

Green View Oswestry Summer 2021



Eleven of the Green Town Councillors (Josh was isolating)

A Thousand Thank-Yous.






On the 6th of May, Mike Isherwood and Duncan Kerr were elected to Shropshire Council in Oswestry West and South. An incredible twelve Green Councillors were also elected to Oswestry Town Council. All of us are very appreciative of your support whether you voted for us or not, have pledged to serve the whole community of Oswestry.

The Work Starts Now!

Oswestry Town Council has approved an ambitious programme of actions which will be driving its work over the next few years. These are the priorities you identified when we consulted you in our surveys.

During the election many people said they wanted to be kept informed so we have added a new priority to consult you more. Anyone is welcome to help us implement these actions, we need your ideas and enthusiasm to make them work. Our contact details are at the bottom of this newsletter.

Oswestry Priorities

	Re-connecting us to the railway.
	Making the Council carbon neutral.
	Planting trees and improving wildlife.
	More services and facilities for youth.
	Building more social housing.
	Providing more cycle lanes.
	Stopping litter, graffiti and dog waste.
	Re-letting empty shops.
	Reducing anti-social behaviour.
	Developing a new tourist attraction.

Digging to the Bottom of the Pot Hole Problem.



We are all aware of the dangerous state of many roads in the town. Roads are maintained by Shropshire Council and a new portfolio-holder has been appointed to improve the situation. At its first meeting of the new civic year Green Town Councillors Jay Moore and Gemma Cassin proposed that the contractor Kier, who has been contracted by Shropshire to keep our roads in good repair, be invited to our next meeting. This way we can all understand what is going wrong and how performance can be improved.

Do you Want a Third Wheeled Bin?

Shropshire Council are proposing to replace the crates we use for recycling with a third wheeled bin. It would certainly reduce the litter blown around on windy collection days and may increase recycling, but some residents say they have no room for another bin. Shropshire already produces more waste per household than almost every other Council in the country, and processing it all adds to your Council tax bill. It makes environmental and economic sense to take waste minimisation more seriously. Let us know what you think.



What Should Oswestry Look Like Tomorrow?

For the past two years a small group of Town and Shropshire Councillors have been meeting with the Oswestry Business Improvement District to prepare a masterplan for the town. You may have seen the publicity for the public events over the summer. Following the elections in May Cllrs Mike Isherwood and Duncan Kerr now represent the Town Council on this group. They are both keen to hear what you think, after all its your town. And your future.



Making Connections

Our new Councillors for the Maserfield ward, Jonathan Upton and Georgia Stackhouse, have launched a Facebook page for their ward. Other Green Councillors are following their lead starting with Carreg Llwyd. So if you want to find out more about what's happening in your area search for your own ward on Facebook and send us a message.



Putting Oswestry on the Map.

The election of so many Green Councillors in Oswestry has already made a positive impact on the profile of the town. Even before the end of May we had both ITV and BBC camera teams here as well as many reporters and radio interviews. Jay Moore the Councillor for Gatacre and Georgia Stackhouse Councillor for Maserfield were thrust straight into the spotlight and showed the passion and determination they have to improve life for everyone in the town.

Do We Need this Clutter?

We are working hard to get the town looking cleaner and attractive but these bollards aren't helping. Reducing traffic on Church St is a good idea but we are now calling on Shropshire Council to remove these bollards and implement a proper pavement widening scheme.



Community Litter Pick

We run a regular programme of community litter picks. You are welcome to join us at the next one on Sunday the 25th July at the Cambrian entrance to Wilfred Owen Green. We will provide pickers and bags please bring some gloves.

Many Ways to Contact Us.

Contact details for all Green Party Councillors are on www.oswestry-tc.gov.uk
Shropshire Councillors Mike Isherwood and Duncan Kerr run a surgery at 10.00 on the first Saturday of the month in the library. You can either turn-up or book a slot at the desk. If you can't make the surgeries you can call Duncan Kerr on 075221116609 or Mike on 07584655864 or find them on twitter.

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