



# TORRIDGE GREEN PARTY LOCAL MANIFESTO

The Green Party's local agenda is based on a commitment to :

- **public ownership** and control of essential services;
- **building partnerships** with community and volunteer groups;
- **action against climate change** and better protection from its effects.

- **HEALTH SERVICE – publicly owned, run and accountable**

Retain all services at North Devon District Hospital and return those removed;  
Restore community hospital beds and minimise distance patients have to travel;  
Retain and support local facilities as centres for health and social care services.

- **EDUCATION - free, local and high quality**

Campaign for funding of Devon schools to be raised to the average;  
Bring free schools and academies under elected local authorities;

- **ENERGY - clean and affordable**

Instigate a district-wide energy efficiency and insulation programme;  
Improve energy efficiency and renewable generation from council assets;  
Reduce use of carbon fuels progressively.

- **FOOD PRODUCTION - local products for local markets**

Encourage local consumption from farms and fisheries;  
Campaign against intensive factory farming;  
Promote the highest possible standards of animal welfare.

- **WASTE - volumes minimised and recycling maximised**

Prioritise reduction of waste and maximise recycling;  
Take firm action against plastic pollution, litter and fly tipping.

- **ECONOMY – that works for all**

Protect low paid workers by promoting the living wage and workers rights;  
Encourage use of local enterprises wherever possible and support start ups;  
Invest in youth employment, further education and training.

- **HOMES - that are secure and affordable**

Build high quality social housing;  
Support regulations to ensure fair rents;  
Bring empty accommodation, including that above shops, into residential use;

- **PLANNING - that responds to people and environment**

Prioritise brownfield over greenfield sites;  
Protect urban greenspaces, wildlife habitats and sports facilities;  
Ensure necessary infrastructure improvements precede new developments.

- **PUBLIC TRANSPORT - fully integrated, affordable and accessible**

Improve public transport making it cheaper and cleaner;  
Restore local authority control over buses and put interests of passengers first;  
Extend a 20mph speed limit to more residential roads.

- **CULTURE, TOURISM AND SPORT - protect and enhance resources**

Improve walking and cycling routes including links to Tarka Trail;  
Support and extend opportunities for the arts, sport and leisure;  
Press for activities to engage and encourage children and young people.

**Many public services save more money than they cost by preventing social and health problems. If you want a fairer and more equal society that puts people and planet before profits then [vote for the Green Party](#)**

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