

Green deputy leader to visit Ryedale fracking site



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Green Party deputy leader Amelia Womack will visit the Kirby Misperton fracking site in Ryedale on Friday afternoon (December 1) to meet local demonstrators and visit the protection camp.

Womack's visit is part of a series called 'Green Friday' where Green Party politicians spend a day at the site [1].

Earlier this month Green Party co-leader Jonathan Bartley was dragged across the road by police while giving a speech to protesters at the site [2].

Womack said:

"I'm looking forward to meeting protesters who are putting their bodies on the line every day to stand up for their communities, particularly after appalling treatment of Jonathan by police only a few weeks ago. I'm so inspired by how dedicated the Ryedale community is in its stand against fracking.

"Fracking is dirty, dangerous and unnecessary. It will jeopardise our climate commitments and prolong our dependency on fossil fuel for years to come. The Government should be leaving fossil fuels where they belong – in the ground – and investing in modern, clean energy for the future."

Notes:

1. <https://www.greenparty.org.uk/news/2017/11/17/natalie-bennett-to-join-fracking-protest-at-kirby-misperton/>
2. <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/green-party-joint-leader-jonathan-bartley-dragged-along-road-by-police-at-yorkshire-fracking-protest->

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