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Representatives  
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Things Done



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# TOO LITTLE, & LESS OFTEN

## The wheels on the bus...

We may have found the Little & Often buses a little cramped, but on June 3<sup>rd</sup> Stagecoach buses imposed a savage cut to it's Ashford bus routes. Gone are the quiet and low-emission modern minibuses, instead we see the return of rattling old vehicles -all blue smoke and breakdowns – to the narrow roads of Willesborough. Worse still, Route C servicing the hospital is now on a reduced frequency. Some other Ashford routes are even being withdrawn, making it difficult to get to work in some parts of town using public transport!



The Little & Often buses have left Ashford for good



At least this one runs on chip fat!  
Steve with the Green Party Bus  
that visited Ashford in 2014

Buses in rural areas are even more affected with buses to Tenterden or Canterbury only every 2 hours or more and the Number 10 is now less frequent with a winding route that now takes nearly 2 hours to reach Folkestone. This makes getting around a huge challenge for us all, especially those who rely on public transport, and It does little to ease the pollution and congestion in Ashford.

We want to see the council commit to a better environment and to frequent buses that will improve both the local economy and local community. If you're affected by the changes, get in touch and let us know.

# WOMBLES OF WILLESBOROUGH

## Keeping our ward looking great!

We know that you're all as concerned as us about the amount of litter in the area. We regularly go out litter picking, and we've started a Facebook page so you can get involved too! If you fancy joining us, we will be posting dates of litter pick events, and for you to let us know if you spot any areas that look like they need a visit from us! For more info or to get in touch, just head to:

[www.facebook.com/womblesofwboro](http://www.facebook.com/womblesofwboro) or our Ashford Green Party Page.

Thanks to those who joined us on our most recent litter pick on 17<sup>th</sup> June! As you can see from the pictures, we cleared loads of rubbish and recycling from the Recreation Ground, the Playing Field in Hunter Avenue and the Alley at the back or Orion Way!

Our next Community Litter Pick is on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm-4pm.**



Our latest litter hauls with:-  
Mandy Rossi Parliamentary  
Representative, Al Arnold,  
Beaver Ward Representative  
and Steve Campkin North  
Willesborough Representative



# ASHFORD WELCOMES AMELIA

## Deputy Leader of The Green Party Visits Ashford



Steve with Amelia Womack

In Ashford we continue to campaign for women's voices to be heard, especially in politics. Did you know on Ashford Borough Council, only 9 out of 43 councillors are women? As well as encouraging women to stand for council, we've been proud to put a female candidate forward in the last two General Elections. Mandy is available to talk at local schools about Women in Politics. Contact us for details.

In July, Amelia Womack, Deputy Leader of the Green Party, visited Ashford as part of her tour of the country. This was her third visit to the town. She met with local Green Party members at The Windmill Inn, and spoke passionately about Women in Politics, .



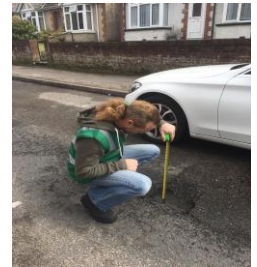
Mandy Rossi Ashford  
Parliamentary Candidate for  
the Green Party 2015 & 2017

# POTHOLE PATROL

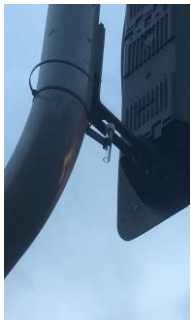
We're continuing to measure, record and report Potholes in the area.

Remember, if you spot a bad one, upload a picture to our Facebook page, or send us an email. We'll get it reported for you!

Potholes continue to be a misery around the town.



## AIR AWARE?



The Friends of The Earth Monitor was in place at J10 for 2 weeks.

We told you last time that we were monitoring the air quality around J10. The results are in, and are very worrying.

**The result was 51.1 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (micrograms per cubic metre) of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)**

This is above the level at which the annual legal limit is set. The European Union has set the legal limit for NO<sub>2</sub> pollution at an annual mean of 40µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Ashford Borough Council assure us that, across the borough, throughout the year, we remain averaged out at below the legal limit. However they are as concerned as we are about pollution levels and are working on an Air Quality Strategy to reduce levels further.

We shall continue to campaign on this and look forward to working with and supporting their Air Quality Committee.



Steve with Green Party MEP Keith Taylor, PPC Mandy Rossi & members of Ashford Green Party raising awareness about Air Quality in Ashford

## CAN WE HELP?

If you have a comment or query about our area, Steve and Liz would love to know. Get in touch via email or our social media pages.



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Litter Pick** – Ashford Greens – **Wombles of Willesborough** will be Litter Picking on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2-4pm. Contact us if you'd like to get involved! Check the Facebook page for more info!

**Newsletters:** All our newsletters & leaflets are delivered by ourselves and volunteers. If you'd like to help out then please let us know.

## STEVE & LIZ: WORKING WITH PEOPLE AND GETTING THINGS DONE