



Pippa at the Green Lane Recycling Centre, April 2021
Pippa will make it easier for residents to recycle and get rid of bulky waste.

TACKLING MERTON'S WASTE PROBLEM

If elected, Pippa will:

- 🔄 **Improve access to recycling facilities and bulky waste collection.** The one recycling centre on Green Lane is often overflowing and used as a dumping ground for items that should either go to Garth Road or be picked up by the Council under the bulky waste collection scheme. It does not help that charges for bulky waste collection were reintroduced just over two years ago.
- 🔄 **Help residents who live in flats to manage their waste more effectively.** Residents without wheelie bins, recycling crates, and food waste containers are expected to put out different coloured bags, which inevitably attract foxes, creating a mess. And many communal facilities are inadequate.
- 🔄 **Tackle the problem of 'side waste' and Veolia's green bags.** Many public bins end up with bags of rubbish and other items next to them. And Veolia leaves its green bags of general waste in various places around the ward, sometimes for days.
- 🔄 **Address fly-tipping.** It may be a borough-wide and, indeed, nationwide problem, but that makes it no less of a problem in St Helier. It seems that any grassy area, especially corners, will do. And the railway bridge and verges are hotspots.

RECONNECT WITH NATURE: ACCESS TO GREEN SPACES

The pandemic has underlined how important nature is for our physical and mental wellbeing. Pippa will endeavour to create additional pockets of green space, promote biodiversity, and help people access the physical and mental health benefits of nature.

MORDEN PARK

Morden Park is a fantastic space, especially cherished by residents in the past year. Pippa has worked with fellow residents to try to stop the Council from using it for events that disturb the wildlife and bring antisocial behaviour to the surrounding quiet residential streets. In 2018, trees that were home to little owls and kestrels were cut to accommodate a music event, and in 2019, there were no fewer than four stabbings when the same event was held, despite protests, costing an estimated £150,000 in police hours and dwarfing the £90,000 earned by the Council. We remain vigilant and keep up to date with all licensing applications for park events.

MORDEN REC

Lots of people use Morden Recreation Ground, but would like it to be even better. The path is uneven in parts and the bowling green lies unused. There are calls for a hockey pitch, a community garden, a cafe and toilets. The Council is running a consultation, but advertised it to only a quarter of the households in the ward. Pippa is talking to fellow residents about how to work together to improve this vital community asset.



Pippa at the site of the old Morden Leisure Centre, where she first learnt to swim.
March 2021



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“It would truly be an honour to serve as a Councillor in the area that welcomed me as a child, and to which I have gladly returned.”

-Pippa Maslin

PIPPA MASLIN

YOUR CANDIDATE FOR ST HELIER



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ABOUT PIPPA

Born to a Filipina and a Briton, Pippa first lived in the St Helier ward when she moved from Manila to Morden in 1977. A state secondary school English teacher for thirteen years, a Media Arts university tutor during the completion of her doctorate, and currently a caseworker for a local Deaf and Disabled People's Organisation, she returned in 2013 and has been active in the community ever since. Driven to help others, she is honoured to have been chosen as Merton Green Party's candidate for the by-election on 6th May.



One of the ward litter picks organised by Pippa, June 2019

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Started a monthly litter pick to help clean up the ward
- ✓ Got the Council to improve disabled access to Morden Recreation Ground
- ✓ Made BT take away two disused and vandalised phone boxes
- ✓ Worked with neighbours to beat down an unfair major works bill from their housing association
- ✓ Worked with fellow residents to protect Morden Park from being used for unsuitable events
- ✓ Successfully petitioned the Council to declare a climate emergency and review its carbon reduction plans for the borough
- ✓ Worked with the Council and other residents to create a Climate Strategy and Action Plan for the borough



MY SEVEN POINT PLAN

FOR ST HELIER

1) CLEAN UP OUR WARD

St Helier would look so much better without the litter, overflowing bins and fly-tipping on our streets and in our green spaces. ***I will work with the Council, Veolia, the police and residents to get on top of these problems.***

2) SAFER STREETS

Residents of Central Road, Abbotsbury Road and Middleton Road are fed up with the danger and noise from speeding vehicles. ***I will work with the relevant authorities to enforce the 20mph speed limit.***

3) GREEN SPACES FOR ALL

Residents value Morden Park and Morden Recreation Ground. ***I will work to ensure cleanliness and accessibility, find funding for popular facilities, and protect and enhance biodiversity.***

4) ACCESSIBILITY

As a former carer and through my job, I am familiar with accessibility issues. Building upon my success in improving disabled access to Morden Rec, ***I will work with disabled residents to resolve their access issues.***

5) GOOD HOMES FOR ALL

Everyone has the right to live in a comfortable and safe home. ***I will stand with fellow residents of all housing associations to end unfair service charges.***

6) LOCAL BUSINESSES

Local businesses play an important role in our lives and should be helped to thrive. I will work with shops and businesses along Green Lane and Central Road to ***smarten up parades, and help to fill empty units.***

7) CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Having successfully petitioned the Council to declare a climate emergency and helped create a Climate Strategy and Action Plan, ***I will build on this momentum to ensure Merton meets its zero carbon commitments.***



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VOTE GREEN IN ST HELIER



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