

TORRIDGE GREEN PARTY

GREEN INFO

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WE NEED YOU NEXT SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

The County Council Elections are on. This was confirmed a few days ago. We are therefore in full campaigning mode to get Huw Thomas elected in the County Council seat of Bideford East which, confusingly, includes Bideford North and Bideford South. He is already a very effective District Councillor for Bideford East.

This election is made even more important than usual because of the Government proposal to abolish District Councils and have one or more unitary authorities for Devon and a Mayor for Devon and Cornwall. This would be completely inappropriate in such a large rural area and will leave North Devon and Torrington as barely thought of fringe areas. Huw can speak up for us on this issue loud and clear!

We will be meeting at the **the Kingsley Statue on Bideford Quay at 10 am** with news-letters to deliver. Even if you can only spend an hour you will be very useful and welcome. We will give you a map so do not worry that you may not know the area.

Someone will be at the meeting point until around 11.00, so come later if you can't make 10 am. Should you want to help but are not free on Saturday, email me at ruth.funnell@btinternet.com and I will get newsletters to you to put out on Sunday or during the following week. The newsletter is at the printers now and is full of information about Green Party activity in Torrington.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

These will take place on Thursday May 1st. **We still need candidates** for Hartland/Bideford West and for Northam (includes Appledore and Westward Ho!). If you are interested in standing, contact me to find out what would be involved.

Nominations open on Tuesday 26th March and close on Wednesday 2nd April so we need to have our candidates lined up by Saturday 23rd if possible. The postal votes will be issued from Monday 7th, so we have a very brief campaigning window before many people will post their vote in. This means we are asking you all to keep **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th April** free to leaflet and door knock in Bideford East. County ward. More details will be given nearer the time but book the date now.

NEXT TORRIDGE GREEN PARTY MEETING

We will meet at The Pannier Pantry on **Saturday 22nd February at 2.00 pm.** Snacks, coffee etc. available and their purchase will support the Pannier Pantry who generously give us their space for free. Look forward to seeing you either on 15th or 22nd February or both!

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