



Green Councillor
Greg Smith

THE VILLAGE GREEN

LONG CRENDON & VILLAGES

ELECTION SPECIAL



Green campaigner
Paul Norman

Councillor Greg Smith welcomes Paul Norman as Green Candidate for Long Crendon ward in the May elections

Councillor Greg Smith has represented Bernwood for the last 4 years. Long Crendon (including surrounding villages) has now become a new ward and Greg will be standing for Haddenham and Stone ward. Paul Norman will become the Green Party candidate for Long Crendon. Paul lives just up the road in Brill. He works as a quantity surveyor and sees himself as a practical and constructive person. Greg says “I am confident that Paul will work hard to serve all residents. He is friendly and outgoing and is looking forward to the opportunity of serving as your councillor”.

Much better management of flood risk needed



Flooding in Ickford



River flooding at Shabbington



Repeated flooding is happening through many of our local villages especially Shabbington, Ickford and Worminghall and it is getting worse. New development is one of the causes and can just push the problem downstream. This winter saw **Ickford** village streets suffering badly. The area was prone to flooding but without clear ditches and sewers new housing there has made things much worse. **Paul Norman says “The Council should only grant planning permission when there is practical provision for future flood mitigation, not just based on historical data.”**

Paul supports the efforts of local people to see what can be done about these worsening flood events. At **Worminghall** residents are actively involved in clearing ditches to improve the situation and at **Shabbington** flooding from the River Thames is a subject for a future Flood Forum, but should this be necessary?



Climate change isn't going away. Paul will be reminding Bucks Council of the need to cut emissions, to help people make their homes more energy-efficient and to protect our countryside, planting trees and maintaining hedges. Paul believes that all these things will improve our quality of life and our economic outlook.

A load of greenwash?



Paul is against the proposed anaerobic digester between Long Crendon and Oakley. He says “this is the wrong facility in the wrong place. Congesting our rural roads with lorries supplying the digester does nothing to reduce CO2 in our atmosphere either locally or nationally. There are also open questions about whether the operation is actually cutting CO2 especially with haulage supplying plant. **I strongly oppose this development as wholly un-green.**”

Thames Water polluting our rivers



Greg at Scotsgrove Brook

Cllr Greg Smith attends meetings with Thames Water that hold them to account for management of our waterways. Again, last year there were shocking levels of discharge from Sewage Treatment Works into the rivers. At Stone this amounted to 145 occurrences, 48 at Shabbington and 29 at the Cuddington STW. **Paul says “Like Greg I will continue to challenge Thames Water at every turn – we deserve better.”**

Support for Long Crendon health centre



This area has waited too long for a health centre. Paul says “I fully support the work of the Long Crendon Parish Council in this endeavour. I’ll push to help clear the red tape bottle neck and make our new health centre a concrete reality for the residents of Long Crendon”.

Paul at the Pinner’s Way site

Long Crendon Neighbourhood Plan

Greg and Paul were proud to attend the **Crendon Visioning** event and hear about the village survey that overwhelmingly calls for better walking and cycling routes. This feeds into the Neighbourhood Plan being developed by Long Crendon Parish Council, placing more emphasis on local infrastructure and, if there has to be new building, giving consideration to how it helps meet the needs of the community.

Small business leads the way on climate action



Greg & Paul will support small businesses

“Attending the Buckinghamshire Net Zero Summit & Business Expo was a fulfilling and positive experience” says Cllr Greg Smith. The conference was all about local small and medium businesses that are increasingly active in making positive environmental change. The CBI report Feb 2025 shows the Green Economy growing at 10%.

You can contact Green campaigner Paul Norman, at paulbnorman@me.com or meet Paul at the Renewed Eco Shop, The Square, Long Crendon, each Wednesday between 11 and 12.30