

Long Marsh Lane bollard

After Cllr Jon Barry reported a dumped mattress in Vicarage Field, a new bollard has been installed on the cycle track by Long Marsh Lane. This should prevent vehicles entering the park and help to reduce fly-tipping.

St George's Quay lighting

Cllr Gina Dowding reports: *"The street lighting columns which were damaged as part of the demolition works of St. George's Works should be replaced as part of the Luneside East housing development, near Carlisle Bridge. The County Council's street-lighting team have provided a temporary solution for the lights."*

Chancellor's Wharf

The University's plan to place gates at both ends of Chancellor's Wharf, by the canal, has been rejected by the City Council's planning committee.

Cllr Rebecca Novell said: *"This was a good decision. Gates would be severely restricting for mobility scooters and for those pushing prams or using wheelchairs."*

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Marsh Estate Walkabout

Cllr Jon Barry met the estate manager and a local PCSO for a 'walkabout' in late December.

Dumped rubbish was reported on Sycamore, Hazel, Birch, Chestnut, Cedar and Larch Groves.

The notice board on Cedar Road will be removed because it was unused and in poor condition.

Fire damage to the grass and some rubbish was also noted on the communal ground off Sycamore Grove.

Town Centre cycle racks

Cllr Jon Barry is trying to get the cycle racks replaced on Common Garden Street. The previous ones looked like they had been hit by a very large bus!

New EV charging point

A public charging point for electric vehicles opened in January at Dallas Road Boys and Girls Club.

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SAVE FREEMAN'S WOOD

Marsh Ward's Green Councillors say they will fight 'tooth and nail' to oppose a planning application to build 250 houses on Freeman's Wood (adjacent to Coronation Field and the Lune Industrial Estate).

Cllr Jon Barry said: *"I am already involved in two court cases to try to stop Satnam's plans. It is vital that local residents object to this planning application too. Freeman's Wood should remain as a green lung for the Marsh."*

The planning application (ref: 18/01520/OUT) can be found on the City Council's website. Reasons for opposing the application could include extra traffic, lack of buses and school places, and the fact that the area is designated as a local green space in the draft Local Plan.

You can write to the Planning Department at PO Box 4, Town Hall, LA1 1QR or email an attachment to dconsultation@lancaster.gov.uk.



WILLOW LANE BULBS

Green Party councillors were among the many volunteers who planted 4,650 bulbs in a green space off Willow Lane. The funding came from a Community Foundation grant applied for by Jon Barry and Emily Heath on behalf of Friends of Freeman's Wood.



Sian Berry, co-leader of the Green Party will give a talk on:

‘Green solutions to unaffordable housing’

**Monday 18th February
7.30 pm in the Quaker Meeting House, LA1 1TX**

Everyone welcome!

This is a climate emergency!

Green Councillors co-proposed a motion for the City Council to declare a ‘climate emergency’ at its meeting on 30th January. Supported by petitions and expert speakers, the motion called on the City Council to eliminate its use of fossil fuels by 2030, and to drive similar change across the district.

The City Council's 2018-2022 Corporate Plan had not one single mention of climate change until Greens put pressure on the Labour cabinet to include it last summer. Labour then made a commitment to make the Council ‘zero carbon’ – but only by 2050.

In December Greens proposed a motion to enforce better energy efficiency standards for all new homes, especially those built by the Council or on Council-owned land. However, almost all Labour Councillors voted not to make new-build homes warmer and cheaper to run!

Make it affordable

After lobbying from Green Councillors in Bulk Ward, the draft Local Plan for the Canal Quarter site off St Leonardsgate now includes provision of some affordable housing. Previously, only student housing and market-value housing were included.

Thanks for the bikes

Green Party member Tim Dant says: *“Thanks to all the generous Green View readers who donated 55 unwanted bikes to the City of Sanctuary project. Bikes can be life-changing for refugees and asylum seekers who can’t afford bus fares to get to shops and English language classes.”*

Introducing Mandy Bannon

Abraham Heights resident Mandy Bannon has been selected as a Marsh Ward Green candidate for the City Council elections in May.

Mandy has lived in this ward over 20 years. She is an active member of the Fairfield Association who manage the local nature reserve. Mandy successfully led a 5-year campaign to link the Towneley Close footpath to the Millennium Orchard.

She works in social research and enjoys walking, cycling and working on the family allotment.

Quay flooding to be fixed (at last)

Work will finally take place in March to remove the surface water flooding at the far end of New Quay Road. The problem was caused when drains into the river were damaged by the Environment Agency when the flood wall was built in 2009.

Cllr Gina Dowding, who has been pushing for a solution for many years, said: *“I’m delighted that agreement has been reached between the EA and County to rectify this particular problem. Meanwhile highways officers have also reassured me they are investigating causes and remedies for the flooding at the Lune Road end of New Quay Road as well as the huge puddling under Carlisle Bridge. I hope to have an update on this very soon.”*

Good news for Musicians’ Co-op

In November the City Council voted to cancel the eviction notice on the Musician’s Co-op, to fund major structural repairs on their Lodge Street building, and to give them a new lease.

Green Councillor Tim Hamilton-Cox, who worked hard with the co-op to get the decision approved said: *“The Council’s decision was a huge relief for the Co-op after 33 years of uncertainty over the Lodge Street building. So it was frustrating that just two weeks later the Labour leader backtracked on the Council’s commitment. Fortunately, Co-op supporters forced the Council’s Chief Executive to withdraw the eviction notice, as a first step.”*



**Green candidate
Mandy Bannon**