

Richard Dean



About Richard Dean... your Green Party candidate for Chalford

I have a background of voluntary work in the developing world, having worked for various charity organisations and UNRWA, in India and the Middle East.

Since working as a GP, I have worked with deprived inner city communities in London to identify and improve failing practices and to act as an advocate for particularly poorly represented groups such as the mentally ill and ethnic communities. I have a special interest in the care and treatment of drug users, having worked as a psychiatrist in a Drug and Alcohol Unit in London and I have performed research in the problems ethnic communities have in accessing drug services.

I have recently become involved in improving relations between Elderly Care Homes and local GP practices, with emphasis on supporting those in care suffering from dementia, who have no voice and often receive minimal attention and funding.



Richard Dean making hand carved furniture

I am also an artist, having turned my focus in the last few years on representing visually the effects of climate change, with several successful art shows both locally and in London. My show 'FLOOD', in Stroud in 2009, looked at the change in our landscape that would result from global warming, melting polar ice caps and worldwide flooding of coastal areas. This includes areas that currently support a majority of our planet's cities and hence, population.

I strongly believe that tackling climate change is now more than a lifestyle choice for those who are privileged enough to afford the technology to reduce their CO2 emissions. It is an imperative that needs every one of us to bring about a change in our world.

Richard Dean won 1,041 votes, coming second in the Chalford Ward in 2010, and the Green Party is now the only serious challenger to the Conservatives in this ward.

Can you help us? If you would like to help in my election campaign, please ring 01453 886559.

Chalford Parish Councillor David Wood says: "I know that Richard has the commitment and passion to be an excellent Councillor. Living in the ward, he is aware of and would promote action on the issues which concern the local community. I strongly encourage you to vote for him."

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Stroud District Election Communication from the Green Party

Take a Stand Vote Green Now

Vote for Richard Dean

in Chalford Ward on
Thursday May 5th



Dear Voter,

I have lived in Chalford for eight years and have worked as a local GP since then.

Standing in the District Council elections for the Green Party in 2010, I polled a significant 1,041 votes.

My aim in joining the Green Party was to focus attention on the role local communities have in tackling climate change. I strongly believe that it is everyone's responsibility to do what we can to change the way we live to a more sustainable lifestyle.

If elected, I will focus my energy on tackling fuel poverty (as a GP, I see the devastating effects of fuel poverty on people's health). Recently, I have engaged in a local Parish Council working group to look at providing Chalford with renewable energy, taking advantage of financial incentives from government (feed in tariffs) to set up wind and solar power sources. This would provide an independent power supply and raise money to help individuals insulate their homes and conserve precious resources.

As a GP, I already work to improve care for the elderly and those with mental health issues. I also promote the benefits of alternatives to conventional medical care, such as supporting efforts to engage local artists in helping patients with their recovery.

I hope to improve public transport links and cycle routes to Stroud and elsewhere and to encourage a shift away from energy inefficient private transport.

I will always try to be available to local people, responding rapidly to your concerns and representing you to the best of my ability. With your support, I hope to join other Green Councillors in working for your interests on Stroud District Council.



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