

NORTH DERBYSHIRE GREEN PARTY
MEMBERS MEETING HELD ON 27th July 2026 @ 19.00
At The Olde House, Newbold, Chesterfield S40 4RN

NOTES

Attendees: 12 members including committee member attended. LH, DY, SS, DK, DW, VN. TW, AS, AK, FAD, JS and HD.

1. OPENING OF MEETING, WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

David Kesteven as acting Chair opened the meeting and did introductions and welcome.

2. FEEDBACK FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a. Coordinator/Chair update (Louis)

Louis reported that we now have 735 members as of today. David informed the meeting that he believes the biggest challenge today is the Manchester Mayoral elections and that we are possibly polling second. Opportunities for members to get involved by helping on polling day and/or helping with phone banking. Frank shared a link for volunteers. David believes that the recent Clowne bi election results, where we did not stand a candidate this time, refutes the Labour mantra that voting Green get you Reform as it would appear from the results that Green voters just may not have turned out to vote.

b. Treasurer's Update (Darren)

Darren reported that we have about £4k in our bank account and are getting about £100 a month in donations.

c. East Midlands Regional Party updates (Darren/Louis)

Frank (as Regional Chair) reported that the conference went well and that if anyone is interested in standing there will be committee elections this summer. There will be an email coming out soon. They are currently planning to recruit a new campaign officer to focus on the Nottingham area which should free up Laurie to help more in the rest of the regional area.

3. FEEDBACK FROM WORKING GROUPS

a. Social Media Team (Louis/Simon & team)

Nothing much to report back from the team as we have no campaigns running.

b. Campaigns Team Darren/David & team)

a new leaflet has been put together (available at the meeting) and they are going to be delivered to the Hasland area as part of an action day planned for Saturday 1st August 2026.

c. Membership Team (Vicky & team)

Not much to report back as Vicky has been away but a meeting is planned for the following week.

4. FEEDBACK FROM "CAMPAIGN AND CANDIDACY" TRAINING EVENT

Feedback from attended was invited and Anthony who attended said it went well but would have been better with training material handouts and presentation displays of key points. That was agreed by all.

5. DECISIONS

a. Should members' meetings be held online, in person or alternating?

i. Background and recommendations

Lack of attendance at the Zoom meeting currently held on alternate months suggested a review of whether member wanted this to continue. A WhatsApp poll was sent out with the results in favour of just holding the meeting in person every month.

ii. Discussion – was held on the results from the WhatsApp poll

iii. Members vote

The vote was unanimous to change all future meetings to be held in person BUT it was also agreed to rotate the meeting monthly between Chesterfield, Bolsover and Dronfield if venues could be found.

Action for Vicky to investigate additional venues and bring back to the August meeting for implementation in September if possible.

b. Decision on target wards/divisions for 2027 local elections

i. Background and recommendations

Darren gave an update on the discussions held by the Campaign Team and the recommendation that our target ward/divisions should be Hasland and Rother, and Wingerworth and Shirland for the 2027 local elections.

ii. Discussion

The members discussed the recommendations from the Campaign Team and the need for us to urgently get candidates for these two wards/divisions in place and campaigning for the new shadow council positions of the Derbyshire North Council. It is expected that there will be two candidates required for each

area. (4 candidates in total) We also recognise that we only have enough resources of active members to campaign in these two wards/divisions.

We plan to have the candidate's selection proves in September.

Campaign Team need to decide on any development wards/divisions as well.

Action – Darren to send out email requesting any potential candidates to express their interest.

iii. Members vote

The members voted unanimously in favour of the two targets wards of Hasland and Rother and Wingerworth and Shirland.

6. CALL TO ACTION

- a. Action Day on Saturday 1st August 2026 (Hasland and Rother) details to be confirmed at 10.30 at the Medical Centre car park in Hasland.

An additional action day at Wingerworth was agreed for Saturday 15th August 2026

Action – Louis to send out Action Network emails for the new Action Day at Wingerworth on the 15th of August

- b. Members meeting – 31st August 2027 @ 19.00

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The members discussed the Emergency Briefing that is being held the Labour Club on 6th August. Agreed to remind members to go and look into possibly showing the film ourselves.

The meeting closed at 20.30 pm with the Chair thanking people for attending.