



## **Press Release Stafford & Stone Green Party**

### **First ever full slate in county council elections for Green Party**

Less than two years after its launch, the Stafford and Stone Green Party group is making electoral history. For the first time ever electors will have the option of voting for Green Party candidates in all nine divisions of Stafford Borough in the County Council elections on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Stafford and Stone Green Party Elections Officer Tom Harris says, "We are delighted to be offering all voters in Stafford Borough the chance to register their support for the Green Party at the ballot box. It would appear that the timing could not have been better as so many people want to give their vote to a party which always puts people and the environment, and not its own interests, first. More and more disaffected voters are finding the Green Party a refreshingly strong alternative choice."

Having candidates in all nine electoral divisions demonstrates the Green Party's commitment to providing democratic choice for all voters, something which both Labour and the Liberal Democrats have failed to do.

As well true democracy, the Green Party also supports gender equality. This is reflected in the fact that four of their nine candidates are women. This is twice as many as are standing for any other party. It is also notable that the Green Party recently elected Dr Caroline Lucas to be its leader, and Felicity Norman is its lead candidate for the West Midlands in the June 4<sup>th</sup> European elections.

One of the more prominent candidates is former Stafford Borough Mayor Mike Shone, who is standing in Stafford South East. Because, like many, he felt it had lost its integrity and sense of direction, Mike left the Labour Party two years ago. He had been a Stafford Borough councillor for 24 years. As chairman of the council's Environmental Health Committee he successfully fought to introduce the borough's first kerbside re-cycling schemes.

Mike says, "In Staffordshire, the Green Party offers the only responsible alternative to Tory cuts in vital services and Labour's

wastefulness. We want to see the county council being fairer both to the public, who it is supposed to serve, and to its staff and less indulgent to its councillors and contractors

The Green Party, which launched in Stafford and Stone in November 2007, opposes projects such as academy schools and waste incinerators which, despite being too costly, wasteful and damaging, are schemes supported by both the Tories and Labour. The Green Party will shift the focus of services to put people and their needs first."

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