

Your Local Green Team



Robin Harper,
Green MSP
for Lothian



Alison Johnstone,
lead Green candidate
for Lothian in 2011



**Gavin Corbett, Green
spokesperson for
Fountainbridge and
Craiglockhart**

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Greens – the only alternative!

Greens in Edinburgh have launched their campaign for the Scottish Parliament, by urging voters to back an alternative to politics as usual.

Top candidate, Alison Johnstone, who is bidding to succeed Robin Harper as Green MSP for Lothian, said: "There's never been a more important time for a Green alternative. We are witnessing an astonishing assault on public services: ideology wrapped in a cloak of financial necessity. Yet all so-called main parties accept this as inevitable.

"There's an utterly naïve view that the private sector will grow to fill the space left by public sector cuts.

But will it? And what kind of economy will we see in its place? One characterised by "McJobs", feeding on high consumption, waste-today-forget-tomorrow?

"That's no kind of policy at all. Not for people and not for the planet. We need a thriving public sector working with a responsible private sector to make genuine long term choices for Scotland – on housing, transport, education, on energy provision and the sweep of policy.

"That's the alternative Greens offer. And that's why I believe that tens of thousands of voters will back us with their second vote."

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First Green MP backs Alison Johnstone for Parliament

The UK's first Green MP, Caroline Lucas, has paid tribute to retiring MSP Robin Harper and backed Alison Johnstone as his would-be successor in the Scottish Parliament.

Caroline said that Robin had been a breath of fresh air when first elected as MSP in 1999 and added:

"I was hugely impressed by Alison when I met her recently in Edinburgh. She shares my own conviction that social justice and environmental



protection go hand in hand. I look forward to welcoming Alison to that growing band of Greens who are elected to fight for a greener and fairer world."

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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 cuts to schools budgets

Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart Greens have hit out at a planned £15 million cut to the City Council's Childrens and Families department which they say will affect all primary, secondary and special schools in the area.

Green spokesperson, Gavin Corbett, who is also chair of the Parent Council at Craiglockhart Primary School, said: "Cutting schools budgets is an act of

vandalism. Schools in Fountainbridge and Craiglockhart area need more investment, not less. And there is a Green alternative. Rather than cutting budgets in this way the Government should be seeking to raise that investment, through taxing the super-rich who caused the financial mess in the first place, through clamping down on big companies' tax evasion and through a fairer form of local taxation."

Green MSP candidate hails community action on local environment

Alison Johnstone, Green candidate for the Scottish Parliament has hailed the work of groups fighting for the local environment and has pledged to seek more backing for them.

Alison, who lives in Craiglockhart, says: "From Friends of Harrison Park, Craiglockhart Woods Group, Shandon Local Food Group and the Water of Leith Conservation Trust – not to mention our

community councils and many more besides, we are so lucky in this area to have dedicated groups of volunteers working hard to enhance the area.

"In the current parliament Green MSPs secured a "Climate Challenge Fund" worth over £37 million to back local environmental projects. I'll seek to ensure that backing continues if elected as Green MSP."

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