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The Newsletter of York Green Party

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All residents are warmly invited to the annual meeting of the Guildhall Ward Committee

Thursday 26th May in the Council Chamber,
The Guildhall, St Helen's Square, York YO1 9QL

6.30 – 7.00pm informal chat with ward councillors

7.00 – 9.00pm ward meeting

A chance to enjoy the historic Council Chamber and raise issues with ward councillors.

- ❖ An update on projects funded by the ward committee over the last year; representatives of funded projects will tell us a little about what they have done
- ❖ An update on ward budgets for this year and discussion of our ward aims and objectives (based on what residents told us about priorities at a previous meeting)
- ❖ Report and election of the Guildhall Ward Planning Panel – local residents who comment on planning applications in the ward – contact us if you are interested in joining the panel
- ❖ Open space for community news and for residents to raise issues

This meeting is for everyone who lives in Guildhall ward (if you are getting this newsletter you live in Guildhall ward!). I look forward to meeting you there.

Denise Craghill, Green Party councillor for Guildhall



A new residents' association for the Navigation / Walmgate area is starting up.

Initial meeting to set up a committee on Weds. 25th May – contact us if you'd like to come, and also if you can't make that time but would like to be involved anyway.



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Greenfields School and Community Garden

CLlr Craghill recently visited this fantastic community space just off Haxby Road opposite the Primary school. The sudden hailstorm only held back the enthusiastic group of volunteers briefly! Managed by nearby residents in conjunction with the school, it includes an expanding orchard of fruit and nut trees, fruit bushes and vegetable beds plus plenty of space to just enjoy being outdoors. Anyone who lives in the area is very welcome to join the group, which also holds community events in the garden and has weekly evening gardening sessions on Thursdays at 6.30pm. Find them on Facebook – ‘Greenfields: School & Community Garden’ or contact us if you don’t use the internet.

The Groves Association – get informed, get dancing!

This covers the whole area of The Groves up as far as Walpole Street, between Haxby Rd and Huntington Rd and down to Lord Mayor’s Walk. The Committee always welcomes any residents who would like to get involved. The Association holds regular open meetings with invited speakers to answer your questions on topics such

as anti-social behaviour, waste & recycling, traffic & transport and other local concerns. Plans are underway for a Summer Party with food and activities for kids and adults on Sat. July 16th including a live band and chance to dance the night away! To get involved and/or join the email list contact GrovesAssociation@gmail.com or contact us if you don’t use the internet.

Drop kerbs in the Groves

CLlr Craghill worked with the Groves Association to identify what was needed and chase up some funding for improving pedestrian crossing points around the Lowther Street area. These are now marked up and hopefully their implementation will be an improvement.

Pedestrian priority for city centre streets

CLlr Craghill has been pressing for proper enforcement of the limited access arrangements for cars and other vehicles to the area which includes Goodramgate, Church Street, Kings Square, Colliergate, St Saviourgate and Fossgate. She said ‘Comments in the media from Executive member Ian Gillies about the possible pedestrianisation of Fossgate are very welcome.’

The successful Fossgate car-free festivals have started again on the first Sunday of each month, next one **Sunday 5th June**, from 10.00am. Find them on Facebook under ‘Fossgate’.

Ward councillor surgery

Sat. 18th June: 10am – 12noon, York Explore Café

A chance to raise issues and talk to your councillors.

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