

The Winter 2017 Newsletter of the Green Party in Beccles

Graham agrees it has to be Elfrede

Elections to Suffolk County Council will take place on Thursday 4 May 2017.

There are two County Councillors elected to represent Beccles, Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby. The most likely outcomes in Beccles are that either two Conservative Councillors will be elected or one Conservative and one Green Councillor. In the last

County council election in 2013 the Green Party missed taking the second seat by just 127 votes. Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw will be the lead candidate for the Green Party with Graham Elliott not standing this time. Graham said *"I thought it was time for some fresh blood and Elfrede is just right for the role. Not only is she more energetic than me, she is also extremely capable, knowledgeable and caring. But above all she really knows how to listen to people and understands their needs."*



Handing over: Graham endorses Elfrede

All aboard the new town bus!

Last summer Green Councillor Graham Elliott, local resident Doreen Clark and local bus Company BorderBus worked to ensure the reinstatement of the town bus service. The new service has been well used with passenger numbers growing and revenue from fare paying passengers at healthy levels. In response to passenger feedback a revised and improved timetable for the service was started in January.

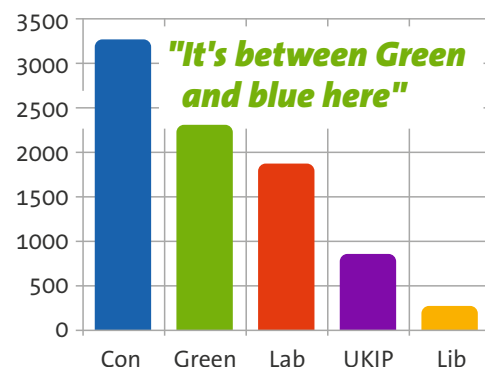
Beccles Town Service

with effect from 3rd January 2017

	M-S	Operates Mon - Sat (exc Bank Hols)					
		M-S	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-S	M-S
Old Market	--	09:20	10:00	10:40	12:00	12:45	13:45
Blyburgate	--	09:24	10:04	10:44	12:04	12:49	13:49
Park Drive	--	09:27	10:07	10:47	12:07	R	R
Rectory Lane	--	09:31	10:11	10:51	12:11	R	R
Manor Close	--	09:32	10:12	10:52	12:12	R	R
Garden Lane	--	09:33	10:13	10:53	12:13	R	R
Hillside Avenue	--	09:35	10:15	10:55	12:15	R	R
Cedar Drive	08:55	09:37	10:17	10:57	12:17	R	R
Queen Elizabeth Drive	08:59	09:41	10:21	11:01	12:21	R	R
Oak Lane	09:01	09:42	10:22	11:02	12:22	R	R
Banham Road	09:03	09:44	10:24	11:04	12:24	R	R
Rigbourne Hill	09:05	09:46	10:26	11:06	12:26	R	R
High Leas	09:06	09:47	10:27	11:07	12:27	R	R
Townlands Drive	09:07	09:48	10:28	11:08	12:28	R	R
Darby Road	09:08	09:49	10:29	11:09	12:29	R	R
St Annes Road	09:09	09:50	10:30	11:10	12:30	R	R
London Road (for Health Centre)	09:12	09:53	10:33	11:13	12:33	--	--
Old Market	09:15	09:55	10:35	11:15	12:35	--	--

M-S = Operates Mon - Sat | M-F Operates Mon-Fri only | R = Drop off by request only

Beccles Division - County Council Election 2013



We're all agreed it has to be Elfrede!

Elfrede is a very old Anglo Saxon name and many people have asked how it is pronounced. Quite simply it rhymes with "Agreed". And we think she is the only Elfrede in Beccles!



Govt cuts shut Beccles injury unit despite residents' pleas

On 15 December Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG voted unanimously to close down the Beccles Minor Injuries Unit (MIU).

A service will remain in Beccles, but will be provided by the doctors surgery whilst this is open and through the 111 telephone service when the surgery is closed. Green Party Councillor, Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw, spoke at the meeting in defence of this vital Beccles facility. The consultation was overwhelmingly

against losing the MIU. There were fears about the need to phone the surgery before being seen. There were also fears about a reduction of the hours for the service and a lack of confidence in the 111 phone service which will be required when the surgery is closed.

Green Party Councillor, Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw said, "Over 400 people gave their views in a consultation process and these views were overwhelmingly against the proposed changes. The views of the people in our



community have been completely disregarded. Closing community health facilities is a false economy that will shift problems elsewhere."

Beccles People: Have your say!

Since Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw took the reins of the **Beccles Neighbourhood Plan** the consultation has started in earnest and progress has been swift. A "tree" for people to stick their thoughts on started its 6 month journey in Beccles Library and over 300 suggestions were collected. It moved to Beccles Medical centre and will then be stationed at Tesco and other locations in Beccles. So far the biggest concerns have been traffic and parking, but people have raised many other issues



including those regarding housing and making the best of green spaces and recreational areas. Further details of the Neighbourhood Plan can be found on Facebook or at www.becclesplan.com.

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