

Chase Issues



News from the Cannock Chase Green Party

Simply, Thank You

I am incredibly humbled and extremely excited to be voted in as your councillor. Thank you for the messages of support and encouragement both on the run up to the election and since. I am looking forward to working hard for our community and building on the "To Do" list already generated from the conversations with neighbours over the last few weeks.

I will continue to be active, visible and available. There is great deal of work ahead to address concerns already raised as well as those which will develop in the weeks, months and years to come. I am here to help and will keep in touch through my quarterly newsletter Chase Issues

Whilst the next few weeks are busy with an induction programme arranged by the Council I will still be out and about working on the Community Speedwatch to source and apply for funding as well as the concerns raised about litter, green spaces and potholes. As well as a number of concerns raised by individuals the time ahead will be interesting, varied and busy.

It will take me a while, if at all, to get used to being called Councillor but be assured my first priority remains Hednesford and the campaigning on issues which are our collective priorities for a better, stronger community.

Again thank you for your support and the privilege of meeting so many fantastic people over the last few weeks. Whether we have had the chance to meet yet or not, if have questions for me, please do contact me by email, phone or catch me in the street.

We achieved 618 votes with conservative and labour trailing in 2nd and 3rd respectively with 320 and 298 votes whilst UKIP polled 213 votes with, collectively the highest turnout in the District at 35.67%



Visit from Green Party leader Natalie Bennett



Paul, members of Cannock Chase Green Party and local residents met Natalie on her visit to Hednesford. First stop was at Kingsmead School where Natalie answered a range of questions from sixth form and year 11 students covering topics from nuclear weapons to funding of free university places and animal rights to energy policy.

Following this Natalie met town residents and representatives of town voluntary organisations including Friends of Hednesford Town and Heart of Hednesford Restoration Project. This took place at Bella's Café and discussions around town groups working together, community spirit and town businesses.

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

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Email



Join the Green Party online www.cannockchase.greenparty.org.uk
This Newsletter is supported by a website www.chaseissues.co.uk
You can also listen to Paul on Cannock Chase Radio Fridays noon—2pm



Community Speedwatch Progressing

Paul has been out with volunteers delivering wheelie bin stickers to remind motorists of the speed limit along the streets requested by neighbours. If we did not catch you in please drop Paul a call or an email and we will get them distributed to you directly.

Paul continues his efforts to raise the £1000 needed to fund the equipment and training for the volunteers who want to establish the formal Community Speedwatch. This takes a little time however progress is being made with several avenues and hope to have some good news soon.

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



Fracking Awareness Event a Great Success



Paul was joined by expert speakers from across politics and across the globe to highlight the dangers of fracking and the imminent threat to parts of North Staffordshire and the potential threat to Cannock Chase owing to the Conservative government imposed change to law that allows fracking under Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The delegates were informed on subjects from the environmental and financial damage to the distinctive characteristics of our countryside as well as a guest from Australia who talked about similar campaigns down under. Thank you to every who attended and if you want to know more drop Paul a line.

Staffordshire Countryside – Update

Following our victory to prevent the sale of our Countryside the process continues to explore the management options of each individual green space across the county. In particular Cannock Chase and Chasewater will be referred back to the scrutiny committee before decisions are made. You can follow progress at www.staffordshire.gov.uk and Paul will keep you updated.



In the Ward

I thought it would be useful for you to know some of the things I have been doing in the ward for neighbours including updates on a vacant house, addressing concerns of litter, communicating on parking proposal to restrict parking on one of our streets, noise complaints and more widely as well as community speedwatch I am working with the Friends of Hednesford Town to establish a market on Market Street.

In the Council Chamber

This is very early days but I have been appointed to scrutiny committees for the Environment and for Health as well as the Audit and Governance Committee and looking how to introduce Fair Tax rules in to Council procurement. I have created Councillor Chronicles to keep you up to date with my work in council through my website www.chaseissues.co.uk

Holding our MP to Account

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

Her support for the toxic trade agreement TTIP

Alternatives for Rugeley Power Station and promotion of renewable energy alternatives

Concerns over election spend and whether this amounts to fraud

Sat 13th August Hednesford Festival & Ethical Market

A whole town event with market stalls, old fashioned games, World War 1 walk, fun fair, charity stalls, music and fun for all the family. If you can help with this please let me know.

Messages from Cannock Police

Each Friday from 7pm there is a Youth Chill Out to present alternative activities for young people in Hednesford in and around the Park and address concerns over anti-social behaviour

A reminder to be vigilant and lock car doors and house doors to deter thieves

Help please

Can you help Paul with delivery of this free Newsletter on your street an hour every other month.

We have lots going on in and around our town looking for volunteers to help and if you would like to help but want to know how please get in touch. Whether that is community speedwatch or helping with the carnival there is something for everyone to do no matter how much time you have or the skills you have to offer.



Hednesford Town FC Up Coming Games

9th July	Chasetown
16th July	Wolverhampton U21
20th July	Solihull Moors
6th August	AFC Rushden & Diamonds

