

2024
The Year of Elections
Winchester District Green Party

Annual Report – 08.1.2025

Monthly Meetings and Activities

JANUARY

- Open Meeting 'Active travel' - Emily Kerr (Oxford Greens)
- Meon Valley newsletter 'protect our precious chalk streams'



FEBRUARY

- Open Meeting 'Water pollution' - Laura Marston (Kent Greens)
- Hursley solar farm approved
- Campaign meeting - literature underway
- 1st strategy subgroup meeting
- Crowd funder launched
- Allotment work started
- 60 sec surveys in W&S



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MARCH

- SE greens GE candidate hustings

APRIL

- Open meeting 'General Election discussion' - led by Lorraine Estelle
- Safeguarding & data protection review - Sarah & Beata



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MAY

- WCC election and Meon Valley Byelection for HCC
- Summer newsletter - Meon Valley & W&S
- 'Double Green Win in Local elections'
- General Election announced



Time to Celebrate



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JUNE

- Campaigning for GE
- Open Meeting 'Fair healthcare for all and greener transport' - Max Priesemann
- Opportunity to discuss the councils Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
- Restore Nature Now march



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JULY

- General Election
- Walk & Talk in Soberton along the Meon



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AUGUST

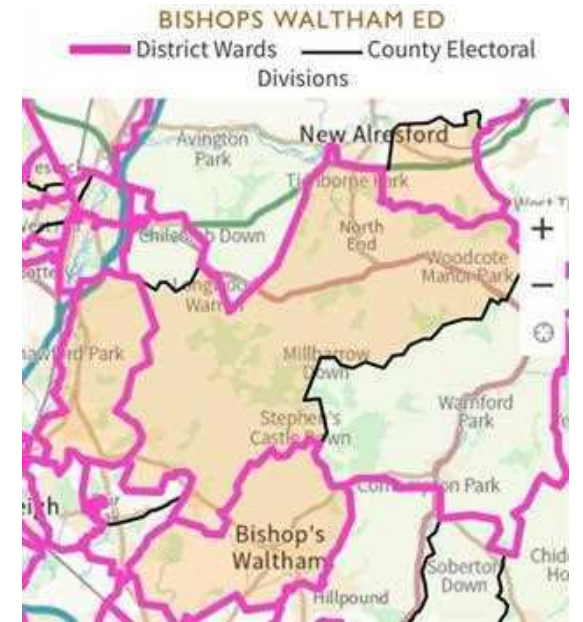
- Walk & Talk 'Special benches around Winchester' - Lorraine Estelle (joined by Test Valley Greens)
- Campaign meeting Meon Valley



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SEPTEMBER

- Walk and Talk 'River Fly monitoring' - Richard Osmond
- Meon Valley - Autumn newsletter 'Swanmore shines with solar'
- 'Green Roots' fundraiser at The Hyde Tavern
- HCC Byelection for Bishops Waltham announced for 31st of October



Green Roots Fundraiser at Hyde Tavern

- Many thanks to Jo Harmer & Rich Turner for organising this event
- Thanks to all musicians who supported it
- ... and of course this was not possible without Ruth from the Hyde Tavern !
- We raised £250 !



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OCTOBER

- EGM to agree updated constitution & strategy
- Open meeting - Kristine Danberg - 'Climate Change and health'

NOVEMBER

- Open meeting - 'GM Potatoes' - Jeff Hooper
- Meon Valley - November Newsletter
- 'Local services saved from council cuts'
- South East Green Party Conference



Monthly Meetings and Activities

DECEMBER

- Open meeting - Our Green Councillors Q&A's
- 'Devolution' White Paper



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
OPEN MEETING
WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER - 7.30PM - ON ZOOM



