

Shipleley Green Action



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Plastic Bag Free Saltaire

Your Green councillors want to persuade retailers and residents in Saltaire to reduce their use of plastic bags and switch to more environmentally-friendly shopping bags.



Many of the free plastic bags we use end up as litter and pollute our rivers and coastline.

They do not biodegrade, but last for decades and kill or injure millions of birds and marine animals.

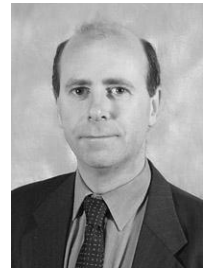
Other towns and villages across the UK have woken up to the horrors of marine plastics pollution and are trading in their free plastic bags for better alternatives. So far, Saltaire shoppers have also welcomed the idea of using different bags.

Find out more about our campaign inside!

Cllr Martin Love is re-selected

Cllr Martin Love will be the Green Party candidate again in this year's May elections.

Martin says that being a Green ward councillor for Shipleley for the past six years "has been a tremendous experience."

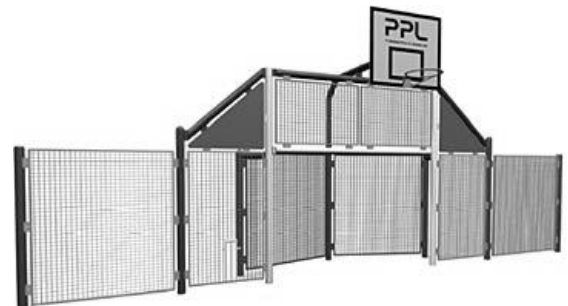


He adds, "we want to build on what we have achieved here since David Ford was first elected to represent the old Shipleley West ward for the Greens in 2000."

New Games Area for Hirst Wood

Your Green councillors will invest £22,000 of our ward fund in a new multi-activity community area in Hirst Wood, next to the children's play area on the field near Hirst lane and Dallam Avenue.

The new games area will be tarmaced, with fencing, basketball hoops and a goal at both ends (as pictured right). It will give older children and young adults a great space to play ball games during the day or at weekends.



Cllr Kevin Warnes says that "this project is the brainchild of the residents who also worked with Green councillors David Ford and Martin Love to win funding for the existing children's play area. We are really pleased to support their efforts to improve the lives of the young people living in Hirst Wood."



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New Shipley-BRI Bus Link

The eight month campaign by your Green councillors for a direct bus link between Shipley and the Bradford Royal Infirmary has paid off. Metro has now agreed to launch this service on 28 January on a 'use it or lose it' basis.

Cllr Kevin Warnes welcomes this investment and urges local residents to "take advantage of the service on their journeys to and from the hospital so that Metro keeps it going well beyond 2008." Call Metro on 0113 2457676 for more details.



Cycle Provision in Saltaire



Your Green councillors want better cycle parking and storage in Saltaire. As a result, Bradford Council has agreed to provide several new cycle stands along Gordon Terrace. Northern Rail, Metro, Shipley College and Bradford Council have also agreed in principle to provide lockers at Saltaire Station (similar to the ones pictured on the left).

Cllr Martin Love hopes that the new facilities will "encourage more residents to leave their cars at home", and that these projects will in turn "kickstart more investment in sustainable transport."

Homezoning in Dockfield

Residents of Dockfield Terrace are pleased to see that their long-awaited 'homezone' is now in place.

The council has renovated the street to make it safer for pedestrians and motorists alike and enhance the appearance of the whole area. The paving and roadway have been levelled and resurfaced and new planted areas are being developed.

Your Green councillors have supported this homezone campaign for the past four years, liaised with council officers to secure start-up funding and pressed the council's Conservative executive to support homezones across the District.

Cllr Hawarun Hussain says that homezoning, even on a small scale, can make a "dramatic difference" to the quality of life of local residents. She hopes that Bradford Council "will see if homezone projects can now be rolled out across the district in response to residents' demands for quieter, safer streets."



New-Look Dockfield Terrace Homezone



A homezone in Bristol, before and after it was created

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Help make Saltaire 'Plastic Bag Free'

Your Green councillors want to reduce the littering and marine pollution caused by free plastic bags.

