

The Village Green



Aylesbury Vale Green Party
Covering Haddenham, Long Crendon,
Stone and surrounding villages
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Haddenham and Stone
Councillor David Lyons

Out-of-touch Conservative councillors oppose carbon-reduction target



David Lyons speaking at AVDC meeting

On 18th September, Conservative councillors repeatedly opposed an Aylesbury Vale District Council climate emergency motion with a target date of 2030 to become carbon-neutral. **Green Party Councillor David Lyons** warned them that history would remember them, as would the young people, concerned for their futures, watching the debate online.

A motion was eventually passed, after much discussion. The following week, the Conservatives passed a

motion at Buckinghamshire County Council that paid lip service to the crisis, with no 2030 target.

David said: "The ruling party believes it can limit action on the climate crisis to encouraging people to pick up litter and planting a few trees around new developments. The evidence of a looming global catastrophe is clear to see – business as usual is not an option. We urgently need a measured plan to reduce carbon to zero by 2030."

Working for safer streets in Cuddington

Cuddington residents are concerned about speeding traffic in the village, particularly in narrow streets, and are calling for a 20mph limit.

The parish council paid Bucks County Council to carry out an assessment, which reported that there is no speeding problem and they could not have a 20mph limit, one reason being that the police would not support such limits.

Green Party Councillor David Lyons said it is for elected representatives to set the law (including speed limits) and the police to enforce it. Currently, speed monitoring is carried out by volunteers and letters to offenders are issued by the police. This can be done effectively with 20mph limits.

David is arranging for a delegation of councillors to meet the deputy commissioner to persuade him to support communities who want to make their streets safer and healthier.



Narrow village roads in Cuddington where residents want a 20mph speed limit

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Making Scotsgrove Corner safer for everyone

After much campaigning by the Safer Speeds at Scotsgrove team, among others, the good news is that following funding from the Local Area Forum, Thames Valley Police will now conduct a speed limit assessment.

If the police support a 40 mph limit there may be a consultation during October-February, with implementation in March-April 2020.

Green Party Councillor David Lyons said: "A sensible limit of 40mph will improve road safety for cyclists, drivers and pedestrians as well as improving the environment for residents of this hamlet."



David Lyons is working for a sensible 40mph speed limit at Scotsgrove Corner

Greener Living Fair success

The Greener Living Fair at Haddenham Village Hall on Sunday 29th September was very well attended. There were more stalls than ever, including two where you could refill your containers with pulses, grains, cereal and household cleaning products.

The vegan barbecue was a great success and we hope the day was enjoyed by all who came. Watch out for the next Greener Living Fair in autumn 2020.

Horrendous impact of Oxford-to-Cambridge Expressway

Green Party Councillor David Lyons initiated a motion opposing the Expressway and it was passed by Aylesbury Vale District Council on 18th September.

Villages in Bernwood have been hearing from the No Expressway Group about the impact in this area. Meetings have been held this summer in **Brill, Long Crendon, Chearsley, and Oakley (with Worminghall).**

The No Expressway Group has done



detailed work to show the number of houses in the Expressway Growth Arc, particularly at the named Expressway junctions (including east of Oakley and Twyford) and the impact on road transport in North Buckinghamshire. Its presentations can be seen online at www.noexpressway.org/events.

Re-leafing Haddenham

As part of Haddenham's response to the climate emergency, a new "Zero Carbon Haddenham" group has been formed, building on the work of Haddenham in Transition.

Following the parish council's adoption of a target of 2030 to achieve carbon neutrality, the group will work with the council on joint projects.

The first project, titled "Releaf", aims to significantly increase the amount of tree cover within the village boundary to sequester carbon from the atmosphere and offset the council's carbon footprint.



Project aims to increase tree cover

If you would like to know more about this project, please email Releaf@zeroch.org.

Contact David Lyons



Got a problem or want to get in touch with your Green Party Councillor for Haddenham and Stone **David Lyons**?

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