

**HAYWARDS HEATH
ELECTION NEWS****Allan
Murray****Deanna
Nicholson****David
Woolley****Our Candidates on 6th May****WHERE DOES YOUR COUNCIL TAX GO?****West Sussex Reset Plan 2021-2025**

Local Government taxes have increased by 16% in the last four years. Of the total budget of £1.6bn just £5m (0.3%) is spent on **energy and sustainability**. Schools, children's services, **adult social care** cost £1288m, 80% of the total budget. Many struggle to pay these taxes and others wonder why this Council fails to provide decent highway services. The Reset Plan reveals where the money is going.

**This plan reveals where
the money will be spent****Increasing Recycling of Household Waste**

The Reset Plan claims to focus on what it's doing about **Climate Change** over the next four years. It defines 52 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). **CC** is displayed against only three KPIs. Of these only KPI 23 will advance this claim. We support the collection and processing of food waste to avoid Methane from land-fill. At the moment there's insufficient **anaerobic digester** plant capacity to treat food waste from every household in Mid Sussex. That facility must be **built now**.

WHAT'S OUR GREEN PLAN IN WEST SUSSEX?

We will campaign to raise awareness about the environmental cost of **food waste**, encouraging good shopping, avoiding impulse purchases and doing more home cooking, We will find out if waste is 'recycled' or is it going to land-fill or incineration.

Central government's most recent £2bn 'Green Homes Grant' scheme failure follows on from the 2012 Coalition government's 'Green New Deal' which was killed off by high interest rates and lack of ambition.

**Share with Care****We will enable
retrofitting existing
homes to reduce
greenhouse
emissions.**

We will campaign for traffic calming in Haywards Heath town centre and encourage, **walking and cycling** instead of short car journeys. We will champion safe cycle routes from Haywards Heath to Lindfield and Scaynes Hill and between Cuckfield and Haywards Heath, Harlands Road .

We will encourage and work with developers to offer **eco-upgrades** to people buying new build homes **off-plan**

**Renewable energy missing
from New Builds**

WHAT WILL WE LEAVE FOR OUR CHILDREN?

Protect the interests of those who come after us

The Green Party has always taken a longer-term view of the difficult issues that we must all confront. Our **Future Generations Bill** is now progressing through parliament and will establish an obligation on all government departments and companies to take account of the effects of their actions on the environment. Every facet of our society will be affected by and benefit from this policy. It seeks to allow us to thrive while safeguarding the world we leave for our children and grandchildren.



Acorns into Oaks

CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY

The Private Members Bill by Caroline Lucas calls for, far-reaching government action. Supported by over 100 MPs from all parties it draws attention to missing elements in the Environment Bill which is currently going through parliament.

- To deal with the UK's fair share of emissions and critical **global rises in temperatures**;
- Our entire **carbon footprint** to be taken into account, both in the UK and overseas;
- The active conservation and restoration of nature here and overseas, recognising the damage we cause due to the **goods we import**;
- Not to rely on future **unproven technologies** as an excuse to carry on polluting;
- Ordinary people to have a real say on the right way forward in a **Citizens' Assembly**.

HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN CENTRE MASTER PLAN

Green Party Councillors at Mid Sussex DC were not satisfied with the Haywards Heath Town Centre Master Plan and did not approve the Supplementary Planning Document on 31st March. The plan does not even think about climate change or greenhouse gases. Low-traffic neighbourhoods are needed to cut air pollution to protect everyone's health and well-being. We also question the proposals in the SPD to close small car parks including Franklynn Road and build a multi-story carpark at The Orchards.

SOUTH-EAST CLIMATE ALLIANCE PLEDGE

Green Party candidates welcome the opportunity to make the **ABCD Climate Action Pledge**. This means that, if elected, we will press the council to **AIM** to set lower CO2 emissions targets, **BUILD** alliances, **COMMUNICATE** and feedback what's happening and **DIVEST** from fossil fuel investments.

In this **ELECTION NEWS** we challenge the County Council **RESET PLAN** and we have challenged the Haywards Heath Masterplan SPD. We challenge a lack of ambition to provide **ACTIVE** travel and reduce car journeys. There is much to do. **You** have the opportunity to elect a more politically balanced Council including Green Councillors.

PLEASE USE YOUR VOTE TO ELECT A GREEN PARTY COUNCILLOR ON MAY 6TH 2021



Allan Murray
Cuckfield
Lucastes &
Bolnore Village

Residents are often frustrated by the failure of our local government to attend to simple things. Green Party councillors will always work hard and try and resolve problems with service delivery. The Conservative Party have a huge majority at Chichester and are more than likely to continue to be in control of the County Council after the May 2021 elections. Having Greens in the room will make a big difference so that Green Party councillors can scrutinise the discredited cabinet system of decision making.



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Please visit our website midsussex.greenparty.org.uk to read about the personal values of our candidates and more information on issues raised in this leaflet.



David Woolley
Lindfield
& High Weald
Villages

ALLAN, DEANNA, & DAVID: WORKING WITH PEOPLE AND GETTING THINGS DONE