Each Saltaire resident uses 160-300 free plastic bags every year – and 99% of these are thrown away.

These bags are convenient, but they have become part of a global environmental disaster. The UN estimates that 46,000 pieces of plastic waste are floating on or near the surface of every square mile of the world's oceans.

Cllr Kevin Warnes says that "it is vital that retailers offer their customers more environmentally friendly shopping bags, and we will do all we can to help them do so." And there are many ways you can help too.

- ▶ Stop using free, non-biodegradable plastic bags.
- ▶ Buy long-life cloth bags to use when you shop.
- ▶ Ask your retailer to provide cloth bags or home compostable carrier bags.
- ▶ Recycle any plastic bags that you use.
- ▶ Tell your friends that you are 'plastic bag free' and encourage them to do the same!



Find out more about the campaign and how you can help from Cllr Kevin Warnes by phoning 01274 588022 or 07788 406168 or emailing kevin.warnes@bradford.gov.uk.



Green Progress at City Hall

- ▶ Your Green councillors are pressing hard for long-overdue safety improvements to Saltaire roundabout. The junction has been handed over to the Council by the Highways Agency and officers are liaising with Shell about the possible purchase of the service station. They will consult with residents about possible junction alterations later this year.
- ▶ The October full council backed the Green group's call for a review of the council's Economic Strategy to take account of the challenges of climate change and peak oil. This essential review is now underway.
- ▶ The December full council debated the Green Group's call for more renewable energy provision in new housing. As a result, the council will ask the government to allow councils to set a minimum 10% renewable energy requirement in new developments.
- ▶ The December full council unanimously endorsed the Green Group's campaign for a 'Plastic Bag Free Saltaire'.
- ▶ The December full council adopted a more ambitious policy on its use of fairtrade products. This is in line with the Green Group's motion that was approved at council in January 2006.

Email councillors@shipleyparty.org.uk to tell us about your green ideas for Shipley

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Can we help you?

We handle hundreds of residents' concerns each year – it's our job! So please get in touch if you would like us to help you in any way.

Can you help us?

We welcome help with leafleting, fundraising, social events and our campaigns. If you can spare some time, even an hour or two each month, please get in touch.

Help us make Shipley a better place to live in.

Let us know if you have any ideas such as improving play areas and recreation grounds, dealing with litter or having a community clean-up, dealing with traffic problems, helping the police combat crime, improving local bus and rail services, organising cultural events or anything else at all!

Shipley Greens Website

Did you know that Shipley Green Party has a website? If you would like to find out more about us or get involved in our campaigns, log on to www.shipleygreenparty.org.uk



Contact your Shipley Green Party Councillors

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We're here to help you

USEFUL NUMBERS

- Bradford Council general enquiries – 432111.
- Report a problem to the council (graffiti, litter, vandalised play equipment etc) – 431000.
- Shipley Information Centre – 437016.
- Neighbourhood Policing Team – 537453.
- Report a crime – 0845 6060606.
- For information about Neighbourhood Forums, call the Area Coordinators Office on 437146.
- Call 437058 for a community clean-up.
- Bulk Refuse Service – 431000.
- Fed up with litter and unsightly waste? Call the Visible Services Team on 434366 for private land or 431000 for council owned land.
- Community Mediation Service (neighbour disputes etc) – call 254272 or 254273 or email mediation@bchtgroup.org.
- Recycling information – 438883.
- Furniture recycling – CHAS on 731909 or Windhill Community Furniture Store on 593196.
- Order a cheap compost bin – 438883.
- Community Chest Grants (for local community groups and young people – 437146.
- Disability Equipment Bradford – 589162.
- Sure Start Shipley – 597717.
- For info about organised healthy living activities, call HALE on 437060.
- Free home fire safety checks – 0800 5874536.
- Bradford Real Nappy Project – 718420.
- Bradford Carshare – 431184.
- Council Tax – 437866.

Our 2008 Surgeries

2 Feb 08

Saltaire Methodist Church

1 Mar 08

St Peter's Church Hall

10.30 to 11.30, Saturday mornings

Come along and talk to us

Join the Green Party!

Fill in and return this form to David Ford, 3 Rhodes St, Saltaire, BD18 3JJ.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

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