



Jo Walker
Your Green Cllr for Ore

WE SAY A HUGE THANK YOU!

VOTERS GO GREEN IN HISTORIC LOCAL ELECTION WIN ACROSS BOROUGH



Our twelve Green Councillors (left to right): Amanda Jobson, Darren Mackenzie, Natalie Gaimster, Paula Warne, Glenn Haffenden, Jo Walker, Mark Etherington, Julia Hilton, Adele Bates, Becca Horn, Tony Collins, Yunis Smith

A huge thank you to Ore residents for electing Green Cllr Jo Walker in May's council elections. Eight other Greens were elected, taking the total Green Councillors to twelve. This makes Greens the largest group on Hastings Borough Council.

Jo won with 58% of the votes. Jo says, **"Thank you, Ore. I am absolutely thrilled to be elected. You have put your trust in me and I will do all I can to support and champion Ore for every resident here."**

Jo has also been given a

cabinet role for Environment and Neighbourhood Wellbeing. Jo explains, **"I'm looking after parks and gardens which I'm passionate about, particularly as we have Hastings Country Park in Ore. I'm also overseeing waste, so there's lots to do and I'm getting straight to it!"**



Green Cllr Jo getting to grips with litter in Ore

JO GETS CLEAN-UP HUB FOR ORE!

GREEN JO: "NOW IT'S EASIER TO HELP KEEP ORE LITTER-FREE"

Residents in Ore now have easy access to litter-picking equipment at a new hub in Ore Community Centre, thanks to Cllr Jo Walker.

The kits, which include gloves and hi vis jackets, are provided by Clean Up UK. Jo approached them

to set up a hub in Ore. Jo explains, **"Clean Up UK are a nationwide charity that brings communities together to tackle litter issues. Many residents here want to help - this makes it so much easier for us all to organise litter picks and keep our area clean."**

GREEN-LED COUNCIL PROMISES FRESH START

LEADER JULIA HILTON: "WE'RE BECOMING AN OUTWARD-LOOKING COUNCIL"

Green Jo Walker has welcomed Council Leader Julia Hilton's commitment that Hastings Borough Council will be more open and outward-looking under Green leadership.

Jo says, "It's a much more open way of working. All councillors can attend cabinet, ask questions and debate.

We're working cross-party on the budget and Local Plan, and project task groups are being set up to enable the community to give feedback on important local matters."

Jo adds, "Residents are also welcome to sit in on council meetings. Please check the council website for dates."



The new Green Cabinet: meetings are open to all councillors

GREEN JO HELPS RECLAIM SCHOOL GARDEN

JO: "AT LAST STUDENTS CAN ACCESS & ENJOY THIS GREEN SPACE"



Hard-working Jo clearing the way to Hastings Academy's garden

Green Jo Walker rolled up her sleeves with Hastings Academy teachers and volunteers to reclaim the path to the forest garden. The path is now clear for students to start planting and growing fruit & vegetables.

Jo says, "I love a challenge so I turned up with my strimmer to clear the way through. It is so important that our young people learn skills such as

growing their own and learning where food comes from."

Jo continues, "As a Green Councillor and Trustee of Ore Community Land Trust, I'm keen to support community growing initiatives."

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