

OUR TOP 10 PRIORITIES FOR A GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE STAFFORDSHIRE



The Green Party has been transforming politics in towns and cities across the UK. Green Councillors have saved post offices, made streets safer, and are well known for working hard for local communities because they believe in putting the community first.

1. **A Green New Deal for Staffordshire! To tackle the threat of unemployment.** - Staffordshire County Councils should use its massive purchasing power to promote sustainable communities through the procurement of local contractors and services.
2. **Saving Jobs and services** – No to privatisation of Home Care services. No to PFI. No more financial gambling of our money! No more short term savings but with long term increased costs and hardships, especially for the cared-for. A Living wage for ALL council employees.
3. **Expanding properly funded Youth clubs** and activities into every community and encouraging families and communities to work together.
4. **Fight Post Office closures** and seek to reopen closed Post Offices as Community Hubs.
5. **No to Incineration or co-incineration** – it damages both health and the environment – We demand a zero waste strategy!
6. **Rail not Road** – Reopen rail lines and promote cleaner, safer travel and movement of goods. Create local employment on the railways.
7. **Promote buses and an integrated travel provision** - free transport for Pensioners, people with a long term health condition or disability and under 16's.
8. **No to Academy schools, No to SATs** - Yes to well funded schools and parental choices.
9. **Work with other local authorities to provide Free Insulation** for all homes in Staffordshire – It's been done by other local authorities through Green Party pressure by making utility companies pay.
10. **Democratise the planning process** so that local communities can have a fair and proper say through independent facilitators.

The forthcoming election is a chance for the people of Staffordshire to pass judgement on their local Councillors – Are our 62 P/T SCC Councillors worth nearly £1m (figure for 2008-09) in allowances and expenses?

Don't be taken for granted – **VOTE GREEN!**