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GREEN NEWS



Hutchison & Chesser

Let's Have a Clean Green Hutchison

LOCAL COUNCILLOR GAVIN CORBETT has set out his stall to get Hutchison-Chesser cleaner and greener.

Working with local residents, businesses and schools, Gavin believes that the community can set the pace in tackling street litter and making best use of green areas.

As part of the campaign, there will be a community clean up on the morning of Saturday 24 March (details below).

Gavin said: "The Hutchison Chesser area is great area to live and work. But I know that many residents feel dismayed about problems like litter and dog-fouling.

"I'm absolutely clear that the council has a central role to play in street cleaning, making sure bins are picked up on time and tackling offenders. But I'm equally certain that the council alone can't do the job. If it's seen as a genuine community priority too then I firmly believe that it will prevent many of the problems arising in the first place."

Cllr Corbett has been in touch with St Cuthberts School on



Cllr Gavin Corbett has been working with local residents, businesses and schools on the Clean Green Hutchison campaign.

Hutchison Crossway and Tynecastle High School.

Business contacts have included ASDA at Chesser, McDonalds at Gorgie Park Road and various businesses at the Fruitmarket.

Another major opportunity comes in the shape of the Royal Horticultural Society being based at the revamped Saughton Park when it re-opens later in 2018. The park will be a hub for volunteers who could help transform some of Hutchison-Chesser's neglected spaces.

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24 MARCH 2018

Hutchison Community Clean Up, from 10am onwards: meet halfway down Hutchison Crossway at entrance to cycle path.

Pentland House Update

The office block, Pentland House, at Chesser Crescent and Robb's Loan was given planning permission to be converted into a 330 bed student residence back in November.

However, Napier University has now said that it does not plan to proceed with the development. That leaves owners Teague with an opportunity to look again at what is best for the site, with affordable housing a popular possibility.

Having seen the next-door Fruitmarket site sit empty for over 10 years, the last thing anyone wants is a long-term empty and vandalised office block.



Local councillor Gavin Corbett would welcome the possibility of affordable housing at Pentland House.

Community Centre Future?

For decades the old temporary classrooms at the top of St Cuthberts school playground have given Hutchison a community centre.

However, the building needs quite a bit of repair and to meet modern regulations. And it needs a new plan for what kind of activities it hosts.

Gavin Corbett said:

"I'd really welcome views from people in the area. If there is to be a centre in the future it needs feedback on how it could be used more fully and how it is managed. If you have thoughts please let me know as it is crunch time."

Water of Leith Centre

One the area's biggest assets is the Water of Leith Centre at the Foot of Lanark Road. The trust does a fantastic job keeping the area between there and Gorgie Road clean, as well as a huge amount of education work. It's now facing the loss of funding from government body SNH, so will need even more support from local people, both in time and donations. Do support the Trust if you can.

Contact your local Greens

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