

BROADLAND GREEN PARTY GREEN NEWS THE PLUMSTEADS & THORPE END



Cllr James Harvey - Green Party councillor for Plumstead Ward

Winter 2024

Little Plumstead, Great Plumstead and Thorpe End



Cllr Jan Davis – Green Party General Election candidate

A New Year with challenges ahead. It's a General Election year. A chance to elect a new government and restore honesty and respect in our national politics.

Your neighbouring councillor for Brundall and cabinet member for the environment at Broadland District Council, Jan Davis, will be standing as your parliamentary candidate for this constituency in the General Election.

Disillusioned with the Tories? The Green Party offers positive policies that recognises our wellbeing as a priority. This General Election will be an opportunity to vote for a truly local representative at Westminster and for a welcome, refreshing change from the old politics.

As your local councillors we continue to represent your interests running Broadland District Council in a successful multi-party, collaborative partnership.

Collaboration, rather than confrontation, should be the future politics.

Frequent flooding a consequence of climate change

2023 was officially the hottest year on record. This has been driven by human-caused climate breakdown. The increase in temperature has been felt worldwide. Warmer air holds more rainwater resulting in more frequent flooding.

As predicted by scientists, warmer winters and more flooding has become the norm in the UK. Regular rainfall in the latter half of 2023 swelled rivers resulting in widespread flooding across the UK. High river levels have been sustained across the Broads. Saturated fields locally have meant rapid rainfall runoff onto roads, properties and into sensitive water courses.



We must recognize the uncomfortable truth that climate predictions are with us and being experienced now. This is why it is imperative we have policies that do not exacerbate climate breakdown but reduce the current high, unsustainable carbon emissions, and help us to adapt to a future of more extreme weather, floods and wildfires.

It isn't all doom and gloom if we choose policies that protect Broadland's rare habitats, farmland and water courses whilst prioritising increased investment in renewable energy, public transport and improving the energy efficiency of our homes. It's time to work for a brighter, better future for us all.

THE GREEN PARTY WORKING HARD FOR YOU

MOTION TO SUPPORT THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGY BILL

The partnership at Broadland District Council passed a motion on the 14th December to support the Climate & Ecology Bill. The private member's bill currently before the House of Commons aims to align UK environmental policy with the need to halt and reverse nature loss and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with the UK's international agreements.



The Greens at Broadland support the bill because it would require the UK Government to deliver a joined-up plan that considers the linked crises of climate and nature. Such a plan would result in funding being made available for councils like Broadland. Funding is required for local programmes to help us reduce our carbon emissions, cut our energy costs, and reverse the decline in nature.

Ward grants for community organisations

Each Broadland district councillor has an annual budget of £1,000 to spend on projects within their wards. The ward grant allocated by Cllr James Harvey this year has benefitted **Friends of Little Plumstead School**.

The Group provides those little extras that make school memorable, such as trips, books for the school library, play and gardening equipment. The shed which stores the equipment, together with items for coming events, is coming to the end of its life. Funding will go towards the purchase of a new shed to store the equipment. Activities provided by the group for children at the school enhances their learning, experiences and social interactions.



Funding for community projects

Please contact James Harvey (below) about ward funding for your project for next financial year from April. For community initiatives which will require funding up to £15,000 then contact James about Broadland's Community Grant Scheme.

Council issues can be reported via the council website: <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/>

Alternatively, you can contact the council directly by phone: **01603 431133**

You can also email Broadland District Council: reception@broadland.gov.uk

To report highways issues: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

**WE WOULD
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FROM YOU!**

The **Broadland Green Party team** can be even more effective working on local issues with your help. Could you:

- **Let us know which issues matter to you**
- **Help deliver newsletters to a street near you?**

Please call or text: 07818 446 109

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