

Your Local Green Team



**Robin Harper,
Green MSP
for Lothians**



**Alison Johnstone,
lead Green candidate
for Lothians in 2011**



**Melanie Main, Green
spokesperson for
City Centre**

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Greens back Alison for Scottish Parliament

Local Greens have selected Alison Johnstone as Robin Harper's would-be successor in the Scottish Parliament.

Alison, who is Green councillor for the Meadows and Morningside Ward in Edinburgh, has been selected to be the party's top candidate in Lothian in next year's Scottish Parliament elections. Her selection follows Robin Harper's decision to stand down next year, having served as Green MSP for Lothians since 1999.

If around 7% of voters back Alison then she'll follow in the footsteps of the hugely popular Mr Harper. If, however, 12% of people vote

Green with their second vote, then the Greens will have two MSPs in Lothian, just as they did in the 2003-2007 Parliament. This would mean fellow Green councillor, Steve Burgess joining Alison in Holyrood.

Alison said "I am delighted to have been selected. Of course, I realise that the hardest work is only now beginning: to persuade voters that I am worth backing as Green candidate

in just the same way as Robin has done over the last 12 years.

"However, I've worked in Parliament, with Robin, since 1999, so I have a good understanding of the challenge ahead.

"I am sure that people in Lothian will respond to the importance and urgency of the Green message and see through the weak choices that other parties offer. I am confident

that record numbers of people will vote Green."

Robin Harper gave Alison his full backing: "Scotland's Parliament needs Green MSPs, to challenge and inspire: campaigning

effectively on securing clean green energy; on efficient transport; on tackling pollution and waste; and delivering thousands of quality green jobs. I can think of no better successors than Alison and Steve."

The Scottish Parliament elections are on 5 May 2011. If you can help in any way with Alison's campaign please contact "Green Action".



Contact your local Greens

City Centre Green Team is made up of Scottish Green Party members and other community-minded people in the area stretching from Abbeyhill to Haymarket and covering both Old and New Towns

You can contact us at

citycentre@edinburghgreens.org.uk, or phone 07775 665499

Or write to us at 12 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QB

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Save our local shops!

Following news that a Tesco store will soon be open on Holyrood Road, City Centre Green Team is actively supporting local residents in their attempts to protect local independent grocery shops. Now there are grave concerns that the Council will permit another to go ahead on part of the Caltongate site.

The Greens are leading a residents' survey throughout the city centre to canvass views and build up a picture

of how and where residents shop.

The proliferation of 'so-called "local" supermarket branches is a clear threat to independent local shops across the city, and Green Teams are working together across Edinburgh to protect our shopping communities and retain a diverse range of retailers.

For more details of the campaign contact local greens at the address opposite.

Greens welcome end to double glazing ban

Edinburgh Greens have backed a decision to remove a ban on double-glazing in listed properties. The City Council lifted the controversial ban following a one year pilot scheme led by environmental charity, Changeworks, Lister Housing Association and Edinburgh World Heritage. The pilot demonstrated significant reductions on heat loss, while there was no difference in the appearance of buildings.

City Centre Green campaigner Melanie Main welcomed the change, saying "In the city centre, three quarters of buildings are listed but there's a massive need for improvement work. This common sense decision means that hundreds of residents and businesses can now make valuable improvements to their buildings, reducing heating bills and tackling climate change."

City centre Greens need your help!

Can you help us in our campaigns? Is there an issue that affects where you live? Contact us at citycentre@edinburghgreens.org.uk or at 12 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QB

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- I'd like more information about the **Scottish Green Party**
- I'd like to make a donation to **Edinburgh Green Party**

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