**SPEAKERS - OUR THREE COUNCILLORS, MALCOLM WALLACE
SUZANNE WHITE AND DANNY LEE**

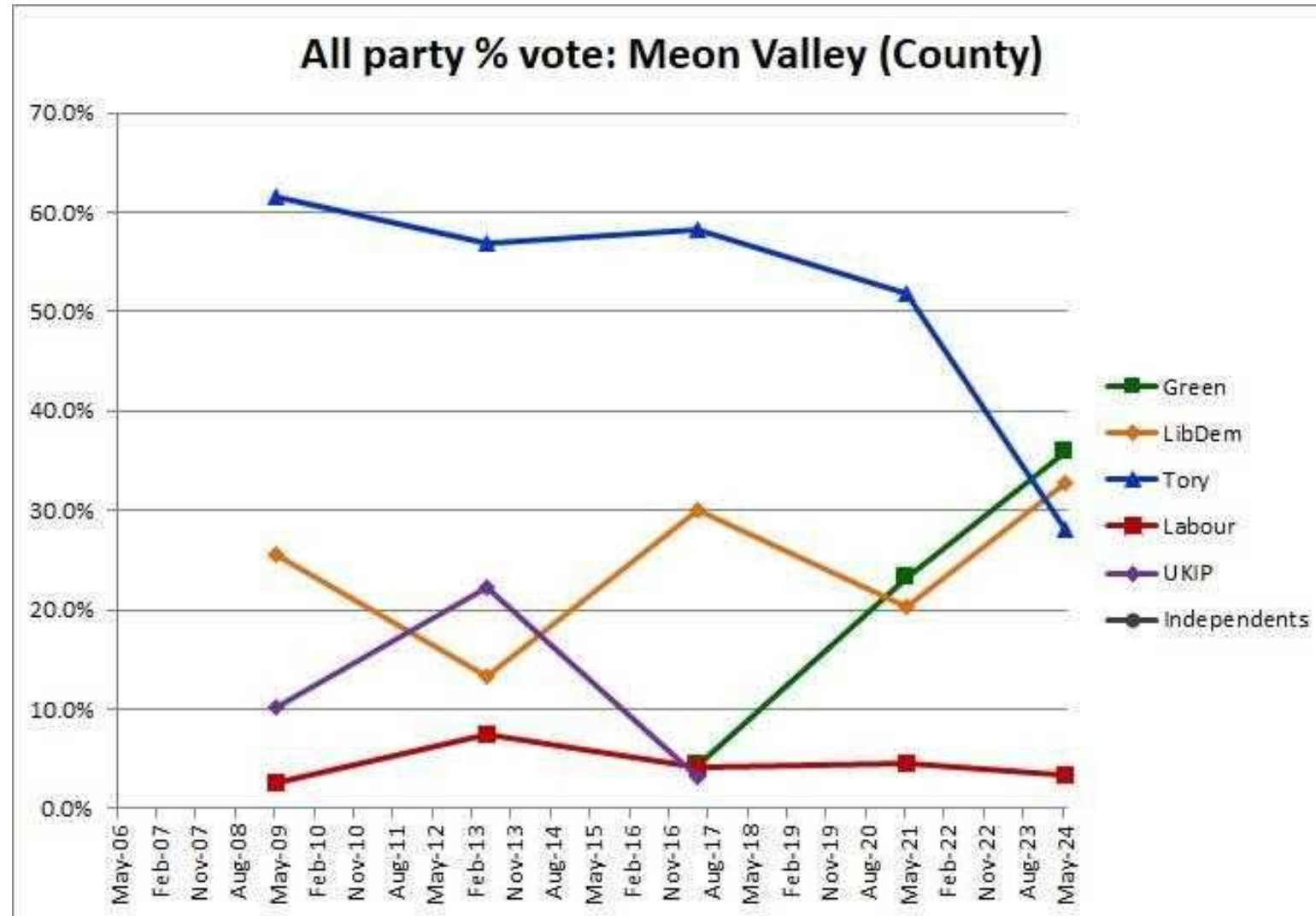
LEARN ABOUT ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILS AND THE
IMPACT OUR THREE COUNCILLORS HAVE HAD IN WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Doubled the number of Green Councillors - Again

- Suzanne White became our 3rd Green Councillor strengthening our Green group at the WCC
- Malcolm Wallace became our First Green Councillor at HCC

