

GREEN VIEW

WEST MONKTON AND
CHEDDON FITZPAINE



Andy Pritchard with Caroline Lucas

AIMING FOR ANOTHER GREEN WIN

Andy is hoping to build on the Green success in last year's by-election in Wiveliscombe

Andy Pritchard will be standing for election for Taunton Deane Green Party for West Monkton & Cheddon Fitzpaine Ward on 2nd May 2019. Andy lives in Monkton Heathfield and works for a local mental health charity. He believes in the power of community, involving himself in many local initiatives. Key themes for him:

- **Supporting the NHS and Public Health needs** by empowering our communities to take preventative action for themselves. The more we can do in our communities to prevent issues, the more money and resources that can then be spent where most needed
- Making sure our local environment is as positive as possible for our wellbeing. Looking at **public transport, accessible cycling and walking**, and local commercial activity **reducing carbon emissions**
- **Lobbying for school provision** to be local and holistic in its approach, giving every child a broad foundation, not completely focused on academic achievement.



Andy is a keen supporter and participant in the Man Vs Fat Football Programme

Andy says "In a more than ever globalised world people are looking to their own local community for recreation, socialisation, and resources. **If elected as a councillor I will fight for any initiatives that help our mental wellbeing, sense of community, as well as reducing our environmental impact**"



CLIMATE CHANGE SPURS ACTION

Andy 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:
extinctionrebelliontaunton@riseup.net

TAUNTON AREA CYCLING CAMPAIGN

A potential beacon cycling and walking town



Andy: Action on cycling

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

TAUNTON GREEN PARENTS

Inspiring, supporting and motivating parents

TGP was initially set up as a virtual community by a group of local parents of young children **passionate about improving our local communities and safeguarding the planet for our children and future generations.**

The recent IPCC report highlighted the challenges we face if we are to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. We will require urgent and dramatic action from both governments and individuals. It was this realisation about the implications for future generations and in particular our children's future, which drove us to establish the group. **We can make changes to our consumer habits and lifestyle practises** so we offer a friendly and non-judgemental platform for members to share their knowledge and expertise, to ask for advice and to provide mutual support. TGP are also involved with lobbying, organising events and speakers in relation to environmental issues and community projects such as tree planting. This group currently has over **700 members!**

Join us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/groups/TauntonGreenParents



CAN WE HELP?

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



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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 West Monkton, 692 people voted for Andy, who would have been elected with just another 268 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, Andy could help give an even bigger Green Voice on our new local council.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Country Park Latest: Planting is well underway for the new "Somerset Wood" to commemorate the fallen soldiers of WW1. This forms part of the planned **Country Park situated north of Yallands Hill**, between Nerrols Farm and Monkton Heathfield. This will be a place for wildlife, people and peace. **Residents, especially youngsters, are encouraged to help with the planting.** Contact Alan Hall at West Monkton Parish Council, alanhall@westmonkton.net, to get involved.

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!

ANDY PRITCHARD: A GREEN VOICE ON TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL