

Dear Members & Supporters,

Well now we are officially in election time here in South Somerset. All our nominations made it in by the deadline and were accepted, so we have a whole array of Green Party candidates standing for election on May 2nd.

Firstly, I can give you the fabulous news that both I and my husband Rob are now Brympton Parish Councillors. Rob has already been serving on the council for several years, having been previously co-opted, but now there are two Greens representing the people of the parish.

We can confirm all our 2nd May candidates are as follows:

District Council Elections

Chard Crimchard Ward –	Tim Eggins
Crewkerne Ward –	Ben Hartshorn
Ilminster Ward –	Peter Lansdown
South Petherton Ward –	Colin Comben
Yeovil Lyde Ward –	Karen Stutz
Yeovil Summerlands Ward –	Diane Wood, Rob Wood and Alan Flint
Yeovil Westlands Ward –	Michael Vickery

Town Council Elections

Chard Combe Ward –	Serena Wooton
Chard Crimchard Ward –	Tim Eggins
Crewkerne –	Ben Hartshorn
Yeovil Crofton Park Ward –	Alan Flint
Yeovil Grove Avenue Ward –	Rob Wood
Yeovil Summerlands Ward –	Michael Vickery
Yeovil Wyndham Hill Ward –	Diane Wood

A massive thank you to everyone who agreed to stand for the Green Party and allow so many people the opportunity to vote Green in 2019.

The deadline for registering to vote is April 12th, so please urge anyone you know living in these wards who isn't registered to consider doing so.

Our upcoming meeting next week (**at Eleos Chard on Wednesday 11th at 7pm**) will serve as an 'official' campaign launch for SSGP. We are asking for as many members and supporters to be there as possible so we can take some publicity photos for social media and possibly leaflets. We want to show that we are a force to be reckoned with!

In other news, I spoke last week on the People's Podium when it visited Yeovil with the Extinction Rebellion marchers, who were passing through on their March for Life between Land's End and Westminster. My husband took the day off work to join the Marchers on the Tinker's Bubble to Yeovil leg and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Some upcoming events you may be interested in:

Sat 6th April – The Pop-up Eco Supermarket, Odcombe

Sun 7th April – Litter Picking, White Mead, Yeovil

Sun 7th April – Glastonbury Nuclear Barrel costume workshop (making costumes for use in demos)

Tues 9th April – Film: Tales of Resistance – The Battle of the Newbury Bypass, Glastonbury

Sat 13th April – EcoBrick Event @ TNW, Take No Wrap, Yeovil

Good Friday 19th April – Plastic Free Chard litter pick

Easter Sat 20th April – Vegan Foods, Arts, Craft & Holistic Fayre, Chard Guildhall

Sat 27th April – Yeovil Vegan Market

Sat 27th April – Great Dorset Beach Clean, Bridport

I hope to see lots of you next week in Chard. Until next month.

Best wishes

Diane Wood (PPC and Membership Secretary)