



A chance for **REAL** change

The 6th of May will see the General and Local Elections on the same day. It's your one chance to sweep away the parties who would cut and privatise public services, back illegal wars and destroy Oxford in a mindless dash for growth. This is your one chance to vote for a **REAL ALTERNATIVE** that would create green jobs to beat the recession, establish a fairer and more just society and take real action to tackle Climate Change.

Boundary Changes will help the Greens

Substantial changes to Oxford East constituency boundaries have strengthened the Green's vote in Oxford East. Don't be fooled by misleading graphs of old General Election results - consider the facts - Oxford East is a new seat with new areas added.

"Greens topped the Euro poll in Oxford last year, proof that they can outpoll all the others where they have a proven track record and elected Councillors."

Caroline Lucas MEP
Leader of the Green Party

The Greens can win

Old politics have failed and there is now little to differentiate the big three parties. They all want to see massive cuts in public spending after the election, they are all in favour of privatising public services and all have done little to tackle climate change.

Labour and Tory governments have encouraged extreme inequality in Britain.

The rich are now three times more wealthy than they were 30 years ago. An unfair society is an unhappy society.

Labour, Tory and Lib Dems have backed the spending of billions of taxpayer's money on illegal and unwinnable wars that have cost the lives of hundreds of dedicated servicemen and women and killed hundreds of thousands of innocent people.

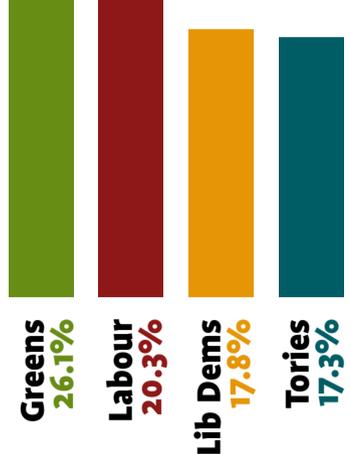
It's time to say enough is enough. This country is not run for the benefit of bankers, polluters and the rich. We need a real alternative that will regulate big business, stop privatisation, create jobs, build a fair society and give our children a chance by tackling climate change now.

We don't want more rhetoric, hollow legislation and targets that will never be met ...we need real action!

Elect Oxford's 1st Green MP: Sushila Dhall

The Greens CAN WIN!

Proportion of votes cast across Oxford in the 2009 European Elections



This graph shows how Oxford voted last year to elect our representative to the European Parliament.

Even in the local Council election the Lib Dems came third. The Lib Dems will show misleading graphs from 5 years ago when this constituency had quite different boundaries.

If we vote as we did last year in the Euro Elections the Greens will win. In 2009 the Greens topped the poll by a very clear margin.

It's clear the Greens can win!



Sushila says:

"The differences between the grey parties today are so slight that the only true opposition voice is that of the Green Party."

Locally we have shown what a difference a small number of Green councillors can make.

For a voice in the House of Commons that will speak up clearly against the ongoing privatisation of public services, against endless commercially-based developments, and for equality, justice and a fair deal for all, make history: vote to elect Oxford's first Green MP.'

The opportunity to elect Britain's first Green MP is here with Sushila Dhall in Oxford East.

Fair is worth fighting for: www.greenoxford.com

7 Reasons to Vote Green nationally

“Unless we stop acting as if there is no tomorrow - there will be no tomorrow.”



Sushila Dhall has lived and worked in central Oxford for 25 years. Despite being an Oxford graduate, Sushila originally left school without proper qualifications and then was homeless for several years until her early 20's. Her experiences during that time meant she developed great empathy and understanding of what it is to be powerless and marginalised. After gaining her degree from Oxford she worked with local homeless people for 10 years, and went on to study psychodynamic theory and practice, also at Oxford University. Since then she has worked as a public and third sector counsellor for 13 years.

Sushila has also represented the Green Party on both local councils since forming the UK's first ever County Council Green Group with Caroline Lucas in 1996. As a well-known effective local campaigner, she has been involved in fighting off large-scale unsuitable developments, campaigning on behalf of marginalised groups and individuals, and speaking up clearly on issues such as air pollution, social inequality, and the ongoing privatisation of public services.

