

South East Hants Green Party

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IT CONSULTANT TO STAND IN HAVANT FOR GREENS

Local businessman Tim Dawes has been selected as the Green Party's prospective Parliamentary candidate for Havant.

Tim, 52, runs a nationwide IT consultancy, providing employment for about 20 people. He is an active member of Havant Friends of the Earth, Havant Fair Trade Group and Portsmouth United Against Fascism as well as running the youth club at Havant United Reformed Church, which he and his family attend.

He said: "I believe the biggest threat that we face is from climate change and that local councils have a role in reducing that threat."

His policies to tackle climate change on a local level include:

- * Safe Routes to School programmes for all local schools within 10 years. These encourage children to walk or cycle to school, rather than being driven.
- * Maximising the use of solar panels and micro-turbines on public buildings, council housing, business and private premises.
- * Councils to purchase only non-nuclear renewable energy.
- * Cutting the long-distance transportation of food that can be grown locally by having council purchasing policies that support local farmers.

Tim is well-known locally as an environmental campaigner. He was involved in the successful campaign to move recyclers Wessex Building Supplies out of its town centre site to location where it would have less impact on its neighbours. He was also active in defending Warblington School playing fields from development.

His company is committed to sourcing as many goods and services as it can locally and also supports the arts locally, including the Havant Arts Centre.

Tim contested St Faith's ward in Havant in the last three local elections, running the Liberal Democrats close on two occasions and once winning more than 700 votes.

He said: "Havant needs an alternative to the grey parties. Every vote for the Greens makes the others take notice. There are those in Havant who are worried about climate change and global greed and what its doing to our world, and they are growing in number. It is time they made their voice count."

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