



Gwen Belcher



About Gwen Belcher ...your Green Party candidate for Slade ward

COUNCIL DUTIES...

Besides ward work, my main duties are sitting on the Housing Management Forum, and the many housing sub-groups. I share your concerns over the lack of affordable housing and for those many families who live in overcrowded conditions in social housing – and I make my views are heard in Council! I am also a member of the Licensing and Regulation Committee, which deals with licensed premises, taxis, and homeless appeals, amongst other things.



IN THE COMMUNITY...

Much of my time recently has been involved with the campaign to Save Stroud Hospitals. I am on the committee of the League of Friends of Stroud Hospitals and the 'Save Stroud Hospital Task Force'. The future of the in-patients facility at Weavers Croft is now our primary concern, and the decision is now with the Secretary of State for her consideration.

I am also on the Management Committee of the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).

I belong to the Society of Friends – the Quakers. I always have believed in co-operation rather than confrontation. We as a Party do not have a 'Whip'.

THANK YOU FOR READING THIS. I HOPE YOU WILL VOTE FOR ME.

Visit our website for more about the many local issues that Gwen is involved with: www.glosgreenparty.org.uk

YOUR PLANET NEEDS YOU!

- (Tick if you would like to get more involved)
- I could deliver leaflets, display a poster, or help in some other way.
- I would like to make a donation – to create real progress.
- I would like to talk to someone to learn more about the Green Party.

[Name: Tel: Email:]

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District Council Election Communication from the Green Party

FOR REAL PROGRESS: vote GWEN BELCHER

Vote for Gwen Belcher

in the Slade ward
Thursday MAY 3rd.



Dear Voter,

I have been your District Councillor for nearly 10 years. It is now election time again and I am asking once more for your support and vote. I have lived in this ward for over 40 years, my four children went to the old Parliament Street School and I worked in the Art School in Stroud for many years. Those of you who know me know my green approach to life and politics. For those I have yet to meet, the inside of this leaflet explains Green policies, along with our aims and objectives for the future.

SOME GOOD THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON IN OUR AREA:

- ✓ A lively primary school and early years centre, supported by many of you, volunteering your time and talents in various ways.
- ✓ The Playhouse, which puts on a great variety of entertainment, again supported and staffed by many volunteers.
- ✓ Trinity Church, which as well as being a place of worship is the home to Stroud Symphony Orchestra, where they and others give us wonderful concerts.
- ✓ Old Bisley Road allotments, which are being worked by you. This keeps the developers at bay and creates a green open space for us all.
- ✓ A council tenant at the top of town won first prize in the District Council's Tenant Competition for the best Overall Garden in the North of the District. Another achievement has been a youth club that has been started by Top of Town Residents' Association, and a local woman won a national award 'Taking a Stand'. All these things improve our area.

So you can see this is why I am proud to represent you!

THINGS THAT ARE A CHALLENGE:

- SPEED OF TRAFFIC especially in Bisley Road and Old Bisley Road. I am not forgetting that this is also a concern in the streets that adjoin these roads. Local residents in these areas are grouping together to look into ways that will slow the traffic.
- 40 Woolaway prefabricated reinforced concrete dwellings are in need of great structural work in the next few years. This is a problem for the tenants, house owners and the Council itself. I can assure you that I will consult with you at every step. Finding a solution is complex issue for we are talking about people's HOMES.

If re-elected, I would continue to be involved with all of these issues, as I believe that between us we can solve them. As always I continue to vote on each issue on its merits, providing they are within my beliefs in sustainability and social responsibility in the community.

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