Sushila is an experienced Green politician with a fresh and effective style of working. She says: 'The House of Commons is full of Labour, Lib Dem, and Tory MPs. One more of any of these will make no difference to their agenda, which puts economic growth ahead of every other issue. One Green in Whitehall will push all the others Greenwards, which is desperately needed in these economically and environmentally challenging times.'

Labour is Brown not Green

As Labour voters switch to Green the latest panic measure by the Labour camp is to claim that Labour is Green too.

Labour's environmental record is very poor. They want a third runway at Heathrow and **expansion in regional airports**. They have given minor funds to renewable energy investment projects and energy saving insulation schemes. The weak Climate Change Act sets good targets but has no indication of how to achieve them. Labour are pressing ahead with a new generation of **coal fired** and **nuclear power** stations. Campaigning environmental groups have condemned their policies as inadequate to meet the global threat.

Andrew Smith's Green credentials are poor. The website **TheyWorkForYou.com** monitors MP's parliamentary activity. They say Andrew Smith **“voted moderately against laws to stop climate change”**. They also say he **“voted very strongly”** for the Iraq War and against an investigation into the war, for student top-up fees, against an elected House of Lords, and that he **“hardly ever rebels against [his] party in parliament.”** As Chief Secretary to the Treasury he deregulated the banks with 'soft touch policies' that led directly to the present recession. **He also led moves to privatise the NHS** by introducing the **Private Finance Initiative**. As Minister for Pensions he backed the infamous 75p rise for pensioners.

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Stop Climate Change

Only the Greens have a fully-costed programme of action to tackle Climate Change. Other parties suggest they are green but in practice back more coal fired power stations, more airport expansion and economic policies which do more harm than good.

After decades of Green pressure there is finally agreement that 'something' needs to be done but **only the Greens have the local, national and international policies to really make an impact.**

End privatisation and cuts of public services

Labour, Tory and Lib Dems are committed to more privatisation and deep cuts in public services. Each has announced dramatic reductions in public spending to fill the hole created by Brown and Blair when they gave the bankers and warmongers a blank cheque. After wasting billions on the banks and wars it is no surprise that UK plc is having a tougher time than other countries responding to the global economic downturn. **A £45 million cut to Oxford's NHS is not the answer.**

Build a fairer society

The rich should pay more. Tax avoiding 'non dom' billionaires cost the rest of us over £70 billion per year. We need a living wage (£8.10 per hour) not just a minimum wage. Banks should be regulated and windfall profits heavily taxed. Massive inequalities lead to crime, ill health, poverty, elitism, lack of opportunity and unhappiness. Pensions in the UK are some of the lowest in Europe. It's time pensioners had a European standard pension (i.e. £170 per week) linked to earnings.

“We Greens are the only party that wholeheartedly defend public services and working people. Our goal is a fair society. We've also got the best policies to stop climate chaos and ensure a clean, healthy and safe environment.

I urge Oxford voters to vote for Sushila Dhall who would be a passionate, feisty, fresh voice in parliament. Sushila would make a very fine MP.”



Peter Tatchell,
Human Rights Campaigner

Green New Deal for jobs

By cancelling Trident, the two new aircraft carriers, the nuclear power subsidy, scrapping ID cards, and pulling out of Afghanistan, the hundreds of billions saved could go into creating a million new jobs in green technologies. We need to build more eco-friendly Council houses, invest in renewable energy to protect against future oil price rises and revitalise food and farming in the UK. **Create a million new jobs with a Green New Deal.**

Free education for all

Education should be free allowing equal access for all. Labour introduced top up fees in Higher Education and the Tories now agree that students should pay for their education. Even the Liberal Democrats have a policy of rationing free education, dropping their original pledge to establish equality and social justice for all. Only the Greens see Education not as a privilege but as a right.

End corruption & greed

It's time to stop MPs helping themselves to lavish expenses. MPs who live within commuting distance of London should not have second homes and our taxes shouldn't be funding renovation and repairs so that MPs can profit at public expense. MPs should be regulated and scrutinised in the same way as doctors, lawyers and accountants. Liberal Democrat, Labour and Tories have all had their noses in the trough. They only agreed to change the rules since getting rumbled. **It's time to end the abuse and restore the concept of public service not personal greed.**

Plan for peace not war

The costs to taxpayers of illegal and unnecessary wars are too high. Hundreds of servicemen have given their lives; tens of thousands of innocent civilians have been killed. The military strategy in Afghanistan has failed and there are no easy solutions to this disastrous conflict. **Immediate withdrawal of UK and NATO forces, together with a peace agreement involving the UN, and Afghanistan's neighbours is the only chance of building peace in the region.** This must include support for agriculture, infrastructure, education and health services.



