



Andy Hayter

PROTECTING OUR RIVERS: TIME FOR A NEW APPROACH

Andy Hayter calls for water companies to be returned to public control

There is justified anger and frustration that sewage continues to be routinely discharged into our local rivers. This is a disaster brought about by decades of under-investment by the companies who now own our water and sewage systems. The problem has been made worse by poor regulation by OFWAT and a weakened, underfunded Environment Agency.

Reacting to public outcry, the Government has made vague statements about “challenging” water companies to “significantly reduce” sewage dumping. But there is no compulsion, and the Government actually weakened proposed legislation which would have tackled this.

Prospective Green Party local candidate Andy Hayter said, **“The stewardship of our rivers for people and wildlife should not come second to shareholder interest. It is time for water companies to be brought back into public ownership, as they are in Scotland and elsewhere.”**



Andy Hayter with Green Party Councillor Andrew Prosser by the River Windrush

TRACKLESS TRAMS

A green solution to providing rapid travel on the A40?



Trackless trams are guided by cameras that follow road markings

Have you heard of trackless trams? A cross between a train, bus and tram, these vehicles are longer than buses but run on a normal road surface, using cameras to follow painted guidelines. Powered by batteries, they currently have a range of around 40km and can re-charge in just 10 minutes. Could trackless trams, running on a new A40 bus lane, provide a rapid transit link between Burford, Witney and Oxford?

Andy said, **“We desperately need to reduce traffic and provide rapid links into Oxford - a dedicated bus or trackless tram lane needs to be one of the options.”**

BURFORD HIGH STREET

County Council decision on the HGV ban

The 18-month trial ban on HGVs crossing Burford bridge was overturned by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) in January. Since then, the decision has been called into the OCC Cabinet for review. Andy Hayter said, **“Whatever the outcome on the ban, we need to work more closely with other Councils, regional businesses, villages and towns to help resolve the HGV routing problems rather than passing the problem elsewhere.”**

Andy is also suggesting slowing traffic down to 10mph and narrowing the road in one stretch of the High Street to give more priority to pedestrians and deter some of the larger vehicles from cutting through the town.



Wider pavements would give more space for pedestrians, shops and seating

NEW TREES PLANTED ON OXFORD ROAD



On 6 February, nearly twenty volunteers helped to plant a new community orchard on the green along Oxford Road, as part of project funded by the Town Council. When grown, the trees will supply a variety of fruit to the local community.

COMING UP

BURFORD GREEN DRINKS: Informal drinks open to all on the first Thursday of the month. The next one is Thursday 3 March, 8pm at The Mermaid.

BEAGLES REPAIR CAFE: Clothes mending & exchange, PAT testing electrical items, tool sharpening, bicycle maintenance and more. Saturday 19 March, 11am-1pm in the Warwick Hall.

ANDY WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

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How can we help? If you have a comment or query about our area, or to get involved, please get in touch.

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