

TORRIDGE GREEN PARTY

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BIDEFORD PRIDE THIS SATURDAY We will have a stall at Bideford Pride this Saturday. The event takes place in Victoria Park from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. It promises to be fun and we want to make clear the Green Party's support for LGBTQ people especially in view of the current media and political "horrible noise" over trans people.

Do come along to enjoy the day and, if you can help at the stall (just talking to people or simply being there) let me know on ruth.funnell@btinternet.com or 07522 528175. We particularly need a couple of people to cover the lunch hour to give volunteers a break.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION RESULT We did not manage to win Bideford East but Huw achieved a far higher poll than the Greens have in previous elections. He was just behind the Conservatives with 620 votes to their 637 but the election was won by Reform with 1117 votes.

The County Council now has the Lib Dems as the largest party and the Greens increased their Councillors from two to six (including Ilfracombe). If the Lib Dems combine with the Greens they will have a majority.

As you may well have seen, across the 23 Councils contested the Greens had a net gain of 44 taking them to 79 on these Councils. We have around 850 Councillors nationally which is rather more than Reform!

Important footnote: 92% of Reform's funding comes from fossil fuel industries so no prizes for guessing their true function.

SHAMFEST Make an advance date in your diary for the next Shamfest at Pollyfields in East-the-Water, Bideford. Huw is organising this for the third year in succession on Friday evening, 17th, and Saturday 18th October all day. There will be beer, cider, live music and the Beer Festival raises a considerable amount of money for local needs.

OUR NEXT MEETING This will be on **Saturday 5th July at 2.00 p.m.** at The Pannier Pantry on the corner of Bideford Quay and Bridgeland Street.

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