



# High Peak Green Party for the common good

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## Towards a Greener Glossopdale

High Peak Green Party is delighted that High Peak has a new MP and that Andrew Bingham, the local representative of a discredited and destructive government, was roundly defeated.

We decided to withdraw our candidate in the recent general election and campaign for a vote for Ruth George, the Labour Party candidate, believing that she had the best prospect of defeating Mr Bingham. In doing so we made an important contribution to Ruth's victory, as she herself was quick to acknowledge. Following her election we are keen to ensure that green issues are kept at the forefront of her concerns. She has made a good start in this respect using her first parliamentary question to ask the government about its much delayed carbon reduction plan.

Prior to the election we had decided to hold an event in Glossopdale to discuss some of the important environmental issues that already impact on our lives and the lives of our children and which are likely to become increasingly important.

**Towards a Greener Glossopdale** is a half day conference taking place at **Glossop Labour Club on Saturday 30th September, from 1pm-5pm**. We are pleased that Glossopdale Labour Party have agreed to jointly organise this event with us and that Ruth George has agreed to take part in a question and answer session at the start. There will then be an opportunity to discuss energy and transport issues at a time when we need to take drastic action to combat climate change. There will be a chance for everyone to make a contribution and to hear the views of others.

At the end of the event the intention is to go for a picnic at the nearby George Street woods, which needs to remain a green space open to all and not given over to a private developer.

The event is free and you can register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/towards-a-greener-glossopdale-tickets-37383699652>  
or contact [peter.allen@greenparty.org.uk](mailto:peter.allen@greenparty.org.uk) .

## Hen Harrier Day

On the 5th August the High Peak Green Party attended the 2017 Sheffield Hen Harrier day. Hen Harrier day is a national day of action with events running all over the country and aims to raise awareness about the plight of the Hen Harrier. The event was a tremendous success with larger crowds, more media coverage and the #stopkillinghenharriers trending nationally. Only a small number of Hen Harriers successfully breed each year however the UK has the habitat to support a larger number of birds. According to National England data between 2007 and 2014 48 young Satellite tagged Hen Harriers simply disappeared and the ones that are found dead are often discovered with injuries consistent with illegal persecution.

Speakers at the Sheffield Hen Harrier event included former Green Party leader Natalie Bennett and Springwatch Presenter Iolo Williams. The speakers talked about their personal encounters and experiences with the bird that the RSPB has termed the 'SkyDancer' due to its spectacular aerial displays. They also spoke about the connections between the illegal persecution of moorland wildlife, specifically Hen Harriers, and driven grouse shooting. Natalie Bennett spoke about the 'slaughter' of the wildlife on the moorlands not only of Harriers but other wildlife as well.



The main message that I took away from the day was that the National Parks and the wildlife within it are for the use of the general public and not just for those who choose to go shooting on them. If you want to find out more about the Hen Harrier campaign then please visit <http://henharrierday.org>

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