

GREENLIGHT

NEWSLETTER OF YORK GREEN PARTY



SERVING FISHERGATE, SOUTH OF LAWRENCE ST, KEXBY AV, REGENT ST/ HESLINGTON RD AREA, STREETS EITHER SIDE OF FULFORD RD AND THE BROADWAY AREA DOWN TO HESLINGTON LANE/ ST OSWALDS RD.

GREEN SUCCESSES



Cllr Andy D'Agorne and Cllr Dave Taylor would like to thank everyone who voted Green on 2 May (and 23 May) giving resounding victories in both local and Euro Elections.

On 23 May votes of York residents helped to elect our first Green MEP for Yorkshire and the Humber region, with

11,423 votes for Magid Magid, nearly double the number of votes for Labour across the whole of York.

The Green Party more than doubled our total of UK MEPs representing most English regions.

We will continue to campaign for a public vote on the final terms of Brexit, with an option to Remain in preference to the economically disastrous notion of 'No deal Brexit' advocated by many of the Conservative candidates seeking to replace Theresa May.

GREENS FORM 'PROGRESSIVE PARTNERSHIP' WITH LIB DEMS

Our prediction that no one party would secure a majority of seats on City of York council proved to be right on 2 May, leaving four Greens with the balance of power.

As the Conservative vote collapsed, Liberal Democrats took 21 seats compared with Labour securing 17.

With 47 seats in total, the four Greens were in a position to negotiate a leading role in a Lib Dem led administration, with two seats on the Executive to include the position of Deputy Leader.

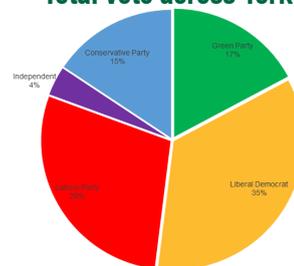
Talks with Labour had established that there was no appetite for a 'grand coalition' between the three parties

The only other option of a minority Labour/ Green administration, three councillors short of a working majority would have been at the mercy of a handful of Tory and ex-Tory independent councillors.

The new Lib Dem/Green partnership is committed to a series of policy measures with action on the climate emergency being central to the four year programme.

In the new Executive, **Cllr Andy D'Agorne** has the role of Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Transport. Green councillor for Guildhall ward **Denise Craghill** has taken on responsibility for the Housing portfolio.

Total vote across York



SUMMER FAIR

SUNDAY JULY 7TH

The successful Millennium Fields Fair will again take place in a few weeks, with music, family entertainment, snacks and information about local voluntary groups in the ward.

The event will feature a full free programme through the afternoon with Historia Normannis battle re-enactment, a Family Dog Show, Treasure Hunt etc on the field close to the Millennium Bridge.

YOUR LOCAL GREEN COUNCILLORS WORKING HARD FOR YORK



Magid Magid – the new Green MEP for Yorkshire & the Humber brought his election campaign to York on 19th May.

He met voters in the city centre and added his voice to the protests against controversial plans to build 500 homes near **Askham Bog**.



TRANSPORT POLICY

Cllr Andy D'Agorne new Executive Member for Transport said, "It is a great honour to take on the policy steer for transport within York.

While I would hope to tackle some thorny issues in Fishergate I will be dealing with the whole city and the need to respond to challenges of York Central, Castle Gateway, City Centre and our Local Plan."

BIKE PARKING PILOT

After two years of negotiations, the first on-street 'bike hangar' secure cycle parking facility in York is expected to be installed this month on Heslington Road.

This will be installed as a ward funded six month trial which could be extended to other locations across the city.

Taking up less than one parking space, it provides secure parking for up to six bikes, as an alternative to



keeping the bike in the backyard or small living room of a terraced house.

See www.cyclehoop.rentals for more details.

EVENTS THIS SUMMER

Fishergate Ward Meeting Tuesday 23 July – 4pm

Your councillors will hold their first open meeting of the new council year on Tue 23 July starting at 4pm.

We will be meeting in the Arts Barge marquee in Tower Gardens during the summer festival. The early start is due to a meeting clash for Cllr Taylor.

If you're unavailable until later you can still join us from 6pm for a Castle Gateway walkabout led by Andy Kerr to learn about the regeneration plans for the area.

York Festival of Ideas – 4th to 16th June
yorkfestivalofideas.com

Refugee Week – 17th to 23rd June
www.refugeeactionyork.org/refugee-week

Riverside Festival – 16th July to 8th August with a five day free festival at Tower Gardens from 24th to 28th July
www.artsbarge.com/festival

Great Yorkshire Fringe – 18th to 28th July
www.greatyorkshirefringe.com

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