

ST MICHAELS WARD

GREEN VIEW

MARCH 2021



Cllrs Anna Key, Tom Crone and Sarah Jennings



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STRONG VOICE FOR ST MICHAELS

COMING OUT OF LOCKDOWN - AGAIN

We wanted to contact you straight after the latest government announcements on Covid to make sure you had the latest information you need. We are continuing to work hard across St Michaels to support the most vulnerable.

It has been an awful year for far too many people. This long road to ending the lockdown in the steps laid out by government means we must all take advantage of the vaccines when it is offered, continue to socially distance and wear a mask when required.

Together, we will get through this because we know that better is possible.

To ask for help from the council, visit: www.liverpool.gov.uk, or ring: 0151 233 3066. Lines are open 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday. Call the NHS 24/7 on 111.

We have partnered with Liverpool Cares to offer support tackling loneliness and isolation. To volunteer, please contact liverpoolcares.org.uk or call 0151 659 178.

Our usual surgeries are still suspended due to the risk of coronavirus so please contact us by email or telephone:

Cllr Sarah Jennings: sarah.jennings@liverpool.gov.uk – 07969 257420

Cllr Tom Crone: thomas.crone@liverpool.gov.uk – 07882 126315

Cllr Anna Key: anna.key@liverpool.gov.uk – 07970 501456

Best wishes

Anna, Sarah and Tom, your St Michaels councillors

EMPOWERING AND IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY

I need your help! I am your Green Party candidate for St Michaels in the council elections in May.

Like you, my thoughts are focused on the terrible impact of the pandemic, but the government says the elections will go ahead. Covid restrictions mean I haven't been to speak directly to you. The big parties still get lots of coverage in the media, while Green Party candidates have been silenced.



Council candidate Steph Pitchers appeals for your help.

That's why I need your help to reach more people. Next time you speak on the phone to friends and family or check in with neighbours, please mention the elections on May 6 and mention my name – Stephanie Pitchers – the Green Party candidate for St Michaels.

You can contact me by email: stephanie.pitchers@gmail.com or on the phone 07775 438 568.

LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO LIVE SUSTAINABLY

Steph has been out and about on her bike to break the link between food waste and poverty. Steph has been pressing supermarkets to make better use of food that is reaching its sell-by dates. She says: 'Rather than see this perfectly good food thrown away, I have been collecting it and working to redistribute it to people who can use it.' She is now working to set up new community options to prevent hunger happening while good food is going to waste. 'This is the Green way,' says Steph. 'Identify the need and work with others to design the community solutions that make a real difference.'

LOCAL PANTRY COMING SOON

A fantastic food-sharing initiative is coming to St Michaels. Local pantries create a sustainable solution to food poverty and food waste as well as improve community resilience.

It will be located at Christ Church Linnet Lane. There will be safe recruitment and training for volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering or want to find out more, please email: christchurchtoxtethpark@gmail.com.

DON'T LOSE OUT ON DEMOCRACY – VOTE FOR A STRONG CAMPAIGNING VOICE

Important elections will take place on Thursday May 6. Special measures will be put in place to ensure safe voting, but your polling place may change. If you are worried that you may not be able to vote in person because of Covid-19, or any other reason, you can vote by post. Apply for your postal vote online here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote. You can also telephone 0151 233 3028 and ask for a postal voting form to be sent to you.

And please use your vote to keep St Michaels Green. Vote for Stephanie Pitchers.

CLEAN AIR, GREEN SPACES AND EQUALITY

St Michaels councillors secured a well-attended online public meeting hosted by the council on the latest changes to the Festival Gardens site. You may have seen new fencing going up around part of the Southern Grasslands and part of the Festival Garden itself being temporarily cut off. The council, after lots of urging from your local councillors, has committed to a development plan that promises more trees and green planting across the whole site.



The area to the north of Festival Gardens, towards the Britannia Pub, is the area which is currently being prepared for future development.

The Southern Grasslands has been fenced off to prepare it for landscaping into publicly accessible parklands.

It is clear from the public meeting that this area is much-used and well-loved. Lots of people expressed concerns that the development is going to be another half-finished blight on nature, as seen across so much of our city.

The plans commit the contractors to clearing the waste materials from the development area, sorting the waste and then recycling it back into the site, wherever possible. Safe, cleaned soil removed from the area will be used to landscape the part of the Southern Grasslands that has just been fenced off.



