

Dear Members & Supporters,

Welcome to my latest PPC newsletter. It's just a quick one as we are all pretty busy during these summer holiday months.

On a personal note I've passed my Year One Sophrology exams, yippee! Bring on Year Two.

South Somerset Plan Consultation.

South Somerset District Council are currently reviewing the Local Plan and are having a public consultation about it. For example, it includes considerable chunks of additional housing development on green field sites around Yeovil. Therefore I think it is worth all of us taking the time to look at the details and to have our say about this as residents and taxpayers. The deadline is 18th September.

<http://consult.southsomerset.gov.uk/consult.ti/PreferredOptionsConsultation/consultationHome>

Want to be a Councillor?

Following a recent resignation, there is a position available on Brympton Parish Council. The details will be advertised by the Council shortly, online and on their notice boards, so please consider applying if you live within 3 miles of, or work within the Parish.

July Meeting

Many thanks to Amanda for hosting a lovely get together in her yurt in Hinton St. George this month. We had a really good turnout, including three new Party members. There was quite a lot of passionate discussion and sharing of views. Thank you to everyone who came along to share their knowledge and experience. Minutes of this meeting are to be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

Next SSGP Meeting

Our next get together is going to be in Ilminster in September (date to follow). If you have anything that needs to be put on the agenda, please contact Alan at contact@southsomersetgreenparty.org.uk.

Some upcoming events you may be interested in:

Third Saturday of every month – Sustainable Yeovil Walk and talk, Ninesprings Café from 10am

Tues 30th July – Joint Family Fun Day at Ninesprings Yeovil run by Yeovil Rivers Trust and the Country Park

1st-4th August – The Green Gathering 4-day camping festival, Piercefield Park, Chepstow

Sat 3rd Aug – The Pop-up Eco Supermarket, Odcombe from 9am

Tuesdays 6th Aug/20th Aug/3rd Sept/17th Sept – Volunteer Tuesday, activities, tour and lunch at Hewood Organics nr. Chard

Sat 10th Aug – Somerset Loves Europe stall in Yeovil from 10:30

Sat 17th Aug – Doughnut Day at Take No Wrap Yeovil, pop-up shop within the shop from 11am

Sat 31st Aug – Chard Eco Fair, Crowchute Centre from 10-2

Sat 14th September – Clothes Swap at Take No Wrap from 18:30

Sat 21st September – The Big Green Gig, Chard Guildhall, doors open at 7pm. A full line-up of music plus special guest speaker Deputy Leader of the Green Party Amelia Womack!!

4-6th October – Green Party Autumn Conference in Newport

Sun 13th October – Plastic Free Chard Litter Pick 10-12

Sat 19th October – Crewkerne Vegan Market at the Town Hall from 10:00

Sat 19th October – Sustainable Yeovil Mass Unwrap at a supermarket, details to follow

Until next month.

Best wishes

Diane Wood (PPC and Membership Secretary)