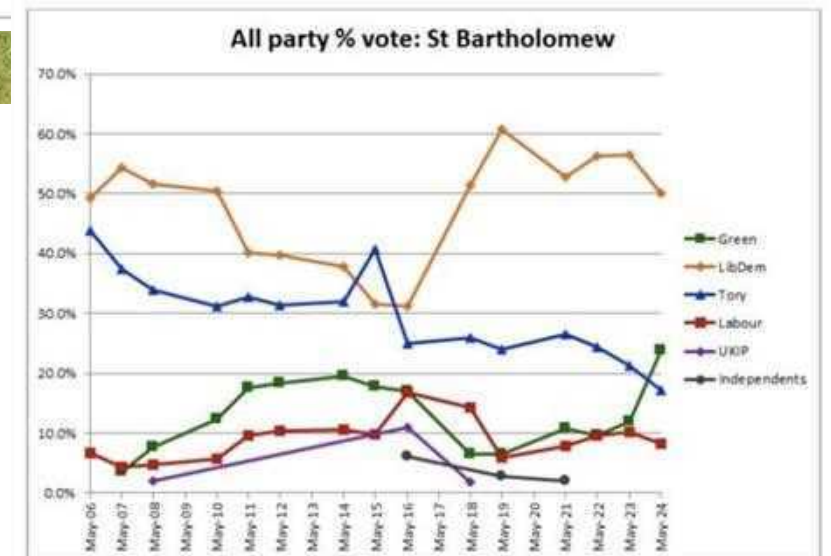
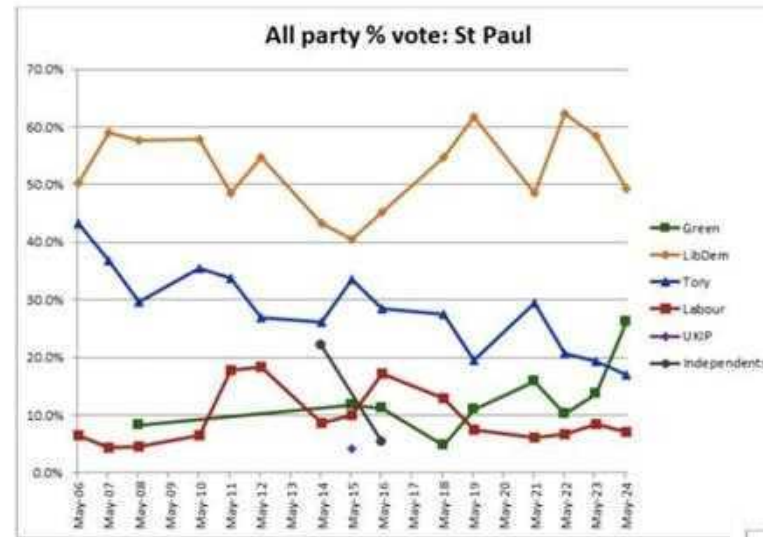


Malcolm – 1st Green Hampshire County Councillor



Winchester Development Wards on 2nd

- Lorraine and Giles were our strong candidates
- We moved the conservatives into 3rd place
- Good position for the next local elections in Winchester!



