

Green View Winter 2017

Cllr Duncan Kerr



Hi, I am the Oswestry Town Councillor for Castle Ward and the Shropshire Unitary Councillor for Oswestry South. I write, print, and distribute this newsletter at my own expense to keep you informed about some of the important local decisions being made on your behalf, I hope you find it interesting. If you want to contact me on any Council or community matter my details are at the foot of this newsletter. When you have finished with this newsletter please recycle it or pass it to someone else to read.

News from Shirehall.

Since being elected last year I have attended every single meeting of the Council and Committees I have been appointed to. I have used these opportunities to show that Shropshire Council can be better managed and can make savings in administration and by sharing staff with other authorities rather than cutting the front-line services we all rely on.

The Council has certainly not been treated fairly by Central Government and I have supported the call for fairer funding for Adult Services. Unfortunately decisions like those that led to the loss making IP+E company (championed by the current Deputy-Leader, Steve Charmley); the sales of assets like farms and smallholdings that produce money; and the failure to adjust the Council tax to match inflation have all made a bad situation much worse than it needs to be, and the price we all pay is cuts to services.

After the horse has bolted..

You may have seen the press reports about the inadequate traffic scheme for the Salop Road, Victoria road junction where the new Lidl store is being built. We all know this junction is already a bottleneck which is why, two years ago, I urged that planning permission should not be given unless a proper traffic scheme had been approved. Unfortunately I was out voted by the controlling Conservative group on Oswestry Town Council. In future we must ensure that businesses do not ride rough-shod over local people.



Cardboard recycling: still coming soon

Since my last newsletter there has been a delay in the roll-out of the new recycling service which will include cardboard. I have made some enquiries about this and can assure you that the service will now be operational from February 2017. We've waited four years so I suppose we can wait a little longer!

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Come and meet Amelia!

Amelia Womack, Deputy-Leader of the Green Party (and the youngest Deputy-Leader of a UK party) has been so impressed with what is going on in Oswestry that she is coming to visit us on Saturday the 25th February. You will be able to meet and hear her talk at Hermon Chapel at 6pm. Amelia is particularly keen to meet young people, whether they can vote or not! She will however also be happy to answer any question you may have.



Double Yellow Lines.

Many people have come to my surgeries to talk about the problems, and the dangers, of inconsiderate parking especially around schools and near junctions. As a result the Council are now consulting on double yellow lines for junctions on hotspots like Welsh Walls, Edward street and Morda road all in South Oswestry. I hope this will bring about some improvement, I will be working with the police to ensure it is properly enforced.

Interested in joining Oswestry's Green Team?

The Green Party is working hard to ensure that at the next Council elections in May 2017 everyone in Oswestry will have the chance to vote for a Green Town Councillor and a Green Shropshire Councillor. We have had a marvellous response to our request for residents to stand to become Town Councillors but we still have a few seats to fill. If you are interested in standing then please get in touch with me. The Green Party meets regularly in Oswestry and you will be in good company.

Finally.....

I was recently contacted by a local resident struck by a car when walking on the pavement at the entrance to Morrison's garage on Beatrice St. We all know that the road here is very busy and I would be interested in hearing from anyone else who has either had an accident or a near miss in this area so I can take the matter up with the highways department.

6 Ways to Contact Me!

- Come to one of my surgeries on the first Monday of each month from 5pm to 6pm at Hermon Chapel Arts Centre on Chapel St.
- Email me on duncan.kerr@shropshire.gov.uk
- Call me on 07522116609.
- Leave a note with Barry at Hermon Chapel Arts Centre
- Contact Member services at Shropshire Council or the offices at the Guildhall Oswestry and ask them to pass a message onto me.
- Write to me at: Boderwig, Park Ave, Oswestry SY11 1AZ



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