

GREEN ACTION

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Fountainbridge
& Craiglockhart

Energy action for local schools plea

A GREEN CAMPAIGNER HAS URGED THE CITY COUNCIL TO GET SERIOUS about energy efficiency in the area's schools, saying that money which could be spent on classroom essentials is being needlessly spent on energy.

Gavin Corbett said: "In my four years as Chair of the Parent Council at Craiglockhart Primary School I've dealt with many concerns about the inefficient heating systems in schools – with some children coming out red-faced and dehydrated because it

is too hot and schools facing budget-busting heating bills. And I know similar concerns have been raised at Bruntsfield and Tollcross Primaries.

"At Craiglockhart we have been working with a post-graduate student to identify how improvements can be made. These might be in the form of better controls, more efficient heating and even schools generating their own energy!

"Less money for big power companies is more money for books and materials."

Green assets need to be treasured argues Green MSP

LOCAL GREENS HAVE WARNED ABOUT COMPLACENCY OVER THE AREA'S 'GREEN TREASURES'.

The group has highlighted Harrison Park, the Union Canal, Craiglockhart Woods and the Water of Leith Centre as among the unique assets in the area.

Green MSP, Alison Johnstone, who lives in Craiglockhart said:

"Thousands of people treasure the green jewels of our area. But recently there has been the threat of over-development on

Craiglockhart Hill and the Water of Leith Centre has had to fight off funding cuts So that is why I am personally committed to supporting and enhancing these unique assets both for now and future generations."



Gavin Corbett chaired the Parent Council at Craiglockhart Primary School between 2007 and 2011

Singing for a Green future

AWARD-WINNING SINGER-SONGWRITER KARINE

POLWART is to host a special event for the Green Party at the end of March.

Karine said: "I'm delighted to be hosting this evening to help the Greens gain even more councillors. The party is not beholden to millionaire backers or big companies yet its message needs to be heard even more urgently than ever.

Karine Polwart appears on 28 March at Greyfriars Kirk. Tickets £12 (£8 conc) from www.TheBooth.co.uk or 0796 702 1708. See also www.karinepolwart.com

YOUR LOCAL GREEN TEAM

Alison Johnstone
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Gavin Corbett,
Green spokes-
person for
Fountainbridge
& Craiglockhart



Contact your local Greens



Fountainbridge & Craiglockhart Green Team is made up of Scottish Green Party members and other community-minded people in the area stretching from Fountainbridge, west to Craiglockhart and Chesser.

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Local Greens slam supermarket sweep

FOUNTAINBRIDGE/ CRAIGLOCKHART GREENS have criticised the Council over its apparent supermarket obsession.

The criticism comes after councillors approved two new supermarkets in the area: one in Hutchison Road, the other in Longstone when there is already a massive ASDA at Chesser and Sainsbury at Gorgie.

Green councillor, Steve Burgess, voted against the latest supermarket proposal and said: "Quite understandably, some people in the Hutchison/Chesser area are fed up with a 10 year old gap site at the old Fruitmarket. But to be told that the only way to have much-needed affordable homes is to accept yet another supermarket is no choice at all."

Car-parking issues remain under spotlight

A LARGE PART OF THE AREA faces growing pressures on car parking, say local Greens.

Gavin Corbett said: "The area from Tollcross, through Fountainbridge, Viewforth and Polwarth is densely occupied and has seen controlled parking for some time now. But pressure is now reaching Shandon.

"Last year I helped form a car-parking action group in the area. This group commissioned research which showed a clear majority for action on cars parked on pavements and for measures that gave higher priority to local residents. That evidence was presented to a packed public meeting and submitted to a Council consultation on parking.

"I recognise that some people are opposed to any parking controls. But you only have to look at improvements in parking in areas that have been controlled to see the benefits. That is why I will continue to press for an area-wide solution."

Greens demand end to contracts for tax dodgers

GREEN COUNCILLOR Maggie Chapman has demanded that the Council stop using companies which avoid tax.

According to Cllr Chapman, Vodafone, which provides the Council's mobile 'phone contract, has avoided £4.8bn of tax on a merger deal. Cllr Chapman said "Companies that dodge tax should never be considered for public contracts. Edinburgh's share of the Vodafone £4.8bn could help us to avoid making cuts to vital local services."



Local Green Gavin Corbett at the site in Chesser which has lain empty for years since ASDA moved across the road.

Local Greens want to hear from you!

Is there an issue that affects you or your neighbourhood?
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- I can help deliver Green Action in my street
- I'd like more information about the Scottish Green Party
- I'd like to make a donation to Edinburgh Green Party (cheques payable to Edinburgh Green Party)

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