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Green Councillor
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Reclaim our economy: a special message from **Elaine Morrison**, lead Green candidate for Europe.



The European Parliament seems very remote to communities in Edinburgh. But there has never been a more important time to send a Green representative there, joining the existing group of 34 Green MEPs.

Elaine Morrison, the Greens' lead candidate on 4 June says: "Scotland has the opportunity to lead the world in energy efficiency – a plan supported by economists, house builders and environmentalists and building on a successful scheme pioneered by Greens in Huddersfield. We need more Greens elected to make the crucial difference for people – ending fuel poverty is only the start."

The global economic crisis is an important challenge for us all. After 10 years of getting drunk on credit, the world is waking up with a mighty headache – Greens have a cure for that headache that isn't based on another credit binge.

The Green plan for Europe offers a massive expansion in green jobs, supporting renewable energy, public transport and energy efficiency on a

huge scale. Greens want to solve the economic crisis in ways that will help to combat climate change, and end poverty at home and abroad.

Only Greens want to stop boom and bust, and only Greens want to solve the economic crisis in a way that makes all the people of the world better-off. A vote for Elaine Morrison and the Scottish Green Party in the European election on June 4th will help reclaim our economy in Scotland and around the world.

Elected Greens get things done!

Green MSPs, Robin Harper and Patrick Harvie, have delivered £30m for energy efficiency in Scotland. This is good, but with more Greens in Parliament it could have been even better. Greens wanted a free, universal scheme to insulate all of Scotland's homes, to help keep construction workers in a job and to end fuel poverty.

The European election offers you the chance to make government take free, universal provision of energy efficiency seriously.



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Contact your local Greens

Southside/Newington Green Team is made up of Scottish Green Party members and other community-minded people in this ward which also includes Dumbiedykes, Sciennes, Prestonfield, Grange and Blackford.

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Latest news from Councillor Steve Burgess

Edinburgh leads the way with 'Park Green' scheme

Edinburgh is to be the first council in Scotland to introduce a 'Park Green' scheme. The initiative, proposed by Green Councillor Steve Burgess, charges energy efficient cars less for a parking permit, while large polluting 'gas-guzzlers' pay more. The scheme was overwhelmingly backed in a public consultation and has now been approved by the Council. Councillor Burgess said; "Greens had to push hard to get the Council to approve this scheme which will reduce carbon dioxide pollution that's causing climate change." 'Park Green' is expected to be in place by 2010.

Community Litter-Pick

Southside/Newington Greens recently joined a community litter-pick of the greenspace between Dumbiedykes and St. Leonard's organised by the Southside Community Council. If you are interested in organising a community litter-pick in your area please contact Steve at the address on the left.

Coming soon - Smart meters to your local Library

Thanks to Green Councillors residents should soon be able to borrow 'smart' meters from Newington and other libraries. The hand-held devices display exactly how much electricity is costing

and how much CO2 is being emitted at any time. Householders are then able to see the immediate savings made by switching-off appliances and becoming more aware of their energy use. Smart meters should be available from your local library later this year.

Communities take up the Climate Challenge

Southside/Newington Greens recently hosted a packed public meeting to promote the £26 million 'Climate Challenge Fund' secured by Green MSPs. Community groups and individuals came together to learn about the initiative which funds voluntary and community groups to pioneer ways of reducing planet-wrecking pollution. Groups in Currie, Portobello, Leith and Shandon have all benefited, as well as city-wide schemes like the Edinburgh Community Backgreens Association. If you are interested in learning more about the fund please contact me at the address on the left.

Dates for your diary:

Meadows Festival, 6-7th June. Volunteers needed. See Meadows Festival myspace or facebook.

Edinburgh Community Backgreen 'blitzes' on Saturdays over the summer. See www.ecba.org.uk or 243 2698.

Edinburgh Greens need your help!

Can you help with our Euro Election campaign? Is there an issue that affects where you live? Contact us at Edinburgh@scottishgreens.org.uk or at Edinburgh Green Party, Thorn House, 5 Rose Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PR.

- 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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