



## **KIRKLEES GREEN PARTY**

**Councillor Andrew Cooper**



### **Biography in Brief**

Andrew Cooper was educated at local Kirklees schools and later Staffordshire University where he graduated with a BA(Hons) degree in Politics and International Relations. He presently lives in Brockholes, Newsome, with his wife and children.

He has been active in the Green Party since 1988 and has many years experience of local campaigning and representing peoples every day concerns.

Currently working for Yorkshire and Humber Regional Assembly as the regions Energy Policy Manager, Andrew is a qualified energy advisor. Andrew is also a trustee of the fuel poverty charity National Energy Action.

### **Motivations for Serving**

“ I strongly believe that local action on climate change can provide the impetus needed to influence national policy. Green successes in Newsome have helped local people live in warmer homes, with lower fuel bills and also demonstrated to other Councils around the country how to exercise leadership in this area. I get a real kick out of sorting peoples everyday concerns, these may seem small to those on the outside but mean everything to the person with the problem.

I truly believe there is more to being a Councillor than sitting in meetings, Councillors should take the lead on local projects and help communities realise their ambitions. For me this has meant being a volunteer driver on the Green Party' s Christmas Bus Service and working on several local clean ups, projects that make a real difference to local communities and enhance our local environment.”

## Political History

- Joined the Green Party in 1988
- National Green Party Elections Coordinator 1996-1997
- Elected to Kirklees Council in 1999
- Achieved highest majority of any candidate in Kirklees in the 2003 Local Elections (61% of the vote with a 1333 vote majority)

## Recent Achievements

- Provision of free insulation for Kirklees Pensioners.
- Established a policy to ensure all new Kirklees Public Buildings include renewable energy in their design.
- Supported residents at Newsome Road South/Ladyhouse Lane and Taylor Hill Road in successful campaigns to oppose housing development.

## Current Activities

- Leader of the Green Group Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council
- Working on new policies to reduce staff travel budgets

## Other Interests

In his spare time Andrew likes long distance and hill walking.

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