Another full slate of Candidates for WCC



Suzanne White
Central
Meon Valley >>



Dee Wright
Wonston / Micheldever



Beata Parry
Southwick, Wickham >>



Charlotte Harley
St.Barnabas >>



Dave Westley
Alresford &
Itchen Valley >>



Lorraine Estelle
St.Bartholomew >>



Kate Needham
Whiteley & Shedfield >>



VOTE GREEN



Giles Gooding
St.Paul >>



Elizabeth Riley
Denmead >>



Richard Needham
St.Michael >>



Max Priesemann
Badgers Farm and
Oliver's Battery >>



Richard Cannon
Bishop's Waltham >>



Andrew Pogson
The Worthy's >>



Mike Perrott
St.Luke >>

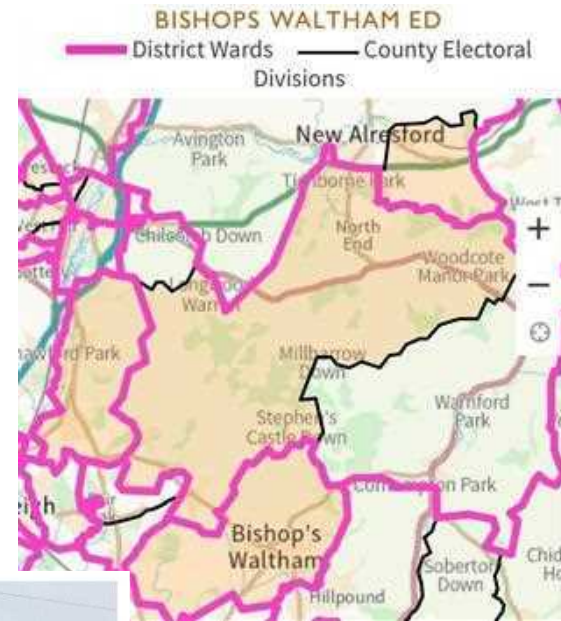
Strong Campaign for the General Election

- Lorraine Estelle standing as candidate in Winchester
- Kate Needham standing for Hamble
- Closely missed to win back our deposit despite a very strong campaign by Lorraine and our team
- Green Party secured greatest number of votes ever in a General Election
- 40 Constituencies where we came second
- 358 deposits retained (compared to 29 deposits in 2019)
- SE greens stood a full slate of candidates in 91 constituencies!




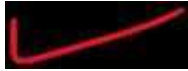


Campaigning in 2 Byelections for HCC

- In October we campaigned in the large division of Bishops Waltham to get Alex Ellis elected



Our Ambitions for 2024, 2025 and beyond...

- 2024:

- Win 3rd councillor in CMV 
- Come 2nd in St.Bartholomew & St.Paul wards 
- Increase our vote share in strategic HCC Meon Valley division areas 
- Increase our profile with a general election candidate 

- 2025:

- Win our first HCC Councillor in Meon Valley 
- ...

Committee

- Zoom meetings, every 3rd Wed
- Co-Chairs: Kate Needham (Membership & campaign),
Max Priesemann
- Sarah Gooding – Election officer
- Giles Gooding – Treasurer
- Beata Perry – Database coordinator, Newsletters
- Richard Cannon – Website manager
- Evelyn Parker & Lorraine – Secretaries
- Malcolm Wallace
- Danny Lee
- Suzanne White
- Chris Gillham
- Rob Parker



Database

- Our database gets more and more detailed and now includes other wards too
- Many thanks to Beata Perry
- Heather Godfrey – Database hosting



Election Officer – In High Demand in 2024

- Many thanks to Sarah Gooding who spend hours chasing us for missing signatures and correcting our paperwork
- All paperwork went in correctly



Our Treasurer kept our books balanced!

- Giles gives us a monthly overview on what goes in and out
- He made sure that we don't overspend and kept us out of the red – Thank You!



