# GREEN SCENE

# Local News from the Cannock Chase Green Party



Your local candidate Paul Woodhead has been working hard on your behalf across the community and has been selected to serve on the Safer Neighbourhood Panel in Cannock Chase, made representations about the development at Mill Green and fairer education funding as well as the continued efforts towards better roads and a cleaner environment

Dear Neighbour

Welcome to Edition 2 of the Green Scene Community Newsletter from the Cannock Chase Green Party working for the Common Good across our area.

### Why is the national debate important to Cannock Chase

It is sometimes confusing to distil the national debates in to what is important for Hednesford and we would like to address some common themes and how they relate to us;

Living Wage—The Green Party is committed to the minimum wage being a living wage increasing to £10 an hour by 2020

If we have a basic income into a household on which people can live this will facilitate the aspirations of everyone. When we are not distracted by worries about paying gas bills or putting food on the table you live with your head up and plan for a future of prosperity. Businesses can plan based on the stability of a content workforce committed to developing their skills. With a living wage the taxpayer will not need to subsidise low pay through benefits and tax credits.

Cannock Chase needs the minimum wage to be a Living Wage to deliver the community in which we want to thrive

### **Paul's Commitments to You**

- Be accessible and visible
- Work tirelessly to improve our area
- Keep you informed of my work for you

### **Green Party Priorities for our area**

- Improved public services
- Crime and anti-social behaviour
- Enhance the appearance of our area

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

## CRIME

Paul has been selected as a panel member on the Independent Safer Neighbourhood Panel. Launched by the Police and Crime Commissioner to shine the spotlight on local policing. Paul has been selected as a resident of Hednesford in this development of scrutiny of local policing. If you have a crime matter which you would like the panel to take in to its work programme contact Paul directly.



Along with other local residents, councillors and representatives from magistrates and others the panel will influence local policing and community safety, scrutinise the work done by police in our area, give feedback to communities and examine the impact



# **DEVELOPMENT**

The Mill Green development will have an immense impact on our area for generations to come and Paul with representatives of Cannock Chase Green Party have highlighted concerns around the environmental impact, traffic and transport issues and the potentially devastating effect on our town centres. To get your voice heard on this important issue contact Paul directly

# Why is the national debate important to Cannock Chase

We would like to address some common themes and how they relate to us in Hednesford;

Austerity—The Green Party is committed to reversing the austerity experiment and delivering an economy fair for all

We are told that times are hard and there is no money and whilst we feel this in our pockets everyday the converse is true for the rich where, over the last 5 years, the 1000 richest people in the Country have doubled their wealth, £46billion was put into (and lost by) RBS when we have a funding gap in the NHS, further cuts in frontline services, local services and help for the vulnerable is planned by the Tory/LibDem budget backed by the Labour "opposition"

Cannock Chase needs the end of austerity to deliver effective public services paid for by everyone contributing their fair share

# COMMUNITY CONCERN, TANGIBLE ACTION

The Green Party is Actively campaigning to stop our libraries being privatised

Holding council leaders to account about road signs

Calling for our driving test centre to remain local

### You Said

Residents raised concerns about the rise in dog-mess on Reservoir Road.

### We Did

Keep the focus on raising the awareness and improving the area

### You Said

Residents raised concerns about the number of burglaries locally

### We Did

Joined the Safer Neighbourhood Panel to raise issues of concern to residents

### You Said

Residents raised concerns regarding the condition of our roads.

#### We Did

From this we continue to report observed road defects for repair





