

NORTH DERBYSHIRE GREEN PARTY  
MEMBERS MEETING HELD ON  
27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025 @ 18.30  
VIA ZOOM

**NOTES**

1. Welcome to members and introductions

The meeting was attended by 20 members and was opened by Louis as Chair with a warm welcome to all attendees and a round of introductions.

2. Executive Committee Share of Information

Chair and Coordinator update – Louis

Louis reported that they had attended two meeting that week with members from other Derbyshire Green parties to discuss, amongst other items, the approach to fighting any bi elections for Derbyshire County Council. It is expected that there will be two, but only one has been announced so far.

Finance update – Darren

A brief update was given by Darren.

East Midlands Regional Party update – nothing to report back

3. LET'S TALK –

Education – David Kesteven

David opened the discussion on education by reading the “Unlocking Education” section from the Green Party manifesto. It was then discussed by members who agreed with the principles of the policy. Several members with a background in education raised concerns about the stress teachers

face and about the lack of support for children with SEND and mental health issues. The current OFSTED and testing regime does not benefit children as it currently stands. There is a need for more community support and services to help schools.

It was agreed that there is more to discuss in this area and it was suggested that we set up a dedicated team/group to look into education policy and report back to the membership.

#### 4. CALL TO ACTION

leaflet distribution - ongoing activity.

Another 15,000 leaflets have been received that need to be delivered/distributed. Could members who are able volunteer to help please contact us via the WhatsApp discussion group. We believe we are seeing an increase in new members joining from areas where we have delivered the original 7,500 leaflets.

Chesterfield town centre leaflet handout - Sat 1<sup>st</sup> November. 10.00 - 12.00

We are going to be distributing leaflets in Chesterfield town centre this Saturday. Meeting near the Crooked Spire end of town.

litter picking with Chesterfield Litter Pickers – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025

All volunteers are welcome to really make a show and help the brilliant and hard-working volunteers of the Chesterfield Litter Pickers. Details of where the pick is to take place will be shared later once agreed. It normally starts at 9.00 am and ends around 11.00 am to 12.00 pm. Equipment will be provided but if you have any please bring them.

#### 5. Discuss opportunities for membership activism and activities – getting involved in our communities

The challenges facing Ashgate Hospice were discussed to see if there was anything that could be done to help as a party and individually. It was

highlighted that the issue might not be as straight forward as first appears and that we should seek clarification from the ICB by writing to them and to individually lobby our MPs to get more funding from the government. Members asked for the letter to the ICB to be shared to help them frame their individual responses.

**Action – Louis to draft original letter to the ICB for sharing with members and members to write individual letters to their MPs**

**It was also agreed that the Green Party approach to the NHS should be a topic for one of our next meetings “Lets Talk” items.**

#### **6. Social events - Pizza Party on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025**

**Due to unforeseen circumstances the date of the Pizza Party has to be moved to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the same venue and time.**

**Action – Louis to inform all members.**

#### **7. Meeting review**

Feedback from the meeting was that very positive but it was recognised that Zoom was not the most user-friendly way to for new members to meet etc. The meeting was very useful with a nice atmosphere and the talk by David on policies was appreciated and the chance to talk without it becoming an argument.

Future agenda items were agreed as SEND and adult and children education, and health.

#### **8. Date of next meeting – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 19.00 at Chesterfield Library. Guest speaker - Rachael Hatchett - Derbyshire County Councillor - Green Party Member.**