

# Chase Issues

News from the Cannock Chase Green Party



## Paul Woodhead: Taking action on speeding in Hednesford



In response to concerns by many residents regarding speeding cars and inconsiderate motorists Paul has been asked to co-ordinate volunteers to establish a community speed watch zone for our area. Along with other measures aimed at highlighting road safety in our area full details are published on our website.

Can you help with an hour or more per month to support traffic calming and improve road safety in our area please call, text or email Paul for more details.



## Raising Hednesford in the News



'There needs to be a recognition around the value we place on our countryside, and not the price of it.'



Over the last few months Paul has worked hard to translate the messages from talking to neighbours on the doorstep through a wider audience in the media. As well as the weekly local issues programme on Cannock Chase Radio he has been interviewed by Big Centre TV, ITV and BBC television regarding the potential impact of fracking. Spoken with BBC Stoke Radio about the Save the Countryside Campaign and the effect of cuts on waste collection services. Featured frequently in the Express & Star and the Cannock Chronicle on a range of community issues from homelessness to Fire Service cuts as well as local online publications Cannock Mercury and Cannock Post and contributing to social media discussions

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Can you help Paul in the community and deliver this newsletter on your street

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This Newsletter is supported by a website [www.chaseissues.co.uk](http://www.chaseissues.co.uk)

You can also listen to Paul on Cannock Chase Radio Fridays noon—2pm



## Paul, a Green Police & Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire, your first choice

Paul has been motivated to stand as the Green Party candidate across Staffordshire to stand for the position of Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to be elected in May as a result of his work on the Safer Neighbourhood Panel and having listened to Hednesford residents' concerns on the doorstep. Paul wishes to use the platform of being a candidate to make sure Hednesford's voice is heard loud and clear.

The PCC is elected to hold the County police service to account and work with communities to determine priorities. The Green Party has a distinctive voice on crime, justice and policing with a focus on community policing and addressing the causes of crime rather than coping with the symptoms.

The voting system for this role is different from the district council with a single transferable vote that allows you to vote for your favoured Green candidate as first choice and transfer to the less desirable main parties if an alternative is needed.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**FA Womens Premier League Reserve Cup & Plate Final**  
**24th April - Keys Park**

**1st May Staffordshire Day**

**6th August Summer Carnival**

More info at [www.chaseissues.co.uk](http://www.chaseissues.co.uk)



Paul has been working hard for our community and here are some of the activities he has been involved with:



## Working with the Police

Paul has been active working with neighbours and liaising with the police both in the community and at headquarters to ensure our priorities are matched to the resources available. Paul has also assisted neighbours with concerns when they are unsure where to go to address their concerns and access help.



### Paul at Conference

Paul was invited to share the successes and priorities of Cannock Chase at the regional Green Party Conference. There was plenty of opportunity to meet existing Green Party councillors from across the Country and learn some tips of how to represent neighbours in Hednesford through the council chamber.



## Keep Your Fracking Hands Off Cannock Chase



## Hednesford in Partnership



Paul is the Vice-Chair of a group working to co-ordinate efforts, energy and events across our community. This has kicked off last month and three whole community events have been agreed for the year ahead; Staffordshire Day Sunday 1st May, Hednesford Carnival Saturday 6th August and Christmas Lights Switch-on Friday 2nd Dec.



In December our local MP supported the protest against the removal of protection of Cannock Chase from the possibility of Fracking. Paul has been leading a campaign to highlight the community opposition to this happening under the Chase and has gained the support of over 3000 residents to send a strong message to the council for a Frack-Free Staffordshire and to promote a sustainable renewable energy industry. Next Frack Free Staffordshire event at Keys Park 17th April from noon

## New Voice in Hednesford

Paul joined a new group "Friends of Hednesford Town" at their inaugural meeting to understand resident priorities for our town. Two key priorities from the meeting are the community events and getting back a market for Market Street. If you are interested in joining this group, aimed at residents and shoppers for our town centre, pop in to Bella's Café at the Lightworks.



## Holding our MP to Account

*Since her election in May, Paul has made representations about a range of topics including recently:*

**Not doing enough to secure the future of Rugeley Power Station**

**Taking a second pay rise when cutting benefits for the most vulnerable**

## Hednesford Town FC Up Coming Games

19th March - Stockport County

28th March - Worcester City

9th April - Tamworth

23rd April - Bradford Park Avenue

