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News and views from Greenwich Green Party for residents of Peninsula Ward

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Green Party survey shows fear of crime is the major concern in Peninsula Ward

More should be done to address local people's fear of crime, Greenwich Green candidates said after conducting a survey of residents in Peninsula ward.

Green Party members went door-to-door in east Greenwich, the Millennium Village and part of Charlton during the summer, leaving survey forms for residents to fill in. When asked about their concerns, most people's most pressing worry was crime and anti-social behaviour, with 80% of the 506 respondents saying they were "very concerned" by it.

"This isn't an unsafe area, but years of neglect by Greenwich Council mean our streets can feel intimidating when they shouldn't be," Green candidate Marek Powley said. "There's a dedicated police team in this ward working their socks off, with a huge area to cover, but their role isn't well understood."

"Greenwich Council spends cash delivering its propaganda paper to residents - but why can't it help the police out by distributing information about what the police team are doing? "Instead, the police have to do that job themselves - when we should be freeing them up to work in the community instead."

Marek thanked residents for taking part in the survey, adding: "We hope it shows we're a different sort of party. When was the last time Labour asked you for your views?"

Green policies include opening youth centres so teenagers don't feel the need to hang around the streets, while neighbourhoods should be better designed to make them safer.

"Youth services have been in decline since the 1980s - we support new youth centres, run in hand with the education system, to give teenagers something to do in the evenings," Marek added.

The local environment needs to be better looked after, too, as crime increases in areas where the streets are left unclean and dirty. "When was the last time your street was swept?," asked Marek.

Health services, unemployment and climate change were also among residents' national concerns in the survey. Local issues raised included worries over rubbish and recycling, traffic levels, and redevelopment schemes in Greenwich and Charlton.



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Get your street checked up

We all want to see our streets made safer - but what can we, as local residents, do about it?

Greenwich and Charlton's side streets should be places where children can play and neighbours can chat.

But instead many are rat-runs for traffic, provide cover for anti-social behaviour and contain trip hazards for those a little unsteady on their feet.

Everyone has the right to use their experiences of our streets to complain to Greenwich Council - but how do you go about it? Greenwich Green Party can help.



Our Green Party colleague Philip Connolly is experienced in dealing with these issues - and can even help local councils in obtaining the funds that can make a difference.

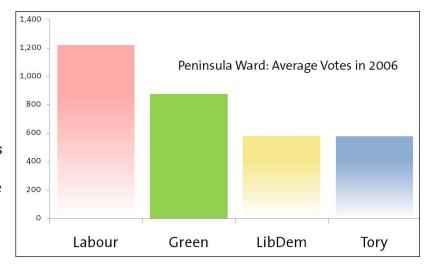
Philip is happy to provide a "street audit" to outline ways in which your street can be improved - to help you and your neighbours in getting what you deserve from Greenwich Council.

Peninsula ward candidate Darryl Chamberlain said: "The streets are the one public service we all use every day. We want to give practical help to people in making their neighbourhoods safer, and Philip can help us do that."

If you would like Philip to give your road a "street audit", contact us via e-mail or post at the addresses at the foot of the page.

Only the Greens can beat Labour in Peninsula Ward

- If we've delivered this newsletter to you, you live in Peninsula ward.
- In the last council election, we were just 248 votes behind the Labour leader Chris Roberts, one of the three current councillors.
- Councillor Roberts is clearly worried he's standing in a different area in May's election!
- You can make history by electing Greenwich's first Green councillors.
- We promise to stand up for Greenwich and be an independent voice on the council.
- Your Peninsula Green team: Marek Powley, Dave Sharman and Darryl Chamberlain.



Support our campaign

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