

GREEN VIEW

SOUTH QUANTOCK

Covering: Bishops Lydeard, Ash Priors, Combe Florey, Cothelstone, Crowcombe, Halse, Lydeard St Lawrence, Tolland, West Bagborough



Clive Martin

AIMING FOR ANOTHER GREEN WIN

Clive Martin – Local campaigner

Clive Martin will be standing for the Green Party in May's council elections, having previously stood as parliamentary candidate for the Green Party in 2015 and 2017.

Clive moved to Bishops Lydeard over 20 years ago. His 2 sons were educated locally and he was a **governor of the primary school for 10 years** (6 of those as Chair). He has been a **parish councillor in Bishops Lydeard for the last 8 years and is currently Vice-Chair.**

A keen supporter of Bishops Lydeard Football Club, in his 50s he played regularly for Bagborough Cricket Club but eventually had to retire as even the Sunday Friendly XI did not need a non-batting, non-bowling, non-fielding "all rounder"! ("One of the worst players ever to represent Bagborough CC" – Martin King). He's also a member of the local amateur dramatic group and is rumoured to have played the Dame in the pantomime on several occasions.

Clive's local campaigning has involved work in the area for **Quantock Eco** urging people to take advantage of insulation deals and trying to set up a **local "produce fair" with local farmers and gardeners.**

Martin Dimery, currently a Green Party councillor on the Somerset County Council: **"As Green Party councillors we make the difference by bringing environmental issues to the top of the agenda. We are always willing to work with other parties in the greater interest of environmental policies... We have well-constructed policies on all aspects of local and national government, and seek to fulfil these by working on cross-party initiatives."**



Clive with Molly Scott-Cato (MEP for South West)



CLIMATE CHANGE SPURS ACTION

Clive supports Extinction Rebellion, a **movement of people calling for action by our government** for the sake of our denuded natural world, for us and for our children, who do not deserve to live through a mass extinction that we have the power to stop.

The rebellion demands that the Government: **tell the truth about the climate and wider ecological emergency** and communicate the reality of the situation to the public, enact legally binding policy measures to **reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2025** and reduce consumption levels and initiate a **national Citizen's Assembly** to oversee the changes, as part of creating a democracy fit for purpose.

As Stuart Riggs from Extinction Rebellion Taunton says "The rebellion struck a chord with me; I didn't have to rely on others to halt the destruction, I could take action myself. "



Stuart Riggs from Extinction Rebellion

Local group email:

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TAUNTON AREA CYCLING CAMPAIGN

A potential beacon cycling and walking town



TACC campaigning in Taunton

In September TACC launched the 'Turn the Network Blue' campaign – calling on the local authorities to support a bid for £10m so that the cycling network can be transformed in the Taunton area. They have also devised and set up the easy 11 mile 'Foxglove Trail' highlighting many of the town's attractive green spaces. Maps available in the visitor centre.

TACC says: "Taunton has huge potential for more cycling and walking - which would reduce the carbon impact of travel, give mobility to many including the young and help reduce wasteful congestion. But it will only happen if there is a safe and attractive network."

To get involved email TACC : contact@thetacc.org.uk

BISHOPS LYDEARD LIBRARY SUCCESS

Library saved for another year

Clive has been a key figure in the **campaign to retain the library in Bishops Lydeard**. The Parish Council has agreed to fund the library for another year, preventing it being another casualty of austerity policies.

Clive said "This is a big financial commitment and I hope that in the long term, with the help of our local volunteers, we can extend opening hours and increase usage. Ideally we also need larger premises. **The library is safe for now but will only be there in the long-term if people use it.**"

Clive was one of the councillors on the Planning Subcommittee of the **Parish Council which set up the first "Neighbourhood Plan" in Somerset**. These plans are made under the Localism Act and are supposed to give parish and town councils a say on development in their area. Sadly, some developments that are opposed by the plan are still being given the go-ahead.



Clive at Bishops Lydeard Library

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

If you are not registered to vote or would like a postal vote, you can apply online at:

www.yourvotematters.co.uk

Every vote matters

Nearly 10,000 people voted Green in the last Taunton Deane elections in 2015. In Bishops Lydeard, 835 people (over 10%) voted for Clive, who would have been elected with just another 3.5% of the votes.

Green win in Taunton Deane

Last year, the Green Party won a Taunton Deane council seat at a by-election in Wiveliscombe. With your support, Clive could help give an even bigger Green Voice on our new local council.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Frack Free Bishops Lydeard: At the January meeting of the Parish Council, Clive successfully moved a motion opposing "fracking" and declaring the **Parishes of Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone to be a "frack free zone"**.

Clive said "I'm glad so many of my parish council colleagues were prepared to support this motion. **Fracking is a risk to public health and the environment** but above all it is a way of seeking further fossil fuels at a time when almost everyone realises we have to keep fossil fuels in the ground and seek alternative and renewable sources of energy."

Recycling Centre Accepts Plastic Tubs: Residents can now save all those **plastic fruit and veg trays, yoghurt pots and Tetrapack cartons** and take them along to the **Recycling Centre at Priorswood**. Through a bit of extra effort, your black bin non-recyclable rubbish will be considerably smaller!

CAN WE HELP?

If you have a comment or query about our area, Clive would love to know. Here are the ways you can get in touch:



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CLIVE MARTIN: A GREEN VOICE ON TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL