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# PORTWOOD GREENS: WORKING FOR YOU ALL YEAR ROUND

# WE SAY A <u>HUGE</u> "THANK YOU!"

Historic result in Portswood sees Katherine Barbour first Green elected here



PORTSWOOD - MAY 2023 Green Cllr Katherine Barbour (centre) with Green candidate Jonathan Bean (left) and, Green candidate Helen Makrakis (right)

A huge thank you to Portswood residents for their support in the May 2023 Local Elections, which saw **Green Katherine Barbour elected to Southampton City Council** – Southampton's first Green councillor elected in the 801 years of its existence!

#### Green Cllr Katherine Barbour says, **"We are delighted by the result and say a** <u>HUGE</u> thank you for your support

Sadly, Katherine's fellow Green candidates Jonathan Bean and Helen Makrakis didn't quite make it across the line this time – but there is always next year!

#### Jonathan comments,

"I enjoyed talking to so many lovely people on the doorstep and am delighted by our Green breakthrough. I know Katherine will be a brilliant councillor." Helen adds, "Our community has spoken loud and clear. Change is much needed here, and change IS coming! We are already planning our next Green win in Portswood for 2024 – "

So watch this space and get in touch if you would like to help KATHERINE ST WITH 1391 VOTES

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# KATHERINE: PRIORITISING SAFER, CLEANER, CHEAPER TRANSPORT

## MORE CROSS CITY BUS ROUTES NEEDED WHILE LABOUR SAYS "NO" TO £1 BUS FARES

#### More buses please:

Residents have raised concerns that there needs to be a bus service along Westwood Road and along Highfield Lane. Many people have said that getting across town is difficult as there are virtually no cross-town routes.

Katherine explains, **"I plan** to join the Bus Forum to make sure your views are heard by the bus operators. I will raise these issues on your behalf and report back." Petition update: sadly the Green Party's petition for £1 bus fares has been turned down by Labour due to 'lack of funds'. But Katherine has asked that the option be kept open until more money becomes available.

Katherine says, **"Over 1,000 of you signed our petition, so I will keep on asking. I know a flat £1 fare would help residents when prices of food are so high** *and* **improve Southampton's traffic problems."** 

## **IMPROVE ST DENYS RD JUNCTION SAFETY**



Many people have made the

comment how dangerous they think the alteration to St Denys Road/Thomas Lewis way junction has become. Katherine explains, **"Our survey showed that** walkers and cyclists are not using the junction as intended. I will raise this serious concern at Council urgently."

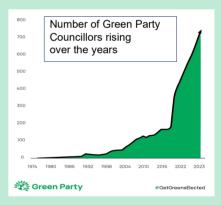
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

If you want to talk to us face to face, we are holding surgeries. These will held by Katherine or a GP representative.

St. Denys Church Hall on the following Saturdays from 14:00 – 15:00.

24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul
26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct2	25th Nov

#### **GREENS ARE ON THE UP!** Green's now have over 750 Councillors



## CAN WE HELP? WANT TO JOIN US? GET IN TOUCH WITH THE PORTSWOOD GREENS!



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