



Trafford Green Party Press Release November 2014

Trafford Green Party has announced its candidates for the constituencies in Altrincham & Sale West and Stretford & Urmston. Altrincham and Sale West will be contested by Nick Robertson-Brown and Stretford and Urmston by Geraldine Coggins. Nick, an ex-RAF serviceman, has a degree in Environmental Biology from the University of Manchester. He now runs his own business as an underwater photographer. Geraldine has a PhD in Philosophy. She worked as a lecturer and has taught at several UK universities, including Keele, York and Aberdeen.

Natalie Bennett, Green Party, leader, said: “I came to Trafford today, for the launch of the local Parliamentary candidates for 2015, because the Green Party knows the left-leaning North West, shares the values and principles that set Green Party policies. Supporting the NHS, renationalising UK rail and anti-austerity are not our policies, they are policies of the UK public. I completely support Geraldine and Nick in their election bids, and wish them every success.”

Nick Robertson-Brown, Altrincham and Sale West said: “I stand for the Green Party core values of real change for the common good of the people of Trafford. As a small business owner I know how hard it is to create and maintain a business under the austerity measures imposed by this self-serving government. The number of empty shops on Altrincham and Sale's high streets are a dreadful testament to this fact. I will do all I can to support small businesses and to recreate the vibrant community we once had in our towns and villages.”

Geraldine Coggins, Stretford and Urmston said: “Public services in Stretford and Urmston are under threat due to the austerity policies of the current government. Our libraries, youth services and Sure-start centres are all facing an uncertain future. The Green Party believe that public services should not be sold off and reduced, affecting the poor and vulnerable in a disproportionate way. A vote for the Green Party is a vote for a fairer society and for investment in a low-carbon economy and the sustainable future that that will bring.”

Dr. Nigel Woodcock, Chair of Trafford Green Party, said: “I am delighted with the selection of two excellent candidates. The Green Party continues to grow and attract new members daily, and Trafford Greens have doubled their membership over the past twelve months, with new members joining every week. Based on opinion polls, the European elections and our growing membership tactical voting is a thing of the past. People that want to vote Green can do, with confidence it will make a difference.”

The Green Party launch party was well attended by members and curious Trafford residents looking for an alternative to the status-quo. The Green Party is committed to standing in 75% of seats according the Chair of Trafford Green Party.

Woodcock, “It is so important that we give voters the chance to vote for what they really believe in, which is why the Green Party has committed to standing in 75% of seats in 2015. That is why we have set-up a Crowdfunder opportunity for residents to help the Green Party stand for all available seats in Trafford. To support the Green Party in your region please visit

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/trafford-green-partys-general-election-deposits/?>

Or go to the Crowd funder website and search for Trafford Green Party.”