Listening: Council candidate Steph Pitchers

Some 5,000 trees will be planted in total alongside new pathways and gardens that will be more accessible.

Of course, plans only work if people are held to them.

St Michaels Green Party candidate Steph Pitchers says: 'Our existing councillors have done a great job in getting these plans agreed and making sure there are clear promises to protect our Festival Gardens for future generations.

'It is going to be my priority, if elected, to make sure that the council and developers keep to their promises. Nothing less than fully accessible wildlife, wildflower and people-friendly gardens will be acceptable to me. We need a clean, green St Michaels accessible to all.'

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to receive regular updates about the site, please email: festivalgardens@liverpool.gov.uk.

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION: A BEACON OF HOPE



Gary and son Joe.

The next ten years are the most important in the history of humankind. That's why I am standing to be Liverpool City Region Mayor for the Green Party. We are living through an environmental and economic crisis and the poorest and most vulnerable in our communities are the ones suffering the most.

I grew up in the city region and recently played Liverpool Mercury editor John Smith in the award-winning Mike Leigh film Peterloo. It told the dramatic and deadly struggle of working people to win the vote. Today, we have the power in our hands to make change happen through the ballot box.

Two years ago, the birth of my son, Joe, turned my life upside down and made me realise the future must be green.

If elected, I will deliver a new, clean industrial revolution, tackling the challenges of climate change in a way that makes the Liverpool City Region a beacon of hope.

TOM CRONE STANDS AS CLEAN, GREEN MAYOR

My first priority as Liverpool Mayor will be to end the mates-first culture that is dragging our city's reputation through the mud. We need a new open and transparent way of running our city.

I am standing as your clean, green candidate for Liverpool City Mayor. I will be saying No to profits before people and Yes to an investment plan to lift us out of poverty and decline.

Better is possible if we to vote for it.

I have a long record as a campaigner against the excesses of speculators and for making our city a better place to live, work and play.

I am holding a series of online events for voters across the city, leading up to the poll on May 6. Visit www.liverpool.greenparty.org.uk to join my next one or ring me on 07882 126 315.

Join my campaign for a clean Green Mayor.



St Michaels Cllr Tom Crone

LET'S GET #WEEKLYBAG LITTER PICKING

Spring good weather means more litter. We are looking for volunteers who can commit to collecting a #WeeklyBag to join our community campaign.

Text your name and address to Tom on 07882 026 315 and he will drop a sanitised litter picking kit to your house for you to take out with you once a week.



Cllr Anna Key

Please do take your litter home to prevent park bins overflowing as the good weather approaches.

REPORT AND CALL

Report any local issues to the council first - liverpool.gov.uk, email:

contactus@liverpool.gov.uk, tel: 0151 233 3000.

If you don't get a satisfactory response please get in touch with your councillors.

SAVE OUR CRICKET CLUB

With less than a year on their lease, and a landlord seemingly unwilling to extend, the future of our beloved cricket club is uncertain. Talks with the council are yet to bear fruit, but we are calling on the council Chief Executive to use every power at his disposal to save the club.

Please sign and share our petition to show what the club means to our community - <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/p/ACC>



Steph Pitchers supporting the Club

MAKING ST MICHAELS ACCESSIBLE

We have secured new ramps to use to help people using wheelchairs to get access to shops and businesses. Everyone should be able to enjoy our fantastic shops when they re-open. If you are a local business and want to improve accessibility free of charge, please contact Anna - anna.key@liverpool.gov.uk

Polite Notice - please keep cars off pavements. They are a real problem for wheelchair users, prams and indeed all pedestrians.

And if we all put our bins away after collection, together we can make sure all our pavements are clear for everyone to use.

COMMUNITY CYCLE CLUB

A new community cycle club is starting in Aigburth in June run by trained volunteers and funded by your councillors and Cycling UK. There will be a mix of short, traffic-free rides, intermediate 10-15 mile rides and longer 20+ mile rides. Bikes are available to borrow for free for all rides. For more information email: aigburthcommunitycycleclub@gmail.com

COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

We have two very successful sites on Dingle Vale and near St Michaels Station, and are setting up a third. If you want to find out more, please get in touch with Anna - anna.key@liverpool.gov.uk

We are working to improve recycling rates in St Michaels. If you need a recycling bag please contact Tom and he will drop one off for you - thomas.crone@liverpool.gov.uk - 07882 126315