

# FROM **LABOUR** TO **GREEN** – RUTH MOLYNEUX

## How did you part company with the **Labour** Party?

I joined the Labour Party in 2017 just after the general election partly because I was appalled at the lack of support for the democratically elected national leader from a large proportion of the parliamentary party but mainly because finally, the Labour Party had the policies that I had long believed in.

I became active in 2018. I was inspired by the activity of my local branch in Eastham, I wasn't really used to getting leaflets through my door, emails and telephone calls.

Inspired by my now good friend Jo Bird, I decided to put myself forward as a potential candidate in the 2019 local elections. I lost but that didn't deter me. I was re-selected again for the 2020 local elections but Covid and lockdown put a stop to that. After a break, I decided to try again, this time I was selected for Bromborough ward but due to my opposition to the closure of Bromborough Library, the Labour Party removed me from the candidacy with no right of appeal. The Labour Party left me, I was politically homeless.

## Why did you join the **Green** Party?

I was encouraged to take a look at Green Party policies. Jo Bird and others who had been expelled, suspended or had just left the Labour Party had joined the Greens.

The policies around environmental, social and economic justice are impressive and Green Party Councillors voted against the closure of the local services I had been campaigning to save.

## What is your experience as a **Green** Party member so far?

It's great! I love it!

Unlike the Labour Party the Green Party is supportive not oppressive, progressive not reactive.

I was proud to be elected with 2,133 votes as one of three Green Party Councillors for Bromborough ward alongside Kieran Murphy and Jo Bird in May 2023.

**MY PAST IS RED**  
**- AND OUR FUTURE IS GREEN**



**Ruth Molyneux** (centre) and fellow Green Councillors **Kieran Murphy** and **Jo Bird** celebrate winning Bromborough in May 2023