...and he was campaigning in St Pauls and Brighton

Richard Needham – Posterboard Expert



Website and Social Media



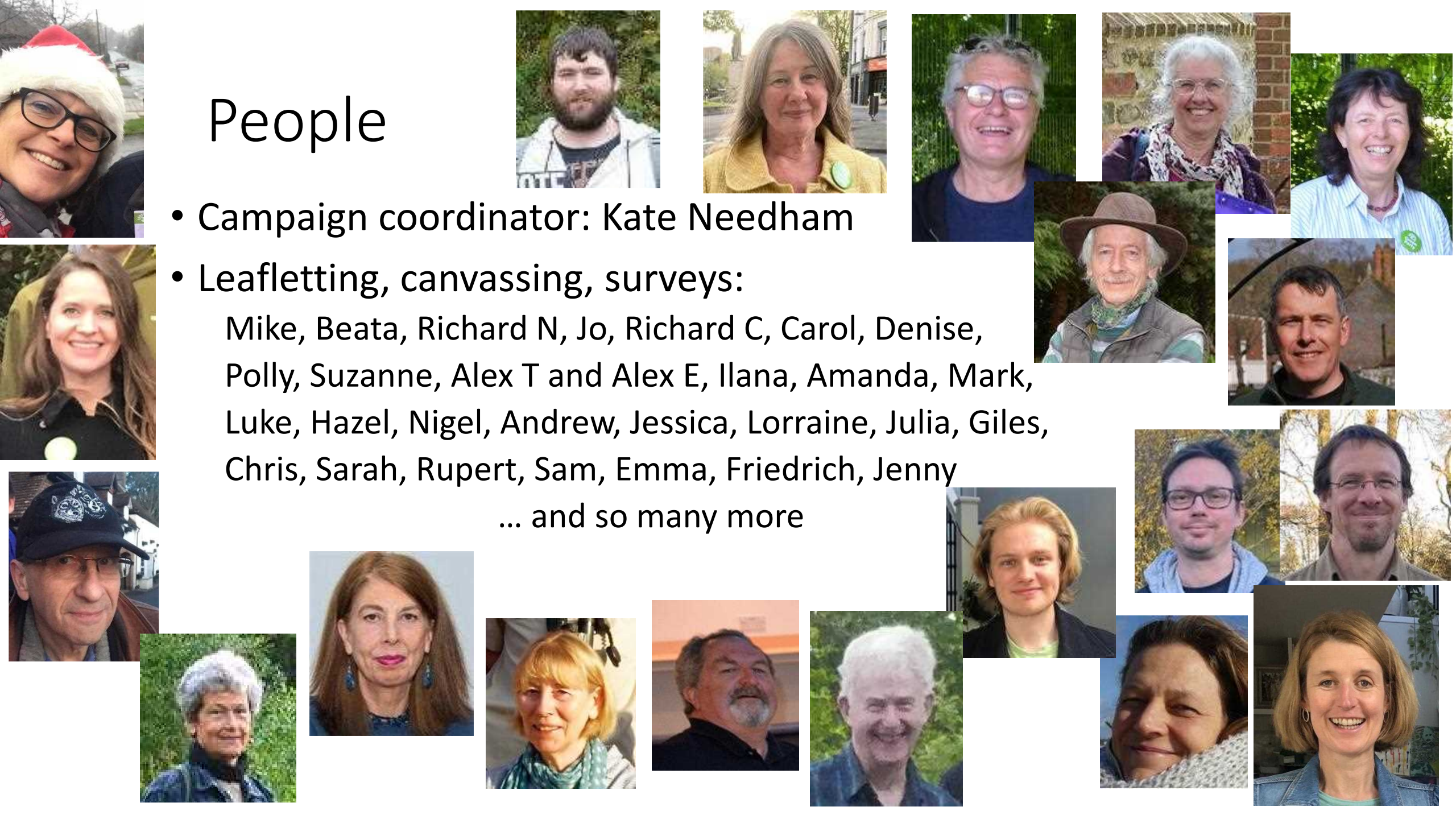
- Richard Cannon transferred our website in the middle of election campaigning to new format as requested by HQ (a helper needed!)
- Social media usage increased on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- Facebook: Max Priesemann, Danny Lee and Richard Cannon
- From X to Bluesky: Giles Gooding and Kate Needham
- Instagram: Richard Cannon (a helper needed!)
- TikTok: Alex Ellis
- Emails via Action Network to communicate with members and supporters
 - Lorraine, Kate and Giles
- WhatsApp groups

People

- Campaign coordinator: Kate Needham

- Leafletting, canvassing, surveys:

Mike, Beata, Richard N, Jo, Richard C, Carol, Denise,
Polly, Suzanne, Alex T and Alex E, Ilana, Amanda, Mark,
Luke, Hazel, Nigel, Andrew, Jessica, Lorraine, Julia, Giles,
Chris, Sarah, Rupert, Sam, Emma, Friedrich, Jenny
... and so many more



Thank you to all who donated!

- Without these funds we can't afford any campaigns.

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General Election 2024 Campaign Fund

by [Kate Needham](#) in Winchester, Hampshire, United Kingdom



To ensure that everyone who wants to can vote Green and to keep the momentum of our recent success going.

