

Dear Members & Supporters,

I've got a lot to pack into this month's newsletter so here we go.....

### **Local Elections.**

Firstly, congratulations go to Ben Hartshorn and Serena Wootton for becoming our first ever elected councillors here in the Yeovil Constituency area that SSGP covers. Serena won a seat on Chard Town Council by one vote and Ben won a seat on Crewkerne Town Council.



My thanks also goes to Tim, Alan, Michael, Peter, Colin and Karen for also standing as candidates across our area; although you guys didn't win, you gave so many people the opportunity to vote Green for the first time. My thanks also goes to the small team who delivered thousands of leaflets across Yeovil and Chard, and helped us out with our campaign, we need more like you next time please. Finally, I also give my thanks to all those fantastic people who voted for us all, without you we wouldn't have won the two seats and shown the other parties we are a growing force to be reckoned with.

No candidate in your area this time? Then please do consider standing for us in the County elections in 2020. You don't need to be a member to represent us and we simply need more candidates if we are to offer more people that choice. For further information, please contact Rob [robwood@talktalk.net](mailto:robwood@talktalk.net). Meanwhile, we will watch out for any by-elections that might come up and let you know.

Do you live and/or work in Crewkerne? Do you have friends/family who do? If so, then Ben Hartshorn wants to hear from you. What are the issues in the town that you think he needs to tackle as our new Green Party Town Councillor? Please email Ben on [benhartshorn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:benhartshorn@yahoo.co.uk).

### **Chard Green Party.**

What has become clear recently is that the Chard area is very key in our campaigning, with many of our membership residing there and very positive responses to our activities. Therefore, under the

leadership of Tim Egging and Serena Wootton, Chard Green Party will be operating as a separate campaign group under the SSGP umbrella. Tim and Serena will be organising regular Chard Green Party meetings and activities designed to promote the party and its candidates specifically in this area. They welcome any members and supporters to join them in planning towards May 2020 elections. We will still have general SSGP meetings in Yeovil, Ilminster and Crewkerne (see events below), and I will try to attend as many meetings as I can to stay in touch with all our campaigning across our region.

### **European Elections.**

The Green Party has asked us to volunteer to deliver leaflets in our area on their behalf for the upcoming European Elections. If any of you are willing to do this in your neighbourhood, please contact Rob by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> advising how many leaflets you would like - [robwood@talktalk.net](mailto:robwood@talktalk.net)

### **Green Scythe Fair.**

The popular Green Scythe Fair is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June and we have a Green Party stall there again. If there are any members who are interested in helping to run the stall on the day, even just for a short period of time, then please contact Rob – [robwood@talktalk.net](mailto:robwood@talktalk.net)

### **Some upcoming events you may be interested in:**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May – Frack Free Bingo, Birchfield Community Centre, Yeovil from 7pm

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May – SSGP Meeting, YESS Club, Yeovil from 7pm

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May – Baby and Toddler Event at Take No Wrap, Yeovil 2-4pm

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May – Green Party Chard Meeting, Eleos from 7pm

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> May – Ecofair Yeovil, Holy Trinity Church from 10am

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June – The Pop-up Eco Supermarket, Odcombe from 9am

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Art Exhibition



Sun 16<sup>th</sup> June – Sherborne Independent Market from 10-4

Weds 17<sup>th</sup> July – Sustainable Yeovil talk at Yeovil Library 10:30-12:30

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> July – Plastic Free Chard Litter Pick from 10am

Until next month.

Best wishes

Diane Wood (PPC and Membership Secretary)