

GREEN NEWS

MEON VALLEY



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Local Green Party Campaigners Polly and Danny with Councillor Malcolm Wallace working hard for you in the Meon Valley

“WE CAN GO GREENER FASTER”, SAYS CLLR MALCOLM WALLACE SCHEMES LIKE “WARMER HOMES” VITAL FOR WINCHESTER & MEON VALLEY

Your Green Councillor, Malcolm Wallace reports: “Results from the Council’s 2022 survey found that climate change is important to 85% of residents; the most supported initiatives included: provide more facilities for recycling, insulation to keep homes warm and more use of renewable energy.

“The earlier we take action on climate change the better. Challenge yourself to make your first change to reduce your carbon footprint. Next

month make another change, and so on.”

Green energy specialist, Danny Lee, says: “Residents struggling with rising costs might not know they could qualify for grants of up to £25,000 for energy efficiency improvements to their property under the *Warmer Homes* programme. The scheme is open to homeowners and private rental tenants receiving specific benefits and can help with insulation, heat pumps and solar panels.”



Danny Lee discusses the Warmer Homes scheme with fellow local Green Party campaigner Polly Perry.

“There’s support available for sustainable businesses as well. Find out more on Winchester Green Party website or here: tinyurl.com/funding-help”.

FANTASTIC NEWS: WINCHESTER SAYS “NO” TO FRACKING! IT’S ANOTHER COUNCIL MOTION WIN FROM CLLR MALCOLM WALLACE

“When the Government made a U-turn on its fracking policy last year, I drafted a Council motion to ensure Winchester’s position was clear and opposed to this unsafe and harmful process,” says Malcolm. “The motion was seconded by LibDem Cllr Learney, the Cabinet Member for the Climate Emergency. I’m happy to report that the two-

part motion was passed on 18th January. The first part resolved that Winchester Council opposes fracking for shale gas and the second part that Hampshire County Council, which controls the extraction rights, should withhold any licences for fracking and oppose extraction of oil or gas.”



Danny adds: “Fracking is unsafe so I’m delighted Malcolm’s win has taken this off the agenda for Winchester Council district.”

MALCOLM, DANNY & POLLY: SPEAKING UP FOR ALL IN THE MEON VALLEY

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DETERMINED DANNY SAYS “CONSERVE OUR DOWNLAND NATURAL HERITAGE”



Danny Lee enjoys the panorama view from Old Winchester Hill. On a lucky day you might see rarities like a great grey shrike or a white-tailed eagle soaring high.

Local Green campaigner Danny Lee says “Greens are determined to protect and improve our local environment, especially treasures like the South Downs with its rich bio-diversity.

The Winchester area enjoys beautiful surrounding countryside. Rising above the

Meon Valley, the landmark Old Winchester Hill, an ancient hill fort, sits astride the South Downs Way.

No matter where you are on the Hill you are treated to long-distance views in all directions and surrounded by nature and wildlife diversity. There is a car park but I particularly recommend walking or cycling there via some of the finest scenery in the south of England.

Sightings of red kites, yellowhammers, buzzards, woodpeckers, kestrels are likely, as well as flowers like cowslips and rare orchids, not to mention downland butterflies like the Adonis Blue. All to the sound track of skylarks!”

LOCAL INITIATIVES HELP FIGHT CLIMATE EMERGENCY



Danny Lee talks roof insulation with SWCaS campaigner, Catherine.

Did you know **Sustainable Waltham Chase and Swanmore (SWCaS)** is a new group of local residents seeking to combat the climate emergency and conserve local biodiversity; look out for updates on local Facebook pages.

Danny says: “I and all local Greens wholeheartedly support initiatives such as this Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN) scheme.”

PIONEERING LOCAL MILK FRESH FROM FARM TO FRIDGE 24/7 MEONSTOKE POST OFFICE STORES CHAMPIONS MILK DISPENSER

Meonstoke Village Stores and their local dairy farm have joined forces to set up a 24/7 milk vending machine with fresh free-range milk produced by cows born, reared and milked within the parish. Milk is gently pasteurised on the farm and is dispensed

in 1 litre or 500ml re-usable bottles during opening hours – or bring your own bottle at any time.

Email meonstokefreshmilk@outlook.com or visit Instagram @Meonstokedairy for info.

Local farm shop Westlands also has a milk dispenser and a range of refillables.



Local Green Party campaigner Polly Perry supports this exciting initiative in Meonstoke: “Zero plastic, fewer road miles and fresher produce - what’s not to like?”

HOW TO CONTACT US

We want to hear what matters to you and to help where we can so please do get in touch. Scan the QR code to see how you can get involved.

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