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GREENS CHALLENGE IN KINGHAM, ENSTONE & ROLLRIGHT

Green vote triples in District Council election

Residents have shown their support for Barry Wheatley and the Green Party in recent local elections.

Green vote tripled since the previous election to come second in the ward with 30% of the votes cast.

This mirrors a wider trend across the country as people recognise the dedicated and hard work shown by Green councillors making a change on real local issues.

Elsewhere in West Oxfordshire, Sandra Simpson was elected in Witney North to become the third Green on the District Council, while nationally Green councillors increased from 537 to 738.



Barry with West Oxfordshire's three Green councillors, Sandra, Rosie and Andrew

Barry said "Thank you so much to everyone for your support. It was a fantastic campaign with a wonderful team, and so good to meet many of you on the doorstep. Going forward, we would love to involve more people and strengthen our local group – please get in touch!"

AIR QUALITY: HEALTH HAZARD TACKLED AFTER 18 YEARS

Action finally being planned in Chipping Norton



Arron welcomes plans to finally tackle harmful pollution in Horsefair/High St

Chipping Norton town centre was identified as a pollution hotspot in 2005. An Air Quality Action Plan was agreed in 2008 but little or no action has been taken and **levels of nitrogen dioxide continue above national health limits**, harmful to hearts, lungs and development.

With the new Council administration came new commitment to tackle pollution. **Consultation on a new draft Action Plan is open** at <https://tinyurl.com/chippy-aq>. Green campaigner Arron Baker said, "It is great to see progress finally being made on this vital health issue – I encourage everyone to review the plan and contribute their ideas."

NATURE RECOVERY: WHAT CAN I DO?

Easy steps for a nature-friendly garden

- Create wildlife highways by making 13cm holes in fences
- Log piles make the perfect bug hotel
- Avoid pesticides and let some weeds grow- wildlife loves them!
- Don't cut your lawn May-July or leave some areas long
- Sow a wildflower seed mix to create a mini meadow
- Support micro-organisms by mulching instead of digging
- Leave a few undisturbed corners
- Rocks and large stones are also a great option

Rewilded gardens will keep themselves in check giving you more time to appreciate and enjoy them.



VOLUNTEERING WITH THE GREEN PARTY

Nicola's experience

“One of the best things about living in rural Oxfordshire is being surrounded by nature. We know that nature is in steep decline, and in an attempt to turn my anxiety about this into action, for the past year I have been volunteering with the West Oxfordshire Greens.

“It has been lovely to meet new people in my neighbourhood, the vast majority of whom have been supportive of the Green Party's aims. It's also been great working with the knowledgeable and friendly bunch who make up the West Oxon Greens. I'd highly recommend volunteering with us. You will be warmly welcomed.”



Nicola (in pink) with local Greens

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have a question or comment about our area or would like to get involved with our campaigns, we would love to hear from you. There are lots of ways to connect and contribute – please get in touch!

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NEWS IN BRIEF

LAST BANK CLOSURES IN CHIPPING NORTON: Barclays is due to close on 6 July. Some banking services are available at the Post Office in the Co-op. For businesses or those who find it harder to get online, TSB are providing a pop-up service on a Tuesday in the Town Hall with Barclays expected to do something similar.

BUS FARES: the national £2 single fare cap is being extended until 31 October. This applies to Stagecoach services S3, 7, 488 and 50 from Chipping Norton towards Oxford, Banbury and Stratford. Live bus times are at <https://bustimes.org>.

CHIPPY GREEN DRINKS: a chance to meet Green Party members and supporters for an informal chat. Talk sustainability, green ideas and anything else! – every fourth Thursday of the month, 8-10pm in The Chequers, Chipping Norton

Feel free to come along

- 27th July
- 24th August
- 28th September



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