

# MEON VALLEY GREEN NEWS

Your Green Cllrs Malcolm Wallace & Danny Lee wish you  
**A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024**

## PROTECT OUR PRECIOUS CHALK STREAMS NOW!

Green campaigner, Suzanne White is learning about how to check the health of the River Meon by taking part in the 'Riverfly Monitoring Initiative'. Suzanne says: **"Chalk streams, like the River Meon, are a very important rare habitat for wildlife. As none of England's rivers, including chalk streams, meet chemical standards, they are not in a healthy condition. Shockingly, the Government says rivers won't be clean and in good overall health until 2063. More legal protections are needed now to help precious chalk streams recover."** Find out more about how you can help keep rivers healthy here: [theriverstrust.org](http://theriverstrust.org). More info about the 'Riverfly Initiative' here: [riverflies.org](http://riverflies.org)



Suzanne with other volunteers protecting our rivers.

## MORGANS YARD DEVELOPMENT FOR 80 HOMES IN WALTHAM CHASE APPROVED



Malcolm and Suzanne review plans for Morgans Yard.

The application for 80 homes and 716m<sup>2</sup> of Commercial Space at the southern end of Waltham Chase was approved at December's Planning Committee meeting. Shedfield Parish Council has led efforts to respond to the proposals. Cllr Malcolm Wallace says: **"Thanks to the team's efforts, the original plan for 98 homes has been reduced to 80 and planning conditions have been added to address many of the concerns raised, including drainage. This site has been earmarked for development for a long time and, whilst the application is still not ideal, development on brownfield land is better than digging up more of our countryside."**

**MALCOLM AND DANNY: WORKING HARD FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY**

# DANNY SUPPORTS LOCALS WITH INSULATION CHOICES THIS WINTER

Cllr Danny Lee is talking to local people about the benefits of insulating homes. He says: **“The UK Homes Efficiency Report 2022 found only 45% of homes currently have adequate roof or loft insulation and only 35% have cavity wall insulation. These simple measures could save households over £1,000 each year on their energy bills.”** You could be eligible for support under the ‘Great British Insulation’ scheme, for homes in Council Tax bands A-D and with an Energy Performance Certificate of D-G. Check your eligibility here: [tinyurl.com/InsulationSupport](https://tinyurl.com/InsulationSupport). Danny highlights: **“There are many types of insulation, such as natural products, requiring less energy/carbon to produce. There’s the triple benefit of lower bills, climate and nature impacts.”** More info: [tinyurl.com/CATInsulation](https://tinyurl.com/CATInsulation)



Danny advising local people on insulation choices for homes.

## FUNDING FOR BISHOPS WALTHAM SURGERY EXPANSION

Winchester Council has approved £217,000 for the provision of temporary consulting rooms at Bishops Waltham Surgery. Cllr Malcolm Wallace says: **“Whilst it’s disappointing that a long-term solution to GP capacity issues in and around Bishops Waltham is still a long way off, this funding will enable a temporary expansion of the existing surgery, which is great news for local residents.”**

Malcolm and Danny viewing the site to understand the plans.



## HELP FOR LOCAL BUSINESS TO GO GREEN

Danny is supporting local organisations to reduce carbon emissions. He says: **“The ‘Go Greener Faster’ scheme is for not-for-profit organisations to become more sustainable and reduce energy use and carbon emissions. Another scheme helps local creative and tourism businesses to do a carbon reduction assessment as well as providing access to funding opportunities.”** Find out more about both schemes here: [tinyurl.com/WinchesterGreenerFaster](https://tinyurl.com/WinchesterGreenerFaster) [tinyurl.com/LowCarbonAssessment](https://tinyurl.com/LowCarbonAssessment)

## WINCHESTER GREENS WORKING HARD FOR YOU IN THE MEON VALLEY

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We want to hear what matters to you and to help where we can, so please do get in touch.

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