

UPDATE, MARCH 2018

HEATON GREENS



Chris Parker, Andrew Gray, Louise Wilson



Green Party MP Caroline Lucas outside Parliament

CAROLINE LUCAS MP IN HEATON, 17TH MARCH

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A WORKSHOP ON PLASTIC WASTE

On Saturday 17th March, Green Party MP Caroline Lucas is visiting Heaton to lead a discussion on plastic waste. She will talk about the scale of the damage to our wildlife, our oceans and to future generations. And we will discuss how much we could do locally, to solve the plastic waste crisis.

“CALLING TIME ON PLASTIC HEATON”

- Saturday 17th March, 10:15am–noon
- Heaton Methodist Church, Simonside Terrace
- Talk by Caroline Lucas MP, followed by workshops with residents

TIME TO RE-INSTATE THE NHS

WE NEED TO END THE INTERNAL MARKET WITHIN THE NHS, NOT TINKER WITH IT.

Our NHS has had to operate as an ‘internal market’ under Labour and Tory governments for 25 years. Now, crippled by historic PFI deals and a funding crisis, it is at risk like never before. NHS England is proposing that local NHS systems become ‘Accountable Care Organisations’. These ACOs recognise the inefficiencies in the internal market, and the need for integrated health and social care. But the proposals are driven by the ideology of private healthcare provision. They could hand over health and social care services for whole areas to the private sector.

Greens are committed to a publicly funded, publicly provided health service free at the point of use. We would restore the public sector ethos of partnership between staff and

patients, place more emphasis on prevention and on primary and community care, and tackle the mental health crisis.

We need better and bolder scrutiny from our Councillors, to challenge the latest top-down NHS reorganisations.

Caroline Lucas MP sponsored the first NHS Reinstatement Bill in 2015 and continues to actively support the campaign. MPs supporting this bill are campaigning to reinstate the founding vision of a universal health service, free at the point of need. Newcastle East MP Nick Brown is not yet in the list of supporters at www.nhsbillnow.org: you can write to him at www.writetothem.com to ask him to support this campaign.



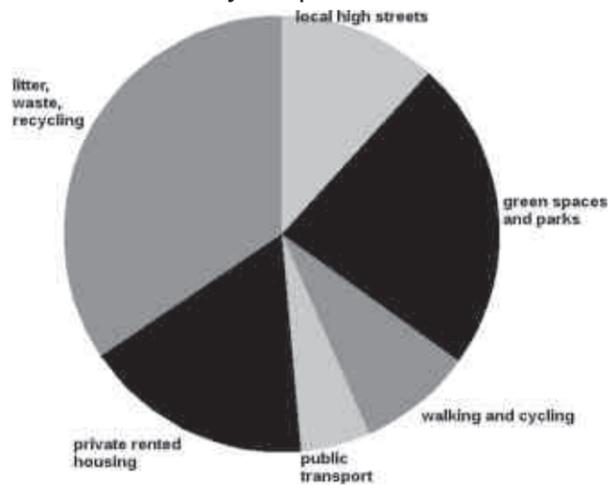
March for the NHS, February 2017

Join the next North East March and Rally for the NHS:

- Saturday 10th March, 10:45am–1pm
- Meet Framlington Place (side of RVI)
- Full details konpnortheast.com/events

LISTENING TO RESIDENTS

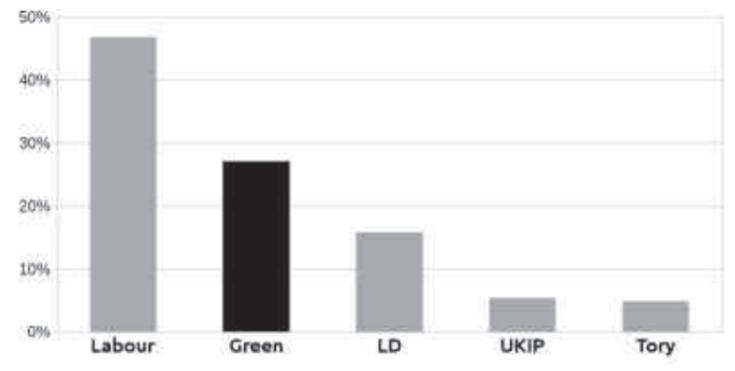
Thank you to all those who have spoken with us on the doorstep in recent months, about your priorities for action locally. Top of your list are:



1. Tackling litter, reducing waste and improving recycling
2. Looking after our green spaces and parks
3. Raising standards in private rented housing.

Our election pledges on 1 and 3 are overleaf. On 2, we continue to monitor and challenge the council's new parks trust.

How South Heaton voted March 2017



The last local election here was the South Heaton by-election, at which Andrew polled 27% of the vote. South Heaton electors make up 67% of the new Heaton ward. **Greens can win here!**

ANDREW GRAY WORKING FOR HEATON ALL YEAR ROUND

TIME TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Andrew Gray is passionate about Heaton and loves this area. He has lived here since 2000 and works hard for residents all year round.

He is delighted to be joined by local residents Chris Parker and Louise Wilson at this year's elections in May. Chris and Louise are joining with Andrew in the three key election commitments below.

Green candidates have the ideas and track record to make a big difference in Heaton.



... FOR A PLASTIC BOTTLE FREE HEATON

On recent monthly community litterpicks, we must have collected dozens of bottles like the ones shown from the gutters of Heaton terraces. These could all have been recycled. Many of them should not have been used in the first place.



In response, Heaton Greens' first election pledge is to tackle our plastic waste mountain. If elected on 3rd May, we will **work for a plastic bottle free Heaton**. This will involve:

- Work with Northumbrian Water, our two universities and funding bodies to create a network of safe, free drinking fountains on key routes into the city centre
- Pressure on local shops to stop selling water in single-use plastic bottles
- An awareness and education campaign to promote the use of free water fountains, and to ensure that any remaining plastic bottles are collected for recycling.

... FOR PRIVATE RENTED HOUSING TENANTS

Poor quality private rented housing affects residents throughout the ward. Without secure tenure and facing damp flats or absentee landlords, many of Heaton's short-term residents cannot afford to stay here long-term or invest in their properties and front gardens. And too much house moving generates profit for agents and litter on the streets, but not so much community wellbeing.

The independent Community Union Acorn has shown that collective action works, to improve conditions for tenants and bring the community together. Meanwhile, the council's Private Rented Service has seen its budgets cut and can only offer limited interventions. Green Councillors would **bring together Council services and Community campaigns**, to better support private rented tenants.

- Align Acorn and Council standards where possible to improve regulation
- Work with universities and local business to advertise Community and Council services to future tenants
- Work with the best agents and landlords to raise standards in local housing.

Caroline Lucas has campaigned for landlord registration since 2012

... FOR OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Our local shops and businesses create jobs, support a vibrant community and help to keep Chillingham and Heaton Roads busy and safe. But they deserve more support. In 2012, Andrew Gray set out 9 things that the Council could do to better support our high streets.

Last Autumn, Labour's newsletter asked us to "look out for Christmas on Chillingham Road." But we saw little sign of festivities on display, nor any extra advertising opportunities for local traders.

So Heaton Green candidates are committing to **apply a small business test** to all ward projects and events.

- Ensure all applications for ward funding consider the needs of our high streets
- Prioritise ways to support local businesses when planning future events
- Consult and liaise with traders throughout the year.



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In 1913, local suffragette Emily Davison gave her life in the battle to win votes for women. 100 years later, Andrew Gray laid flowers at her grave, which states "Deeds not Words."

Visit yourvotematters.co.uk for more information on who can register to vote.



HAVE YOU MOVED HOME RECENTLY?

- Make sure your voice is heard!
- Register now to vote in the May 2018 local elections.
- You can register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.