

Green View from Cllr Duncan Kerr



You've got a friend...

Hi, I am a Green Party Councillor on Oswestry Town Council who has helped many residents with local problems ranging from street lighting, to planning, housing and pot holes! It's easier for me to get things done because I have over 30 years experience of local government and know who to contact. I've written and distributed this newsletter to keep you informed about some of the important local decisions that could affect your life, I hope you find it interesting. When you have finished with it please pass it to someone else. Thanks.

Not in Shropshire.

Our MP Owen Paterson welcomes fracking right across rural England but the people of North Shropshire don't. Paterson may have licensed drilling in North Shropshire, but the companies still need planning permission and over 500 people objected to drilling in Dudleston near Ellesmere. **Only the Green Party would join New York and France in a complete ban on fracking.** The government is spending millions trying to convince us to accept this polluting and unhealthy technology which would industrialise our county. Please support those who are protecting our countryside from this needless destruction.



Protecting Essential Services at Shrewsbury Hospital

I had the misfortune to be admitted to A+E in Shrewsbury last year and spent a short period in the RSH. I could trust the doctors, nurses and cleaners because they were public employees not contractors making profits for a private company. But all this is now under threat from new legislation. Indeed the "Future Fit" programme could relocate all A+E from Shrewsbury to Telford. Please join me in demanding that the MP and all Councillors commit to protecting a full emergency service at Shrewsbury. Tell them that **Telford is too far away from North Shropshire.**



Got a problem?..... Call Cllr Duncan Kerr

Don't suffer in silence, get in touch. You can email me about any issue on duncan.kerr@shrewsburnorthshropshire.greenparty.org.uk.

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A Better Oswestry?

The out-of-town Smithfield development threatens to remove over a quarter of the trade in convenience goods from Oswestry town centre. It will get even worse if Aldi and Lidl build the new stores they are planning. Oswestry Town Council has just received a £2.5M windfall but instead of using that money to revitalise the market and town centre, the Tory Councillors have locked the money away. What a waste.

Making Work Pay.

Because of our low wages many hard working families depend on benefits to make ends meet. The minimum wage of £6.50 an hour is simply not enough, but the Living Wage of £7.85 could be. It would mean more spending in local shops and would also **save the Government £4bn in benefit payments.** Isn't it time Shropshire and Oswestry Councils showed real leadership and signed-up to the Living Wage campaign?



Shropshire Council: Is it Fit for Purpose?

When money is tight we can't afford for Shropshire Council to engage in political stunts like their IP+E company. We were told it would make money but it continues to lose it. To balance the books Shropshire is making cuts to Parish Council grants, libraries and Youth Services. Fortunately plans to close adult day-care centres have been stalled by the Courts following massive opposition. Every failure makes the financial hole deeper, last year alone the redundancies they made cost us over £11m, we need a new approach that protects services to the most vulnerable.



Time for Change in North Shropshire.

Owen Paterson didn't have a great record as a Minister and to give you a choice in May I have been selected to stand for the Green Party. Recognising that MPs are out of touch I am pledging that **if elected I would draw only half of the recommended MP's salary.** That's about £35,000, still far more than the average wage and more than I earn as a Children's Social Worker, but its about the same as Paterson pays his wife to manage his office. The Green Party has different values. We are rapidly growing having doubled our membership this year and offer a realistic alternative. Find out more on www.shrewsburnorthshropshire.greenparty.org.



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