





PORTSWOOD — HIGHFIELD — ST DENYS

Katherine Barbour, your local Green campaigner

THANK YOU!

Katherine thanks voters for election success

Thank you to everyone who voted for Katherine Barbour from the Green Party at the council election on 6th May.

We were thrilled to see Katherine almost **double her vote** and come second in the Portswood ward. The seat was won by the Labour Party with just over 1,400 votes and Katherine was close behind with nearly 1,100.

A 91—year—old told Katherine she had never voted for the Green Party before but she was putting her faith in her. All across the ward Katherine was encouraged by the response she got on the doorstep. With the Green Team she **visited over 70% of the households** in the ward. She had some great conversations and it was a delight to meet so many local people. She pledges to continue to hold the Labour councillors in Portswood to account.



Above: Katherine at the Guildhall with other Green Party candidates

LABOUR 36%

GREEN PARTY 27%

18%

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LOCAL ELECTION 2021 RESULTS: PORTSWOOD

The Green Party are now the **second largest** party in Portswood, with Katherine receiving over a quarter of the votes. This is **9% more** than in the 2019 elections, and nearly **18% more** than in 2018.

The overall results for Southampton were also positive, with Greens **overtaking the Liberal Democrats** to become the third largest party.

Across the UK, the Green Party **gained 99 seats** and now have 445 councillors across England & Wales.

CLEANING UP IN HIGHFIELD & ST DENYS

Green Party volunteers hit the streets for litter pick



Above: Katherine with volunteer in Kent Road, St Denys

Local 'wombles' have got behind the **community clean ups** in Highfield and St Denys over the past few months. Here you can see the results of our labours! This really makes our part of the city more beautiful.

If you would like a litter pick in your area, please contact katherine4green@gmail.com

AIRPORT EXPANSION

Greens support call-in of airport decision

Southampton Greens added their voice to requests for the Secretary of State to "call in" the airport planning decision because the **climate change impacts** of expanding Southampton, along with other UK airports' plans, are best considered at national level.

Meanwhile a report from the New Economics Foundation suggests the financial costs of Southampton's plans outweigh the claimed economic benefits.

Right: Katherine laying flowers in protest at Eastleigh council's claim to be tackling climate change

The report looks at climate change, but Southampton Greens have long argued that the economic costs of increasing noise on **local people** also should have been looked at.

https://neweconomics.org/2021/05/turbulence-expected



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CYCLE LANE AXED

Council prioritises cars over bikes and buses

Greens are disappointed that the bus and cycle lanes on Bitterne Road West have been removed. The new administration seems to put the interests of car drivers ahead of pedestrians, cyclists and bus users, even though 30% of people in Southampton don't have a car. This will increase traffic and air pollution. The pollution levels in the city are rising year—on—year and we all need to change our behaviour to reduce it.

Recently Katherine Barbour was screened by the Lung Health team in the city who informed her that Southampton has life—threatening outcomes for lung cancer compared to other cities in the UK. "This is caused by pollution in the city" said nurse Emma, "we are screening people before problems arise and giving advice to people on signs to look out for".

Greens in Southampton will continue to campaign for **cleaner air** and reduced car use, and improving alternative methods of transport.

Joe Cox, local Green Party transport spokesperson, said "The council should be making it easier to use 'active travel' to get around the city, not harder. The success of the e-scooter trial shows that people do want alternatives to car travel".



KATHERINE BARBOUR: WORKING HARD AND GETTING THINGS DONE