

CHASE ISSUES

NO. 12

NEWS FROM CLLR PAUL WOODHEAD, STUART CRABTREE AND
THE CANNOCK CHASE GREEN PARTY

DELIVERED BY VOLUNTEERS



Cllr Paul Woodhead



Stuart Crabtree



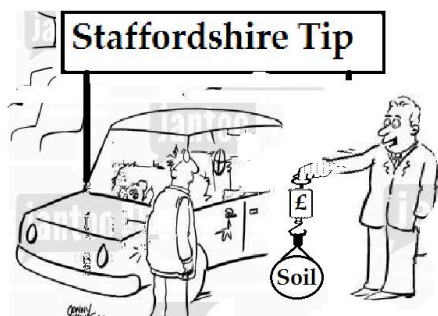
QR link to petition

MONEY FOR NOTHING? NO STAFFS TIPS FOR FREE

Local Greens campaign to scrap, unfair “Tipping Tax”

	soil & hardcore		£3	a bag or part bag (76 x 96cm)
<small>For example, this would include concrete, paving slabs, window glass, bathroom furniture and tiles.</small>				
	plasterboard		£4	a full sheet or bag or part bag (76 x 96cm)
<small>Including gypsum based products</small>				

Staffordshire County Council introduced charges on 1st November for “non-household waste”, which includes soil, hardcore and plasterboard. The fees were introduced by the Conservatives on the County Council and are payable at Cannock and all other sites in Staffordshire.



“What a Rubbish Policy”

Local Greens kicked off the campaign against the “Tipping Tax” and have already clocked up over 1,250 signatures. Green Party campaigner **Stuart Crabtree says**: “These fees are unfair. They make it harder for decent residents and those on low incomes to dispose of their waste responsibly. It also means that **local council tax payers are the ones who pick up the bill** for fly-tippers who want to avoid paying. Lets hope everyone gets presents they want this Christmas!”.

Charges came in on 1st November

The petition was started by **Paul** and can be found at <http://bit.ly/2hAhlaE> or by scanning the QR code to the right. Please sign if you haven’t already, or contact us if you need help on it.

ON THE BUSES

Cannock in Parliament



Baroness Jones took our plea to Lords

Government plans to prevent public ownership of bus services are being challenged by local Greens. **Stuart Crabtree** and **Paul Woodhead** were among the group that took the issue to Parliament, meeting **Baroness Jones** and **Caroline Lucas**.

Paul says: “Just because the bus you use isn’t profitable shouldn’t mean you don’t deserve a bus service. Bus Operator of the Year has been won by publicly owned services 4 times in 5 years and many people rely on buses as their only transport. **We should at least have the choice to run a service when companies don’t want to**”.



WHOA THERE!

64 in a 30mph area

Community Speedwatch have been to 4 areas in November to monitor speeds. So far they’ve clocked **108 vehicles going over the limit**. Full details of times and locations can be found at <http://bit.ly/2hAqDZo>. If you want to get involved, get in touch.

GOT RATS? A CAT MIGHT BE CHEAPER

Multinational let off the hook due to “unsustainable losses”

Cannock Chase District Council have allowed a multinational company to opt-out of their pest control contract, as it proved to be unprofitable for them. **Paul says**: “We should be offering support for our most vulnerable residents, who face a choice between pest control or food and heat. It’s **our residents needs that should take priority, not company profits**”.



HEDNESFORD
Artisan Markets

Stalls will include local crafts and quirky gifts, local farm produce, continental and street foods

VALENTINE'S
SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2017

STAFFORDSHIRE DAY
SATURDAY 29TH APRIL, 2017

SUMMER FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST, 2017

CHRISTMAS
SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 2017

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ALL'S FAYRE IN HEDNESFORD

Christmas light event brightens town

Hednesford Town was abuzz for turning on the Christmas lights. Market Street was closed off to traffic to allow space for stalls, and most importantly Father Christmas. **Cannock Chase Green Party** were there, raising money for Pye Green Christian Centre's homeless shelter and getting signatures for the "Tipping Tax" petition. A total of **£100 was raised for the charity** by the Green Party, alongside many others spreading festive good will and helping their preferred charities.

The event was a good introduction to the **4 seasonal markets** that will be running throughout 2017, the **next one, on the 11th February** for Valentine's Day, which should be even more 'lovely'.

Stuart said: "It was great seeing so many people out in the town. I just hope everyone else had as much fun as I did!". **Paul said:** "I'm very proud of the attendance and was really happy to see so many people having fun. Hopefully this is just the start of getting more people into the community, supporting local businesses".

WANT A SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Join your Safer Neighbourhood Panel to improve policing

Staffordshire Police are teaming up with residents and councillors to improve the service they offer. Members of the public can volunteer to get involved and **help shape the way the way policing is delivered in their area**. The panel scrutinises the way the police operate and works to make policing more ethical, whilst meeting the needs of the community. If you'd like to get involved please contact us for more information.



Paul is working to improve local policing

YOU CANNOT BE CYRILLOUS?

Football legend joins Hednesford Town FC for singalong

Cryllie Regis was in town and in fine voice, when he came to the Christmas carol service at **Hednesford Town FC**. He was joined by Paul, who helped organise the event. **Paul said:** "It was a great honour to have Cyrille join us. I'd also like to thank the club for helping to put on a nice opener to the season of goodwill. They're a real asset to our community".



"No silent night"

GET INVOLVED

If you want to know more, or would like to help out, we'd love to hear from you. Just **give us a call, or send an email** and we'll let you know what's coming up. The more the merrier!

HEDNESFORD TOWN FC: FIXTURES

29 th Dec	19:45	Stourbridge
2 nd Jan	15:00	Halesowen Town
21 st Jan	15:00	Rushall Olympic
4 th Feb	15:00	Barwell
18 th Feb	15:00	Skelmersdale Utd
25 th Feb	15:00	Nantwich Town



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