

Dear all,

It's been a very busy few weeks for me, hence the delay in sending my regular email this month.

Somerset Live recently asked me to make a statement about the drastic removal of trees in the Preston Road/Asda area of Yeovil for the Western Corridor scheme:

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/angry-residents-appalled-savage-cull-1230810>

I was also lucky enough to be selected to be in the audience of Question Time in Yeovil (the only Green I am aware of that was). I put forward two questions: one about inadequate dementia support (something close to home for our family), and the other about homelessness. Sadly, neither was chosen to be used for the programme so I was on a mission to have my say anyway. So my hand was in the air for quite a long time before I was rewarded for my perseverance with a chance to speak. The subject of increased testing for primary school children is something I feel passionately about as the parent of a child due to start school this September. I don't want to put her under pressure at a young age just so the government can use the resulting statistics to put together league tables and make some nice graphs! The kids are there to learn and enjoy learning, not be put under undue mental stress.

Then the snow came.....so I was unable to attend my first ever Spring Conference. I was due to take little'un with me on the Saturday and use the GP crèche so I thought the journey would be a little too risky with a young child. However, I followed events as much as I could online via the Members' Website Live Feed and social media. As I tweeted at the time, I am proud to be Green 🍀

I had a very good reason for not being able to attend conference on the Sunday – hosting a 4th birthday party for my daughter and 14 of her friends! Very exhausting!

So, upcoming events.....

A reminder that our meeting this month will be this coming Monday 19th March at YESS Club at 7.30p.m.

Earth Hour Chard is on Saturday 24th March:

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/EarthHourChard/>

Rob and I are hoping to attend some of the free Eco Talks in the afternoon at The Phoenix Hotel. Hopefully we'll see some of you there.

As someone who is Salisbury born and bred I am still reeling from recent events in the city. Our world just got a lot more scary and sinister, and it is easy to feel fearful. However, we must continue to stand together against tyranny in the world, wherever it may be. There's not much us citizens can do but campaign and keep up the fight, to ensure our voices are heard.

Best wishes,



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