

# Newsletter May 2015

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## Tamworth Green Party News



Dear Friend,

Over the past year and, in particular in the run-up to the General Election, the Green Party nationally saw a quite amazing increase in its membership- nearly tripling in size until it now stands at 66,000 members in England and Wales. That's bigger than both UKIP and the Lib-Dems!

Clearly our bold and principled alternative to the grey politics of the other parties, struck a chord with many people!



Tamworth, of course, was not immune to this "Green Surge" and we are very pleased to be able to extend a warm welcome to our new members and supporters.

After the election

Details of our local candidates can be found on our [website](#).

[Nicola](#), our candidate in the General Election gained a total of 1110 votes- not bad considering the main parties could out-spend us hundreds of times over. Do check out Nicola's letter in the current issue of the Tamworth Herald.

Our six local candidates all scored around 5% in their respective areas. This was a collective effort of which we can be proud.

Overall, we have a solid basis on which to build- we certainly don't intend to shut up shop and go into hibernation for another 5 years! Whether it be petitioning in support of the NHS, leafleting against HS2 or opposing any attempt to bring back foxhunting, where we are vocal and active we will win support.

With this in mind, Tamworth Green Party is holding an [open meeting](#) for members and friends on Wednesday 24th June. 7.30pm Glascote Meeting Room, corner of Glascote Road and Dumolos Lane, B77 2AU.

Please join us for tea, biscuits and an informal discussion on the way forward.

The number 7 bus stops just a few yards down the road and there's car parking in Dumolos Lane. Contact us if you would like a lift.

Dates for your diary

There are a few events next month we would like to draw your attention to:

Join North Staffordshire People's Assembly in Hanley Town Centre by the Clock Tower at 11am on Saturday 30th May to MAKE SOME NOISE about food poverty in the UK. If interested in going from Tamworth, please contact [Simon](#)

Tamworth Green Party will be holding a stall and / or leafleting in Tamworth Town Centre on 6th June. Please get in touch with [Rob](#) if you can help for an hour or so. Also suggestions for themes welcome. Possibilities might include poverty / foodbanks or a petition in against fox-hunting.

13th June is the West Midlands Green Party Summer Gathering in Birmingham



20th June [National Demonstration Against Austerity](#) in London. Some of us will be going down by train catching the 7.18am from Tamworth! Contact [Lisa](#) for further details or to meet up on the day 07984 165799

There will be a Green Party section on the march- [Details here](#)

On 28th June we will be going for a [short walk and a picnic](#) in Hopwas Woods together with [Lichfield Greens](#). Please bring food to share.

Meet 12 noon at the entrance to Hopwas Woods- on the A51, across from the large layby / parking area.

From the Tamworth direction, it's about a mile further on from the Tame Otter and Red Lion pubs.

Call Lisa for directions 01827 68383 mobile: 07984 165799

We hope to produce this newsletter once a month.

If you have any suggestions, or items for inclusion, please get in touch!

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