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and 7 Reasons to Vote Green locally

Help to build a Sustainable Oxford

For over a decade the Greens have been at the forefront of many local initiatives to cut carbon emissions and create a sustainable city. Credit claimed by other parties can all be traced back to Green Party budget and policy proposals be it recycling, house insulation, solar lighting, cycle facilities and much more. **The Greens are setting the agenda in Oxford.**

Save Temple Cowley Pool

Only the Greens are fully backing the refurbishment of Temple Cowley Pool rather than its closure. Originally a Lib Dem idea, Labour recently voted to close the pool and replace it with a competition pool in Blackbird Leys. Thanks to Labour's partnership with a private trust (supported by Lib Dems) a popular local pool in a densely populated area, accessible by public transport, will be lost forever.

Better care for vulnerable people

The Tory County Council have cut and privatised the warden service in our sheltered housing schemes. Over the years Labour and Lib Dem administrations have done very little to help the elderly and disabled, leaving them to the mercy of Tory cuts. Greens moved a County budget to restore the cuts in

Social Services, but Labour, Tory and Lib Dems weren't interested. **Now is the time to care - not cut.**

Protect our open spaces

Labour and the Lib Dems are both in favour of the mindless dash for growth. The Greens believe that the City of Oxford was founded on quality and excellence not volume and size. Planning applications need to be considered properly, our heritage protected and housing must be prioritised over more shops and business parks. **We need development that values and enriches Oxford, not a carbon copy of other towns.**

Help the campaign

Unlike some other parties, Greens don't take money from unethical or big business. Our volunteers are ordinary people working to make a difference.

To help the Greens in the campaign please call Sid Phelps, our election agent, on 01865 727 723 or email Sid: sid@greenoxford.com

Stop poor quality Landlords

There are good landlords in Oxford, but there are also some whose only interest is money. **For years the Greens have been pressing for a mandatory Code of Practice to ensure that tenants have basic rights to decent accommodation.** The Labour and Lib Dem 'voluntary registers' simply don't work. The new 'rules' introduced by Labour nationally will do little to stop the ever growing number of Houses of Multiple Occupation and even less for balanced communities.

Save Oxford School

Labour's Academies policy of handing schools over to private sponsors, divorcing them from the local community and democratic influence are failing. Greens are against Academies. **We need improved funding and better management not part-privatisation.** Oxford Community School should stay with the local authority and its great achievements should be acknowledged.

Clean air and better transport

Air Pollution in the City centre is appalling but only the Greens are demanding real action. We need local control of our roads - Greens warned Labour and Lib Dems that handing back control of our roads to the remote County Council would be a mistake. The City has been graded as 'poor' in its air pollution record. **Greens are the only ones to effectively lobby for improvements to public transport, walking and cycling..**

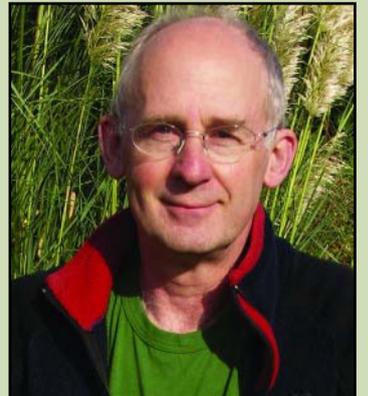
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Councillor Mary Jane Sareva - St. Clements

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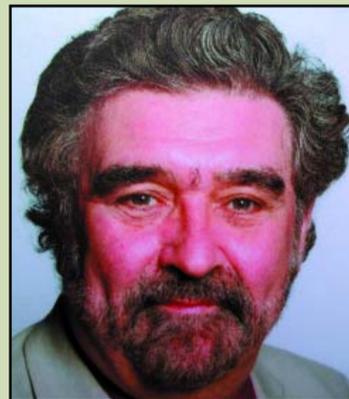
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Councillor David Williams - Iffley Fields



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