

# WHITELEY & SHEDFIELD GREEN NEWS



## DOUBLE GREEN WIN IN LOCAL ELECTIONS

FIRST GREEN ELECTED TO HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT!



Cllr Malcolm Wallace celebrates his election to Hampshire County Council

Winchester Green Party have doubled their number of council seats from the successes in the recent local council elections. Suzanne White becomes the third Green councillor in the Central Meon Valley ward for Winchester District council. Cllr Malcolm Wallace, already a District councillor, now becomes the first elected Green on Hampshire County Council by winning the Meon Valley seat in the recent by-election. Cllr Malcolm says: **“A massive thank you for all the support we have had across the Meon Valley & Whiteley. It is going to make a big difference to our local area to have Green voices on both Winchester City and Hampshire County Councils.”**

## MEON VALLEY COUNCILLORS CONTINUE FIGHT FOR HEALTHY FRESHWATER WATER QUALITY DATA HELPS CALL FOR ACTION ON OUR LOCAL WATERWAYS

The 'Great UK WaterBlitz' provides an important snapshot of the health of our rivers across the country from data collected by volunteers. Cllr Malcolm Wallace recently took to the water at the River Meon in Droxford to measure the water quality. Malcolm says: **“Citizen science projects like this really empower people to take action by contributing to valuable research but it also helps scientists to collect data on a large scale. This testing allowed us to see first-hand the current quality of the river water in Droxford. Worryingly, our results confirmed that the river is in poor chemical health. Although results can vary depending on the conditions and seasons, it’s clear that more regular monitoring is critical as this will help to drive the actions needed to clean-up our waterways.”** The 'Great UK WaterBlitz' will be running again in September. See: [earthwatch.org.uk/greatukwaterblitz/](http://earthwatch.org.uk/greatukwaterblitz/)



**We need more regular monitoring of water quality in our rivers & waterways**

# VOTE GREEN ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY GENERAL ELECTION

## HARD-WORKING CANDIDATE KATE CAMPAIGNING FOR REAL HOPE & REAL CHANGE



Kate Needham is your Green Parliamentary candidate

The Green Party MP candidate for the new Hamble Valley constituency in the General Election on 4<sup>th</sup> July is Kate Needham. Kate says: "I am honoured to have been chosen as the Green Party's candidate for Hamble Valley. The Green Party stands for a way of doing politics differently with pragmatic, proven policies that can transform our country."

*Did you know? Every Green vote across the country contributes to the funding provided at Westminster for the Green MPs to support their parliamentary work for new thinking and real change.*

Vote **Green** on 4th July to help build a fairer, Greener country.

## MEET MALCOLM – YOUR NEW GREEN COUNCILLOR

I'm very pleased to introduce myself as your new County Councillor. Together with my wife and our three children, I have lived in the Meon Valley for 23 years. About five years ago I started getting more involved in politics and in 2022, I became the first Green elected to Winchester City Council. It has been exciting to see the difference it has made having a Green voice at Winchester and I will work hard to make a difference at County as well.



So, what are some of the key priorities this Municipal Year?

- **Finance** – Addressing the County Council's budget gap is a critical issue. Some change is inevitable, but they need to be proportionate and the impact minimised.
- **Environment** – The climate and nature crises are inextricably linked to our local economies, livelihoods and well-being. I will be pushing for stronger consideration of nature protection in emerging plans and strategies.
- **Local Issues** – Key issues that you've raised with me and need backing include improving public transport & roads, improving recycling, the wastewater challenges and pushing through on infrastructure development.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### FUTURE SERVICES DECISION DELAYED

Following the announcement of a General Election, Hampshire County Council decisions on future services (tip closures, road investment, etc.) have been postponed until the autumn. The review has been driven by the need to close the County Council's £132 million recurring budget gap faced from April 2025. Final decisions on the proposals are now scheduled for October.

### LOCAL CYCLE & WALKING STRATEGY

The Winchester District Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) sets out the ambition for investment in walking and cycling in the District over the next 5-10 years. The draft is out for consultation until 14 July and has sections on the Whiteley core walking zone and the cycle route from Botley to Whiteley. Please give your feedback by completing two short surveys and adding your comments to the map at: [tinyurl.com/WinLCWIP](https://tinyurl.com/WinLCWIP)

## WINCHESTER GREENS WORKING HARD FOR YOU IN WHITELEY & SHEDFIELD

### HOW TO CONTACT US

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

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