

Green View Oswestry

from your Green Party Councillors on Oswestry Town Council: **Summer 2020**



Covid 19: Important Information

If you need any advice or information on Covid 19 please call the helpline on 0345 6789028. They will put you in touch with the local community re-assurance hub which links with organisations such as Age UK, the Qube and Oswestry Angels. If you need any further assistance then don't hesitate to contact your Green Councillors, our contact details are at the bottom of this newsletter.



Cllr Mike Isherwood
Chair of Planning
and Development
Committee.

20's Plenty

As a parent of young children, Mike is keen to encourage more cycling and walking in the town. It has been great to see so many more people taking advantage of the reduction in traffic to cycle and walk. If we want this to continue after the lock-down ends we need to restrict traffic speeds in all residential streets to 20mph. Oswestry Town Council and many other towns in Shropshire, have already supported this but Shropshire Unitary Council has not. We will continue to campaign to make our streets safe.



Cllr Duncan Kerr,
Mayor and Vice-Chair
of Finance and
General Purposes
Committee

The First Green Mayor in Shropshire

On the 28th of May, Duncan was honoured to be elected as Mayor for the year. The Mayor can adopt a charity and he had already decided it would be the Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service before the pandemic arose. Calls to this service have increased since then strengthening his resolve to help them. To kick-start the fundraising he has foregone his entire mayoral allowance of £4,979 so that it can go directly to the service. It will be ring-fenced to help victims and survivors from Oswestry.

Duncan is also keen to hear from all residents on any aspect of the town (good or bad) and has set up a monthly public zoom meeting, details of how to join are on the Town Council website.



Cllr Rosie Radford Chair
of the Markets and Town
Centre Committee

Markets Re-Opening

Having been a market trader Rosie knows how vital it is for a market town to have a flourishing market. Fortunately from the 15th June the indoor market is open. Please support our hard-working local traders by visiting the indoor and outdoor markets.



Powys Hall indoor market is ready to
welcome you back



Cllr Barry Edwards
Vice-Chair of
Markets and Town
Centre Committee

Culture and Events

Like many of us Barry is disappointed that our outstanding programme of festivals and events has been affected by Covid 19. We are all working hard to restore these events as soon as is possible and make them bigger and better in the future.



The Food and Drink Festival has had to be cancelled this year.

Building a Better Oswestry

Olly led the campaign that resulted in the Town Council making a real contribution to reduce the impact of climate change by committing to be carbon neutral by 2030. This work is well underway with the Council conducting a Carbon Audit so it can produce a strategy for reducing its own greenhouse emissions. Olly is also leading the efforts to plant 17,000 trees around the town to soak-up carbon and increase bio-diversity.



Cllr Olly Rose

Getting Involved

Unfortunately we cannot organise our community litter picks now, but we will do so as soon as we can. In the meantime there are other ways to volunteer such as Cae Glas park where over 14,000 flowers have been planted by members of the public.

If you are interested in making a different contribution we are holding some Zoom meetings for people who might consider representing the Green Party in the Town Council elections in May 2021. If you want to know more just send Duncan an email.



Duncan planting flowers

Central Car Park: Time to Pay on Exit?

In order to get the town back on its feet we need to do all we can to support our local business. That means encouraging people to come, linger and shop in our town centre. That is why your Green Councillors are calling on the Council to implement a pay on exit system for Central Car Park. It means shoppers no longer have to rush back to their car when their ticket runs out. At the same time we can review the exit itself because there have been a number of accidents and near-misses between motorists and pedestrians and concerns have been highlighted by the Trinity Area Residents Association.

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