

Your Green Team

Your Voice in the Scottish Parliament



Robin Harper,
Green MSP
for Lothians

Your Voice on the Council



Alison Johnstone,
Green Councillor
for Meadows and
Morningside

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Say No to mega HMO!

Green Councillor Alison Johnstone has supported residents' concerns over proposals for a 32 unit House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) in Leamington Terrace.

The original proposal was to change a care home to a budget hotel but this was rejected unanimously by planning committee. Now the owner is seeking permission to turn it into a HMO for up to 41 residents.

Councillor Johnstone said "Whether a hotel or an HMO, this proposal is entirely inappropriate for a quiet residential street. The fact that local

schools and community councils all took time to express their concerns highlights the depth of local concern.

"I'm pleased the Planning Committee agreed that the proposal contradicted several planning policies and should not be granted permission. However, an HMO application for this address has now been applied for and is going before the Licensing Committee at the end of January. I have objected to this application too.

"Well-managed shared flats are one thing. But a mega HMO like this is completely inappropriate."

Return of Tollcross Green Fair

The Tollcross Green Fair will return to Barclay Church Hall on 27 February.

The event, which made its debut in February 2009, proved a massive hit with up to 600 local people coming through the doors to sample local produce and goods and browse stalls run by well-known local campaign groups and service providers.

Green MSP, Robin Harper said:

"I'm delighted that the Green Fair is building on the success of last year. It is so important that, in times of economic gloom, we give support to local producers who are each doing their own bit to make the world a better, fairer and greener place."

The Green Fair is one of a number of headline Green events in the first quarter of 2010 (see box for details).

Green Events in 2010

Saturday 27 February: Green Fair: Barclay Church Brunstfield Place
10.30am – 3pm. Entry FREE.

Thursday 11 March: "Karine Polwart and friends in concert": award-winning singer-songwriter, Karine Polwart and special guests: 6-11pm, Roxy Art House, Roxburgh Place. Tickets: £12/£8.

Saturday 13 March: Big Green Ceilidh with the ever popular Da Hooley Ceilidh Band: 8pm-midnight at the St Brides Centre, Orwell Terrace. Tickets: £10/£8.

For further details or to book tickets email events@edinburghgreens.org.uk or phone / text 07967 021708

Contact your local Greens

Meadows and Morningside Green Team is made up of Scottish Green Party members and other community-minded people in the area stretching from Lauriston Place to the Braid Hills.

You can contact us at

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Or write to us at 37 Comiston Drive, Edinburgh EH10 5QS

You can also contact your Green MSP, Robin Harper on robin.harper.msp@scottish.parliament.uk or 0131 348 6421

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Greens pick Cllr Steve Burgess for Edinburgh South



Dr Steve Burgess, Green Councillor for Southside / Newington Ward has been selected to stand for the Scottish Green Party in Edinburgh

South at the next Westminster election. Steve is Environment and Planning spokesperson for the Greens on the City Council. In neighbouring Edinburgh South West, Clare Cooney is the Green candidate.

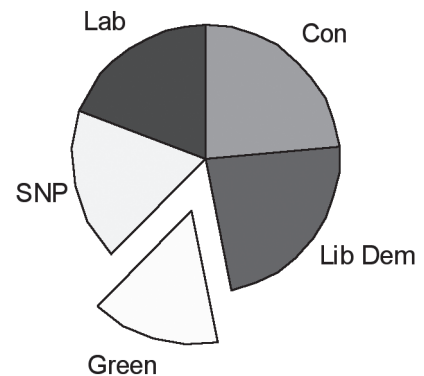
Councillor Alison Johnstone said "I've worked alongside Steve for ten years. I know how dedicated he is, particularly when it comes to tackling the biggest environmental issue, climate change.

"Steve has worked tirelessly since being elected to the City Council in May 2007. His achievements include campaigning successfully for variable parking charges according to how polluting each vehicle is, getting more dropped-kerbs put in at street corners

to help parents with buggies and disabled people get around and hand-held 'smart' meters on loan from libraries so that residents can check their electricity use.

Steve added "I'm very proud to have been selected to stand for the Green Party in Edinburgh South. People in Edinburgh South who want it to be known they want a change from the politics that is failing us will be able to vote Green in 2010."

Party shares of the vote in Edinburgh South, Euro Elections 2009



Meadows and Morningside Greens need your help!

Can you help with our campaigns? Is there an issue that affects where you live? Contact us at MeadandMorn@edinburghgreens.org.uk or at 37 Comiston Drive, Edinburgh EH10 5QS.

- 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**

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