✓ **We did it**

On 28th June 2024 we successfully raised £880 with 23 supporters in 28 days

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Why we need your help
The General Election is really close (Thursday 4th July). We want to ensure that everyone who wants to can vote Green and to reach people with our positive

Malcolm and Kate at the SE Green Party

- Malcolm Wallace has been Co-Chair until the end of 2024
- Kate Needham has been elected as Elections Coordinator in 2024



EGM – New Constitution and Strategy

Winchester District Green Party (WDGP) Strategy
2024-2027

PREAMBLE

This is the WDOF 'Go forward Strategy' for the next three years for 2024 -2027

There are two priorities in our Constitution that guide the local party

- To promote the aims of GPEW (Green Party of England and Wales) as stated in its constitution.
- To win seats at all levels of government following agreed local and GPEW strategies and in consultation with GPEW staff.

OUR MISSION

Our mission to achieve the priorities above is:

- To build a local party with a growing support base
- To achieve year on year increases in elected local government Green Party representation
- To work to deliver the progressive social, economic, and environmental solutions for people, communities and the planet, tailored to our local challenges

STRATEGY

Our Strategy is to deliver our mission.

- Raise awareness of Green Party principles & ways of working
- Increase local party membership and member engagement that supports growth of the local party
- Develop & enhance the membership skills and available resource to support our mission, matching skills to needs
- Identify target and development seats for County & District elections based on the best match to available resources & opportunities
- Develop and deliver plans for target and development seats, including:
 - Data plan
 - Fundraising plan
 - Communication plan
 - Campaign plan, including data management
- Review and update our strategy as and when necessary

Winchester District Green Party Constitution

Ratified at EGM October 2024

1. NAME AND DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. The name of the party shall be Winchester District Green Party, hereafter referred to as 'WDGP' or 'the party'.
- 1.2. WDGP is a constituent part of the Green Party of England and Wales (GPEW), and also forms part of the South East Green Party.
- 1.3. The boundaries of WDGP are defined as Winchester City Council district area.
- 1.4. The term "Executive Committee" shall describe the group of elected local party officers that shall form to make decisions on behalf of the wider party and take responsibility for the day-to-day running of it.
- 1.5. The term "members" shall describe current members of WDGP only, as defined in section 3. It does not include members deemed to be 'in grace' by the membership system. ('Grace' is a 6 month period following a member's omission to pay subs.)
- 1.6. The "AGM" is the Annual General Meeting of the party, where key decisions shall be made, as defined by this document, such as executive committee elections and changes to this Constitution. The "EGM" or Extraordinary General Meeting is a similar meeting called specifically to make decisions usually reserved for an AGM, but where time does not permit waiting for that annual meeting.

2. AIMS

Plans and Ideas for 2024

Mostly achieved

- Improve communications
 - Moving from Slack to Whatsapp
 - Using Google Drive to share documents
 - Helpers needed for Website, Instagram and TikTok
 - Press officer
- Update of our Constitution
- Defining our Strategy
- Increase Supporter and Funding Capacity
 - Fundraising music event in Hyde Tavern
 - Green Party allotment group
 - Welcome Pack for new members
- Increase diversity - Green Society at Uni



We have started to better organise our documents on Drive for committee members to be able to share and store better

Targeting our Campaigns

- CMV ward and Meon Valley division remain our targets
- Development areas:
 - Whiteley and Shedfield as it is part of HCC Meon Valley division
 - St Pauls and St Barts in Winchester (possibly St Michaels) depending funding and recruitment of active volunteers and candidates

Challenges

- Short of resources
 - Without support and funding we will not be able to repeat our successes
 - We need to target our resources carefully
 - Increase active membership
 - Increase fundraising
- White Paper for so called 'Devolution' may throw a spanner into our plans for 2025 and 2026
 - Strategic Authorities led by a Major, elected by FPTP
 - Unitary authorities
 - Postponed elections
 - Collaboration with neighbouring parties in Hampshire

THANK
you!