

# **VOTE GREEN FOR A FAIRER, GREENER LEWISHAM**

THE GREENS ARE POLLING 2ND IN LEWISHAM SO A VOTE FOR THE GREENS CAN COUNT. MEET OUR 3 CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION 4 JULY 2024:



"Born & raised in Deptford SE8. I've lived in Lewisham for over 35 years. Lewisham isn't just my home, it's in my DNA! Lewisham has always been a Labour stronghold, but unfortunately they have now become complacent & are taking us for granted. It's not good enough to just not be Tory if the alternative is just more of the same but in red. The role of an MP is to represent the constituents & be our voice in Parliament, but Labour are no longer doing that. We deserve better. We deserve a change. So I'm standing to be that change! I'm not a career politician & this isn't just a job or stepping stone for me. I'm someone who cares deeply about our community & will do all I can to make sure the needs of our community are put first. I've spent the last 10 years campaigning around the issues of racism in policing, deaths in police custody & following police contact. I have used my platform & privilege to amplify & empower the voices of others & hold those in power to account. I'm asking you to lend me your support on July 4th to enable me to continue doing that. If we want politics to be done differently, we have to start voting differently. Let's end the two party duopoly & join me so that together we can make sure Lewisham's interests are represented properly!



Callum has made the South East of London his home, after moving to the city nearly five years ago.

He has studied in Deptford, marched in Lewisham, and has lived across a number of boroughs in the region. Lewisham and Dulwich are two areas full of life and community, and Callum is tired of seeing this being eroded by Westminster politics.

There are many fundamental issues in this country, making life extremely hard for many people, and he wants to offer an alternative for people to vote for against the current lacklustre main parties.

He will always stand for economic, social and climate justice for anyone who calls the constituency their home.



LEWISHAM GREENS



Michael Herron is a former teacher and academic who has lived in Lewisham East for over 30 years and is now in the process of setting up an online hotel booking business for visitors to London, and he is also a published author. When he was a trainee teacher in a high school in California, he coached the JV soccer team coaching the skills he demonstrated at 17 when a scout invited him to Manchester United.

Mike has prior political experience, having worked for Democrats in Washington DC and the Labour Party in London.

He joined the Green Party after first becoming disillusioned with the Labour government's involvement in the Iraq War and was then inspired by the Green Party's vision of a fairer, greener Britain.

Mike has already run for office in Lewisham for the Green Party, standing for Mayor of Lewisham in the recent mayoral election when he came 2nd. Mike says, "Only the Greens can offer the real change Lewisham and Britain needs to become fairer and greener for everyone not just a few.

We will do this by making the rich pay their fair share of taxes."

# WHAT THE GREENS WILL DO TO FIX THE ISSUES FACING LEWISHAM:

## **COST OF LIVING AND HOUSING**

• The cost of housing is a major factor in the cost of living crisis. We will bring in rent control and other protections for renters.

• There has been a 23% increase in homelessness in Lewisham since 2019 We will prioritise building more social housing over those for private purchase.

• Lewisham residents have complained about cold and damp homes, mould, break-ins and lifts that don't work. We will put pressure on local and national government to fix these problems.

• We will also deliver a national housing insulation programme that offers people warm homes that are affordable to heat.

#### THE NHS

• We oppose the creeping privatisation of the NHS and the chronic underfunding of our health and social care systems over the last 14 years.

• To achieve the necessary funding levels for the NHS and social care, we will make the richest in society pay their fair share through a new wealth tax.

#### THE ENVIRONMENT

• Only Green MPs will hold a Labour government to account on the climate crisis and push them to be bolder and braver.

• There have been recent reports of illness in south-east London by people who believe this was due to the quality of the water. We will bring utilities such as water back into public hands to benefit ordinary people and we will clean up our seas and rivers.

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

• We will nationalise the railways and invest in local buses to make it cheaper and easier to use the greenest form of transport.

#### GAZA

• The Green Party was the first mainstream UK party to call for a ceasefire in Gaza since the very start of the war.





