



Chapel Allerton Green Light

News from the Green Party in Chapel Allerton, Chapeltown & Scott Hall

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Your Green candidates

Mags Shevlin

is your Green candidate for Chapel Allerton & Chapeltown in the local elections.

"I've lived in the area for 20 years, work for a housing charity in Chapeltown and my son went to local schools. I know the ward inside out, and will stand up for issues that matter to local people."



Emma Carter

is your Green parliamentary candidate for Leeds NE in the general elections.

"The Green Party is about positive change. We have policies to help improve the lives of ordinary people and make sure we pass on a decent planet for our children."



Are you going Green on 7 May?

If you want to vote for the common good on 7 May, vote Green. The 'Green surge' means you'll be among thousands going Green in 2015 for a #publicNHS, #faireconomy, #decenthomes, #safeclimate, #freeeducation and #bettertransport.



There are three promises Mags will keep

if you elect her to represent Chapel Allerton & Chapeltown on Leeds City Council:

1 I'll campaign for a healthier local area:

- defending green spaces like Gledhow Valley Woods for local people to enjoy
- campaigning for cycle paths and 20mph limits so people can walk and cycle freely
- exploring ways to reduce pollution around Chapeltown, Scott Hall and Harrogate Roads, so we can breathe cleaner air

2 I'll defend local services against cuts:

- fighting further cut-backs in youth, adult care and mental health services
- supporting local charities and organisations that provide essential community services
- campaigning to #SaveOurNHS and keep it public and accessible to all

3 I'll speak out for our thriving, diverse community:

- defending the rights and wellbeing of all sections of the community
- backing the interests of local businesses, groups and enterprises
- supporting affordable, energy efficient housing on brownfield, derelict sites

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Turn over for Green campaigns in Chapel Allerton & Chapeltown



Protecting local education

By Colin Noble

Congratulations Chapel Allerton Primary School for achieving a 'Good' Ofsted rating. While some local schools are performing well, we're concerned about uncertainty around Hillcrest Primary Academy.

It's no longer under Council control, and is now part of the Ruth Gorse Academy Trust. With Hillcrest educating 400 youngsters and yet to be inspected as an academy, it's difficult for families to understand plans for improvements. Parents are anxious to understand changes and not getting the information they need. The Greens would like the Trust to be more open.



FIGHTING YOUTH SERVICE CUTS

By Mags Shevlin

Local youth services have been cut by 50% and we're hearing many young people have nowhere to go in the evenings, which can lead to anti-social behaviour.

Services like Chapelton Youth Development Centre have suffered, told by the Council their funding will cease. This is a blow, especially for families experiencing hardship. The Greens believe we should invest in young people: good youth services mean young people are less likely to get involved in crime or develop drug and alcohol problems. Green councillors will fight to save these services, which reduce spending on justice and health down the line, and deliver brighter futures.



SOCIAL CARE CONCERNS

By Liz Smith

Further budget cuts means Leeds City Council is £44.2m worse off this year.

The Council has said adult social care has been protected from the worst of the cuts, but there is concern over the impact on vulnerable local people, many already hit by welfare reforms. We're worried families will need to pick up the shortfall.

Local people need greater clarity about what changes mean for them: Green councillors will push for this. Nobody should be left wondering if they can afford basic care when they are elderly, or become ill or disabled.

Local views: asylum seekers

By Lois Mortimer

I joined the Green Party to combat "nasty, stigmatising rhetoric" about refugees and asylum seekers.

After hearing a young man describe his struggle seeking asylum, my partner and I volunteered for LASSN, a Leeds charity that finds homes for asylum seekers awaiting decisions. Our Chapelton home now has been a refuge for 18 months for a 70 year old asylum seeker who has suffered poor health, hoping desperately to stay here.



Lois and daughter Esme

Our system does not take into account that people who seek to remain here have endured terrible suffering. They often face delays, detention, and destitution. The Greens understand we should address causes behind people having to flee. They believe prospective immigrants should not be locked up except if needed, such as if they pose a threat.