

**The Autumn 2016 Newsletter of the Green Party in Beccles**

## Town Bus Service Saved

The Town Bus Service has been resurrected after a campaign led by passenger Doreen Clark and supported by Green Party Councillor Graham Elliott.

When Anglian Bus announced they were reducing the service to one day a week many of the passengers felt abandoned and requested a meeting with the company to explore ways of keeping the service going. But this meeting never happened and with ever reducing subsidies available for bus travel it was clear that the only solution would be to try and get local bus company, Border Bus, to take on the town bus service.

Graham Elliott arranged a meeting with a group of passengers and the managing director of Border Bus and this resulted in the timetable that was the most useful for passengers. The passengers offered to pay

cash instead of using their passes for some of their journeys if this would help secure the long term viability of the service. Border Bus, who will review the service at the end of the year, promised to provide Graham Elliott with passenger and revenue data so that any future problems can be communicated with the passengers as soon as they arise.

Graham Elliott said *"I am delighted that the Town Bus service has been resurrected by Border Bus. It is a vital service for the people of Beccles enabling many residents to be fully independent and also keeping cars away from our congested town centre."*



*District Councillor Graham Elliott congratulates Parliamentary Candidate Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw*

## Elfrede chosen as county and MP candidate

Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw has been selected as the Green Party Parliamentary Candidate for Waveney for the next general election and also as their County Council candidate for Beccles in the May 2017 election. Elfrede was overwhelmingly endorsed by Green Party members in Waveney in a selection process that ended in October.

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Beccles Town Service				Operates Mon - Sat (exc Bank Hols)					
with effect from 15th August 2016									
Old Market	--	10:05	10:45	12:05	Banham Rd	09:48	10:29	11:09	R
Parke Dr	09:30	10:12	10:52	R	Rigbourne Hill	09:50	10:31	11:11	R
Rectory Ln	09:34	10:16	10:56	R	High Leas	09:51	10:32	11:12	R
Manor Close	09:35	10:17	10:57	R	Townlands Dr	09:52	10:33	11:13	R
Garden Lane	09:36	10:18	10:58	R	Darby Road	09:53	10:34	11:14	R
Hillside Ave	09:38	10:20	11:00	R	St Annes Rd	09:54	10:35	11:15	R
Cedar Drive	09:40	10:22	11:02	R	London Rd	09:57	10:38	11:18	R
Q. Elizabeth Dr	09:44	10:26	11:06	R	Old Market	10:00	10:40	11:20	R
Oak Ln	09:46	10:27	11:07	R	<i>R = Drop off by request only</i>				

The Town Bus timetable will be revised on 3 January 2017

## Elfrede selected (contd from page 1)

The selection will ensure that Waveney Green Party is prepared for the election whether it is a snap election next year, or the scheduled election in 2020.

Elfrede will be the first female candidate to contest the Waveney seat since 1983, an astonishing 33 years and 7 general elections with no female candidate. Elfrede lives in Beccles with her husband and their two children who attend the Albert Pye School. She is a director of "Beccles Station Enterprises", a social enterprise that runs the cafe at the railway station and also works as an sewing teacher.

Elfrede said, "I am absolutely delighted to be selected as the Green Party Parliamentary Candidate for Waveney. The Green Party offers joined-up, evidence based, compassionate policies to be proud of. We are the only Party that has real solutions to the challenges of our time."

Four times former Green Party Parliamentary Candidate Graham Elliott added, "It is time for a fresh face for the Green Party in Waveney and I am delighted to endorse and support Elfrede in her new role. She is very capable, energetic, knowledgeable and caring. But above all she has

## Hands off our Injuries Unit

Green Party Councillors have been busy seeking reassurances about the future of the Minor Injuries Unit in Beccles. They have also been visiting residents to ensure they were aware of the recent consultation on the proposed changes. The Minor Injuries Unit is a vital facility for Beccles and for a very large surrounding area. We believe it



Cllr. Brambley-Crawshaw with local residents outside Health East HQ

needs to have a dedicated space within the hospital and also that it needs to be a 7 day a week service.

*the skills to engage with the electorate and to empathise with the problems they are facing."*

## Beccles Plan - let the people decide

Cllr Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw was recently elected Chair of the Beccles and Parishes Neighbourhood Plan. Creating a Neighbourhood Plan is an exciting opportunity to influence how our locality develops in the future. A consultation will start at the beginning of November to decide the scope of the plan. To find out more visit [www.becclesplan.com](http://www.becclesplan.com), [www.facebook.com/becclesplan](https://www.facebook.com/becclesplan)

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