: sam_riches@hotmail.co.uk

Sam on the County Council: **Lots done...**

These are some of the projects and activities County Councillor Sam Riches has been involved in:



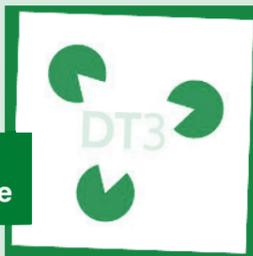
Bringing in a 20 mph limit on residential roads across the county



Getting improvements to road junctions to make them safer for pedestrians



Getting lots of pot holes sorted!



Funding for outreach work with young people

A Green Vision:

Better Council Services and Lower Costs

The Greens support a single unitary council for the Lancaster District with all services provided by ONE local authority. This would save money and work more efficiently. The current system of different services from the City Council (e.g. bin collection and planning) and the County Council (e.g. road maintenance, social services) is confusing and wastes resources. One council would mean better services for less money!

More to do... If elected, Sam will:

- Push for improvements to the Visitors' Permits system in residents' parking areas so that people do not have to continually renew them at the Town Hall
- Campaign for better enforcement of 20 mph speed limit, and to reallocate money from road building to road maintenance
- Lobby for the County Council to invest in energy efficiency and renewables in council-run schools, offices and care homes – saving money in the longer term
- Campaign for good quality social care for the elderly in their own homes and when in residential care
- Work to stop schools being forced to become academies
- Keep asking the County Council Pension Fund to stop investing in tobacco companies
- Aim to remove councillors' right to claim expenses for food (you don't get a free meal when you go to work, so why allow one at County Hall?!)

Greens on the City Council: **Lots done...**

These are some of the projects and activities City Councillors Tim Hamilton-Cox, Ceri Mumford and Andrew Kay have been involved in:



After two years of work, we got the Canals and Rivers Trust to put litter bins back on the canal towpath

More to do... If elected, Caroline will:

- Press for police, PCSOs and council dog wardens to take firmer action against owners who let their dogs foul paths and pavements.
- Support development in the ward which is backed by the majority of people, including on the Canal Corridor and sites at the Moor Hospital, Nightingale Hall Farm and Bulk Rd.
- Work for the building of affordable housing, especially on the Riverside site on Newton; and to keep council house rents affordable too.
- Support activities for young people at the Ridge community centre; and work to re-establish a play area on Ambleside Rd.
- Where money is getting ever tighter, propose constructive ways of coping which maintain services to residents and help people to deal with the impact of further spending cuts.
- Hold the new NHS decision-making structure in north Lancashire to account and protect the full range of health services in the district.

Persuaded the owners of the derelict Bulk Rd. site to tidy it up

Saved hundreds of thousands on energy bills to protect council services and grants to community organisations

Worked to improve safety on the path round the old quarry park between Park Rd and Derwent Rd

Worked to get solar PV panels installed on council buildings and housing schemes, like Glebe Court, to save money

