

Bowes green news

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**BECAUSE
COMMUNITIES COUNT.**

Because community counts



Peter Krakowiak and Jenny Jones meet A406 tenants

We've been out listening to Bowes residents. Here are some things you've said, we'd like to respond to:

"I'd like to vote Green, but I don't want to waste my vote" Last time round, Greens were just 100 votes short of getting elected in Bowes. We are planning to WIN this May and with your votes we can. Vote for our Green team in Bowes, Laura, Jack and Peter.

"Labour doesn't deserve my vote but is there a better option?"

Greens stands for a different way of doing things. We believe community counts and will

listen and respond to you. Greens in Bowes have worked for better results on the A406 road scheme, local housing and traffic calming. We're active in the community year in year out. As councillors we can do even more.

"I know the Greens want to stop climate change but how will you make a difference in Bowes?" We believe in acting responsibly, working together to support our families, communities and planet. Green councillors would work to:

- Give Bowes a community centre with facilities for all ages.
- Limit traffic to 20mph. Cars share our streets not own them.
- Provide grants for loft and cavity wall insulation – creating jobs, reducing fuel bills and CO2 emissions.

Plant more trees in streets and create 'green lungs' on the empty plots along the A406. Green lungs will absorb the air and noise pollution, pump out oxygen we all need, soften the look of the area, remind drivers they are in a residential area and encourage people to treat the area with respect. **You count. Your Green votes count.**

Vote Jack Johnson

Future Bowes Ward Councillor – with your vote!

As a councillor, Jack aims to be a thorn in the side of Enfield council. With local roots, educated at Southgate School, he is passionate about local quality of life. Local shops for instance. *"Green Lanes and Bowes Road should be thriving shopping centres for Bowes, but since the banks closed, I'm worried that so many shops are to let at the same time. The council needs to listen to our ideas for supporting the local economy."*

But Jack also takes a wider global view. He joined the Green Party in 2002 due to its consistent stand against the impending Iraq invasion, and includes political heavyweights George Orwell, John Pilger and Noam Chomsky among his influences. *"Quite simply, we have got stuck in a consumerist*

trap which is completely unsustainable."

As a veteran of the Green Party's national press office, Jack has a surprisingly pragmatic attitude. *"Politics is not just about pumping out a message, it's also about always questioning what we're doing, and looking for the best answers."*

So what sort of trouble will Jack make in the council chamber? Jack says, *"On the biggest questions facing society, like sustainability and fairness, there is really no difference between Labour and Tories. Neither party really understands these issues. When it comes to local shops and community, they've got no idea what's needed."*



Vote

A406 update – there’s a lot going on this year

Traffic calming in Warwick Road area
 Enfield Council have promised this for years. Latest word, work will commence in March starting with Natal Road. Council will contact residents directly with more detail.

A406 major road works
 Still on track for Spring 2010. Before work begins utility companies need to divert their apparatus. These works will take place each weekend between now and Monday 8th March. It will include some night work, road closures and diversions. For more information go to:
www.tfl.gov.uk/corporate/projectsandschemes/2251.aspx



Or call 07974 155281 and we will send further details to you.

A question –
 How will residents and businesses cope with both major road works and instillation of traffic calming all taking place at the same time? Rat-running through Bowes ward will be a nightmare. We will contact the council to find out what measures they will be putting in place to manage the situation. Answer in the next newsletter, providing the council have an answer.



Tenants stand united and form A406 Tenants United
 Initially we were pleased

to see Notting Hill Housing Trust purchasing the A406 homes, at last some progress. However, it appears that one of their many plans for the area is to re-assess tenants housing needs and re-house them out of the area plus make some tenants homeless. Tenants of Enfield Homes are safe but other tenants are unsure of their future. Tenants feel so strongly about the way they are being pushed around that they have formed the ‘A406 Tenants United’. If you want to know more or join them please email Maureen
reenie_ann@yahoo.com



Preventing burglary – help is at hand

Bowes West Neighbourhood Group
 A new residents group located on the west of Bowes ward, area bound by the railway line, A406, Telford Road and Enfield border has been set up to focus on residents needs, working with the police to cut crime. If you would like to know more please contact Simone
simesti@yahoo.co.uk

Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT)
 Bowes ward has been divided into 6 microbeats, this means you have your own Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) focusing on your area. To find out who your PCSO is contact Arif
arif.semey@met.police.uk
 SNT produce a useful monthly newsletter. To receive regular copies email Sam
samantha.kifford@met.police.uk

Help defeat burglary
 Free crime prevention survey. The SNT will carry out a free crime prevention survey on your home. Call 020 8721 2679
 (The police do not support any political party. Information is included here to help encourage more people to get involved with the SNT)

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