

Simon Pickering



Green Party

About Simon Pickering... your Green Party candidate for Slade Ward

I have lived in the area for over 20 years and have worked at the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, the Cotswold Water Park and now at Stroud town's largest employer, Ecotricity, where I ensure that new renewable energy projects are built where they don't harm wildlife.

I am married and have two teenage children who are at Marling and Stroud High School sixth form. I have been a school governor and, for ten years, a leader in Stroud Woodcraft Folk which promotes education for social change with young people.

In my spare time I enjoy mountain biking, walking and making our house more energy efficient (it saves money too). For relaxation I love to cook good local food and go to gigs and events in Stroud.

Local government should be open and accountable and I will work to make it so. Unlike other parties the Greens do not have a 'whip system', which means that as a Green Councillor I can truly represent the best interests of you the voter rather than some party line dictated from Westminster.

I will always put the interests of the whole community first, and if elected I will speak out for Stroud at every opportunity.

I have a strong track record in making the Council work for local people and, with your vote, I can do that again.

Vote for Simon Pickering on May 5th... for action not words.

Can you help us? If you would like to help in my election campaign, please ring 01453 750962.

Message from Gwen Belcher: "I am retiring as your Councillor after 15 years, but I am delighted that Simon Pickering is standing in my place. When he was on the Council with me he was an excellent Councillor, particularly on council housing matters."



Councillor Gwen Belcher with Simon Pickering

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Stroud District Election Communication from the Green Party

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Vote for Simon Pickering

in the Slade Ward on
Thursday May 5th



Dear Voter,

I am very pleased to be asked by Gwen Belcher, your current District Councillor, to stand for election in this ward in which I was a Councillor with Gwen back in the 1990s.

During that time, I secured funding for road crossings and traffic calming, and reduced the number of double yellow lines in the area. I established the 'rent in advance' scheme to help young people move into private rented accommodation and supported the relocation of the Parliament School. I successfully fought for funding for energy efficiency improvements in both council housing and private housing. Also at that time, as a Trustee of the Stroud Valleys Project and a Councillor, I supported the establishment of the farmers' market and helped fight off the initial opposition.

While I was Chair of Scrutiny Committee I took the Council to account over the way Stratford Park Leisure Centre was run. It did improve for a while but now it seems to have slipped back again... this is something that needs to be sorted out.

This area of Stroud is improving, but there are still local problems such as the speed of traffic and car parking, especially on Bisley Road and Bisley Old Road. I will listen to and work with local people to get the best results, especially for children and older residents..

I see the re-build of 40 Woolway Houses at the 'Top of Town' as a major challenge, and I will work with tenants to help get them the best deal to minimise disruption and make sure it results in better and warmer houses for all those to be affected.

The financial chaos caused by the banks, not controlled by any Government, will make the next few years hard for everyone, but particularly the old and least well off.

It doesn't have to be like this; cuts can be made in different ways. Although the Council has less money, I will fight to make sure it is used more effectively to protect the vulnerable and to invest in a sustainable future for all of us.

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