

Laurie Needham & Joe Levy

Joe and Laurie are standing for Elections Coordinator as a job share and want your first preference vote. Both have stood in local and general elections and have taken part in the party's extraordinarily successful Campaign School programme. They achieved record election wins in their local areas. Joe and Laurie bring combined experience from different parts of the country, rural and urban.



They aim to use this to ensure the Party continues to build on its recent election success. 2021 is especially important when we will be fighting elections in many levels of government across England and Wales.

Laurie is a councillor for the village of East Goscote. In the past few years, she has worked hard to help her local party advance from never having a councillor to winning by a landslide from the Tories.

She has used her knowledge and experience to help effectively organise and fight election campaigns in neighbouring areas, many achieving dramatic vote share increases as a result. Laurie is active across the East Midlands Region, sharing best practice and supporting local parties to fight elections and have real impact in their area.

Joe has run several election campaigns in Exeter, recently taking a seat from Labour in the inner-city ward of St David's, with more than 50% of the vote.

He has run training sessions for South West regional and the national Green Party conference. In 2019 Joe helped to create a new volunteer engagement team in Exeter. This successful activist mobilisation programme saw more than 100 people become involved in campaigns across the city.

Joe and Laurie understand that across the country, local parties have different needs and circumstances. They could be about to put out their first leaflet, close to winning their seat or on the cusp of becoming the official opposition on their council.

They want to make sure that campaigners, councillors, and candidates have the resources and support they need.

Priorities as Elections Coordinator will be:

Campaign School - This programme is proven to deliver successful election results across the country. They will make sure it continues to be funded.

Ensuring the national party engages with the grassroots across England and Wales and that these local teams can benefit from easy to access digital resources and the expertise of our Field Team.

Review the impact of the 2019 election pacts on the Green Party at all levels. Engage in a meaningful way with local parties to target resources and training for candidates and campaign teams.

Joe and Laurie want to see the Green Party take the next step in its election successes, winning where Greens have never won before, and re-electing our fantastic representatives across the country. The Green Party needs a clear, distinctive message that shows we are a real alternative. The national party can't do this without the hard work of local activists around the country. Together we can take the party from strength to strength.