

Green View **Oswestry**

News from Duncan Kerr, Barry Edwards, Olly Rose, Nikki Hughes, Rosie Radford and Mike Isherwood - your Green Party Town Councillors



Free Evening Car-Parking?

Green Party Councillors on Oswestry Town Council are proposing that the Council car-parks are free after 6pm and that during the day two hours parking is available for just 80p. It would help boost our evening economy, encourage day-time shoppers to stay a little longer and ease congestion on residential areas by allowing town centre residents to use the car-parks overnight. Incredibly, not a single Conservative councillor on the Town Council has supported us on this, but we have pushed for a public consultation so you can have your say. You can take part on-line by going to www.oswestry-tc.gov.uk or you can pick up a car park survey form from the library, the market hall or The Guildhall. If you support this idea, and want to see more consultations in the future, make sure you have your say.



Would you like to see solar panels like these on the roofs of public buildings in Oswestry?

Clean, Green Solar Energy

We all know how important it is to reduce carbon emissions, and with the price we pay for energy increasing it makes economic sense to generate our own power from the roof-tops of Oswestry. Unfortunately, although a few of our houses now have solar panels, none of our major public buildings do. Oswestry Town Councillors Mike Isherwood and Barry Edwards have been working hard to remedy this. They discovered that funding was available from the Government to undertake a feasibility study to develop our very own community owned energy company that could make this project a reality. It's not been easy - indeed the Government withdrew funding for the scheme on the very week that globally, scientists said that we need to keep within 1.5 degrees of global warming - but we have continued with the work and still hope to see the project begin soon.

Got a problem? Contact your Green Councillors.

It's always easy to find one of us you can see Mike Isherwood in his shop "Shlurp" just opposite the Park gates on Church Street or Barry Edwards in Hermon Chapel Arts Centre on Chapel Street. You can also email us on: mike.isherwood@tutanota.com.

Losing Homestart Makes Life a Little Harder

Homestart was a charity that used volunteers to help families in difficulty. Life can be hard for many people and Homestart offered a vital service to residents right across Oswestry. Very sadly the organisation, which had over 60 volunteers in Shropshire, lost Lottery funding and has closed. In response to this sad news we are urging Shropshire Council to reconsider its recent decision to close twenty of its Children's Centres like those in Woodside and Holy trinity. If they need to save money maybe they should abandon their plans to spend over £25M on their offices at Shirehall, Shrewsbury.

A Better Market Hall



As a market town our market hall should be our pride and joy. It was great to see the market hall in Shrewsbury winning a national award. It has inspired us to look at how we can learn from them and improve the frontage of the market hall and the shopping experience for visitors to our town. Many local businesses started life from a stall in the market and it remains a very important way of getting new businesses going. Your Green Councillors think this would be a good way of using some of the proceeds from the sale of the land at Smithfield. We would love to hear your views on this and any other ideas you might have for improving our town.

Say No to Plastic Waste

We have all heard of the terrible environmental issues with overuse of plastic packaging. Green Councillor Ollie Rose had a motion accepted by council to stop using single use plastic items in all Council meetings and events and to encourage Council contractors and traders to reduce their use. To reduce plastic water bottle use the new Cae Glas toilets will have a water fountain - hopefully the first of several in the town.



Acting Locally...

All of your Green Party Councillors passionately believe in local action; it's why we write, print and deliver these newsletters all at our own expense. From time to time we also organise volunteers to litter pick so if you know anywhere in your area that needs a bit of a tidy up, then get in touch. Remember **Green Party Councillors work for you all year round, not just at election time.**