

GREEN VIEW SWALECLIFFE

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Your new Green councillor Keith Bothwell

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOTE

Now Keith Bothwell is working hard to make sure it counts!

Keith Bothwell writes: “Thanks to all who voted for me in May. I was overwhelmed by your generous support. Thanks also to those who did **not** vote for me, but who nevertheless engaged with me in doorstep conversations. It’s essential that I understand the breadth of local opinion, as my election means that I now represent all of you! **The Green Party** is making every effort to ensure that May’s local council elections are the start of a new

emphasis on improving our precious environment. **Sewage** and contaminated water, **traffic pollution and speeding** are at the top of the agenda. We will put pressure on the Council to adopt policies that will make a real difference to people’s lives and surroundings. As your newly elected Green Party councillor, I will work hard to keep these matters at the forefront of local politics. **Once more - thank you for your vote!**”

GREENS MADE MASSIVE GAINS IN COUNCIL VOTE Conservatives no longer control Canterbury City Council

Keith Bothwell won a **huge** majority in May’s local council elections, with over 55% of the vote - over double that of his nearest rival! Swalecliffe turnout was a very impressive 44% - high for a local election. Canterbury City Council is now controlled by a

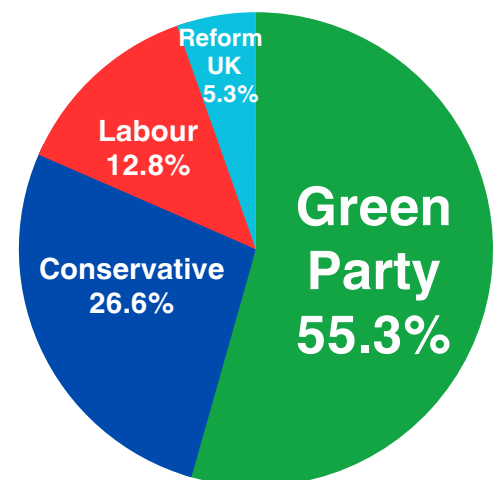
Labour/Lib Dem alliance. With its 4 councillors, the **Green Party** is now in a position to challenge poor decisions, push for improvements and to contribute to the Local Plan.



Canterbury’s four Green councillors

Left to right: Cllr Keith Bothwell (Swalecliffe), Cllr Andy Harvey (West Bay), Cllr Clare Turnbull (Gorrell), Cllr Steve Wheeler (Gorrell)

Breakdown of Canterbury City Council election results, May 2023, Swalecliffe ward





SAFE STREETS



Keith volunteering for speedwatch

A number of you have written to Keith about the behaviour of some motorists outside Swalecliffe School. Complaints include:

- Cars parked across residents' drives
- Engines left running
- Speeding vehicles

Keith Bothwell has contacted the enforcement team to see if more officers can be deployed to discourage such behaviour. *What do you think?*

FRIENDS OF MARINE CRESCENT WHO WANTS TO JOIN?



Cllr Keith Bothwell at Marine Crescent

Many of you have voiced your concerns about the state of the "green triangle" between Marine Crescent and the top of Tankerton Slopes.

For example, shrubs have been cut down, damaging the valuable habitat of nesting birds. Cars are parked on the kerb, while others leave their engines running, resulting in air pollution and noise.

Local residents are setting up a **Friends of Marine Crescent** group to improve the area for residents and wildlife. If you're interested in joining the group, there will be a meeting in November.

For more information please email keith.bothwell@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk

SEWAGE POLLUTION IS A GRIM BUSINESS



GREEN PARTY COUNCILLORS VOW TO KEEP PRESSURE ON SOUTHERN WATER TO REDUCE SEWAGE DUMPING

Green councillors visiting Southern Water's **Swalecliffe Wastewater Treatment Plant** have seen first-hand the engineering and technical issues surrounding the release of sewage into the sea. Further meetings with Southern Water have been lined up to push for both local and national solutions. Cllr Andy Harvey says: *"We continue to represent residents' concerns and push for improvements as well as better information about water quality."*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

DO YOU HAVE A LITTLE SPARE TIME TO DELIVER THESE LEAFLETS IN YOUR AREA? PLEASE CONTACT KEITH IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP. THANKS.



MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR

If you have any issues, ideas or concerns regarding Swalecliffe that you would like to talk to Keith about, do come along to his **COUNCILLOR SURGERY** at Swalecliffe Community Hall **Weds 18th October 5-7pm** **29th November 5-7pm**