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SOUTH EAST GEARS UP FOR MAY 2023 LOCAL ELECTIONS

On the 4th of May, 1898 seats on local councils will be up for election across the South East. It's a huge year for the Green Party - we're challenging record numbers of seats across the area, and are looking to get some big wins! **Your Green teams have already been working incredibly hard to prepare and deliver leaflets, canvas, and campaign.**

The upcoming few weeks are the most important part of the campaign leading up to the elections, so your local Green Party needs your help more than ever. If you are able to help out, have a look at our <u>Events Tracker</u>, which tracks all the biggest events across the South East, or get in touch with your local party! If you have any friends or family that might be interested in helping out, make sure to bring them along as well.

Does your local party not have elections this year? **Consider giving a boost to another nearby party** maybe they'll reciprocate next year!

Finally, a reminder to bring along your Voter ID when you go out to vote on the 4th of May.



HELP KEEP THE SOUTH EAST WINNING

Greens are on the rise all across the South East. But to be fully able to support local parties in the South East, we need your help.

At the moment, we have two Field Organisers and three Campaign Organisers working day in, day out to ensure big victories for the South East. But only 50% of the first Field Organiser's salary is funded by the national party - the rest comes from donations from South East members like you.

DONATE NOW To support greens in the south east We're therefore asking for regular donations to help fund our team, and keep the Greens winning across the South East. These donations will be used to keep our team at the size it's at right now!

Please click the button on the left to support us.

CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT: HORSHAM



In the 2019 local elections, Horsham Greens stood a total of four candidates for election, winning two seats on the council. A small party in a firmly Conservative area, the odds were stacked against them. But they were determined and ambitious, and since winning a landslide victory in Storrington & Washington, a traditionally Conservative ward, they haven't stopped growing.

Fast forward to today, and the party is unrecognisable. Aiming to stand a full slate of candidates (that's 48 in total!), the Horsham Greens are pushing to win up to 14 seats on the Council, a victory that would put them firmly on the map of Horsham politics. Following an inspirational campaign, the Horsham Green Party is looking ready to make huge victories in the coming elections - watch this space for more updates in the future! If you want to help their campaign out, please <u>say how</u> <u>you can help here</u>.

Claudia Fisher, South East Green Party Field Organiser, parish councillor, candidate, and volunteer Horsham campaign manager says: **"It's clear that voters are fed up with broken promises and Conservative government. As a traditionally Conservative area, the way people are voting round here is changing.** Disillusioned voters are looking for a real alternative and the Greens offer this."

If elected, the Horsham Greens will push for more sustainable and affordable housing and insulation for all social housing - dealing with the cost of living crisis and the climate crisis all at once! Don't forget to sign up to help the Horsham team <u>here</u>!

GREEN JENNI HAWKINS ELECTED IN HYTHE WEST

Great news from Kent County Council! Following the resignation of a local Conservative councillor, who was revealed to have been a member of a fascist group, **Green Party candidate Jenni Hawkins was able to seize the opportunity and win the by-election with an impressive 44% of the vote**. With her victory, Jenni becomes the fifth Green Party councillor to be elected to Kent County Council.

This is a significant achievement, as it not only strengthens our representation on the Council but also once again shows that **voters are increasingly turning away from other parties and looking to the Greens to provide a fairer and greener future**, both on national and local levels. Greens are on the up across the South East, and are looking to make big wins in the coming elections!

Huge congratulations from us to Jenni and her team - we know they worked hard to achieve this!



Cllr Jenni with Rich Lehmann and Mark Hood - three of our five Kent County Council members

KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR HYTHE WEST



HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

If you have any questions, whether regarding any of the opportunities discussed in this newsletter or something else, feel free to reach out to us via email, or on our social media. We'd love to hear from you!

We are looking to make huge wins in 2023, but we can only do this with your help. Whether by canvassing, leafleting, donating, or by standing as a non-target candidate - every little bit of help makes a huge difference! Volunteer now for a fairer and greener future for the UK. Donate Today

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