

Dear Members & Supporters,

Another month has gone by and it has been a busy one.

Rob and I really enjoyed meeting lots of interesting people at the Green Scythe Fair on the 10th. We had a modest stand, sandwiched between some beautiful handmade plates and the chaps from Monkton Wyld. We had lots of great conversations about politics and green issues, and it was a chance to meet up with other Green Party members and officers from other areas.

One group that I must give a mention to are the fantastic ladies from 'Somerset Against the Badger Cull' who had a colourful stand at the Fair. They are preparing for the expansion of the cull, due to begin at the end of August in areas throughout Somerset, including near here. As an animal lover and passionate objector to the cull, I have pledged to help them raise awareness and take action as much as I can in my role as PPC for the Green Party.

Please follow their activities here:

somersetagainstthebadgercull.uk

Facebook - @SABC

Twitter - @SomersetATBC

Watch this space for further updates on my activities trying to help their cause.

Meanwhile a by-election has been called here in Yeovil for Preston Ward on the Town Council for 26th July. This is the same Ward I stood as a candidate in back in November, so it's a case of déjà vu! Last time we didn't have a chance to do any campaigning, apart from telling on Election Day and I was pleased to get 5% of the vote on this basis. This time we have a lovely leaflet to go through every letterbox in the Ward. This is a good precursor to the local elections next May, and a fantastic opportunity to let people know they have Green voting options here.

I'm the only woman candidate standing and the current make-up of YTC is rather interesting:

23 current councillors – 19 LibDem, 2 Conservative & 2 Labour (a little top heavy with those LibDems, methinks!)

Only 5 women – that's a mere 9% of the council!!!

I'm going to be attending our next meeting at Eleos Café in Chard this Friday 6th July at 7pm. I look forward to meeting some new faces and catching up with those of you I already know.

Until next month.....

Best wishes

Diane Wood (PPC and Membership Secretary)