HAM, PETERSHAM & RICHMOND RIVERSIDE NEWS

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YOUR COUNCILLOR **ANDREE FRIEZE**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOTED GREEN IN JULY

GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS: CHANGE SINCE 2019

PARTY	CHANGE SINCE 2019	
LIBERAL DEMS		+1.0%
CONSERVATIVE	-18.8%	
LABOUR		+4.4%
GREEN PARTY		+6.5%
REFORM UK		+6.2%

Councillor Andrée Frieze and the local team would like to say a big thank you to everyone who voted for our Green Party candidate, Chas Warlow, in the general election. We came fourth overall in the Richmond Park constituency, with 6.5% of the vote. Our flawed first-past-the-post voting system encourages people to vote tactically, for someone they don't really want to win, just to keep out the party they like the least. Despite this, 3,416 of you voted for our Green candidate and the values you truly support.

That means a lot to us.

Nationally, the Greens made history by winning four seats. Quadrupling the Green MPs is an incredible breakthrough and will enable Greens to push the Labour government to be bolder on the environment, go further for a fairer economy, and mend our broken public services.

Andrée says: "Thank you all. Nationally, the Green share of the vote doubled to 7%. With a fairer voting system, such as the one used for the Scottish and Welsh parliaments. Greens would have over 40 MPs, not four."

HAM FOOD BANK

Every Tuesday, the Vineyard Community & Richmond Foodbank is available to help those in crisis. If you need food, support, friendship or community, please go and see them.

When? 11.30am to 1pm

Where? Ham Youth Centre, Ham Close, Richmond TW10 7PL



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foodbank@vineyardcommunity.org

Andrée says: "I would much rather have a fairer country where those with the broadest shoulders were taxed properly and nobody went hungry.

"But we are not there yet. Ham Food Bank is a valuable service for those who can't put food on the table. Contact me if you need to be referred."



GYPSY AND TRAVELLER UPDATE

Many Ham residents were impacted by the arrival of an unusually large group of travellers this summer. The group ping-ponged between sites, so the Council had to go to the high court twice for injunctions to evict them. The Council is working on its final injunction to cover sites including Ham Common and King George's Field. It only lasts a year, although the Council is applying for three years.

Andrée says: "Residents are rightly concerned about the impact of the recent group of travellers on our local community and green spaces, as well as some anti-social behaviour. I back the Council's efforts to find a long-term solution.

"I would also like the Council to investigate negotiated stopping, to enable Gypsies and Travellers to stop safely and legally. This works by bringing everyone together to agree that Gypsies and Travellers can use an unused piece of land as a temporary stopping place.

"Terms are agreed, including time stopped on the land (usually around 28 days) and services to be provided, such as water, rubbish disposal and sanitation.

"Other councils do this as it saves on legal and clean-up costs, reduces antisocial behaviour and improves outcomes for everyone."



Every Tuesday in Ham Youth Centre, between 11.30 am and 1pm, The Real Junk Food Project Twickenham holds a pay as you feel community café. It offers soup, smoothies, sweet pastries and tea/coffee. Plus, bring a bag for surplus food to take home. No referrals are needed.

CAN I HELP YOU?

ANDREE FRIEZE



Councillor for Ham, Petersham & Richmond Riverside

Ward surgery on the first Saturday of every month, 11am-12pm, Costa, Ham Parade

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