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PRESS RELEASE

Green Party making steady progress

The Green Party campaign may seem quiet to the media but this is mainly because we have been working on the doorstep engaging with the electorate. No fancy manifesto launch, no fancy political stunts, just quiet and steady progress. And behind the scenes we now have a brand new website with details of our election candidates, our election manifesto and our engaging party election broadcast.

The Green Party has gradually increased its vote since its establishment prior to the general election in 2001. As well as coming first in Beccles North in 2007 at the District Council election, the Greens came close to securing seats in Beccles South in 2008 and in the much larger Beccles Division of the County Council in 2009. And beyond Beccles we have established ourselves as the main challengers to the Conservatives by achieving second place in Bungay, Halesworth and the large rural hinterland of Waveney. This has given the Greens confidence to tackle the general election from a position of strength. The public know we are here and many have got into the habit of voting Green.

Graham Elliott, the Green Party parliamentary candidate for Waveney said, "despite being left out of the leader's debate on television, the public haven't forgotten about the Green Party. The reception on the doorstep is good and the public really appreciate our fresh approach to politics. We are well known for our stand on environmental issues but it is very encouraging to see that the message is getting out about our progressive policies on public services, jobs, taxation and above all on fairness. Only the Green Party are challenging the ever-growing inequalities in the country and across the world and only the Green Party recognise that apart from being inherently wrong, these inequalities are costing us all a great deal. The cost of dealing with crime caused by inequality and the cost of dealing with health issues caused by inequality are borne by us all."

This is the third time that Graham Elliott has challenged Bob Blizzard in a parliamentary election but this is the first time it has been a wide open contest.

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Photos attached: 16 Green Party local election candidates for Waveney

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