

Witness Name: Patricia Anne Green
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THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Witness Statement of Patricia Anne Green

I, Patricia Anne Green, will say as follows:-

1. I would like to correct the following:
I was not interviewed by Cheshire Police, as stated. Two policemen from the Met. travelled from London to interview me at Blacon, Chester, Police Station. The account of the interview is correct except for the spelling of my second name which should be Anne. I would also say that we became aware that Peter Morrison was gay during his time as the Member for the City of Chester. We did not know this when he first came to Chester. It would not have concerned us. I agree to the redactions made to the document.
2. Rumours circulated about Peter Morrison's behaviour during his time as a Member of Parliament, suggesting that he took an unhealthy interest in young people. Gyles Brandreth mentions rumours that he was aware of in his book.
3. I cannot date the Crewe incident precisely but there was an article in *Private Eye* in the early 1980s, "MP with no trousers" arriving in Euston. This was before the date when Gyles Brandreth was selected as a candidate for the City of Chester. After the Crewe incident there were rumours of a possible by-election which was not in fact called.
4. I think that Graham Nicholls and I are describing the same core events but with different recollections. My husband and I were aware of the possibility of a by-election as a result of the Crewe incident, my husband particularly as he probably would have been asked to stand as candidate. I cannot remember which Liberals would have been involved in the discussions, but I know Liberals who might have been involved. I could suggest names, given more time.
5. You ask about Peter Morrison's "privileged background". We knew that Peter Morrison's father was Lord Margadale who was an influential member of the Conservative Party and a financial backer. Peter Morrison was educated at Eton and Oxford. His brother was already the Conservative Member of Parliament for Devizes. My husband and I drew the conclusion that he was protected by the social and political establishment. Apart from comments in *Private Eye*, news of the incident at Crewe was suppressed at the time, and the expected by-election did not take place. His selection was against the wishes of Chester Conservatives as they would have preferred a local candidate but Lord Margadale's son was selected. It seemed to many people that his candidacy was imposed on the local party.
6. I have known Christine Russell for many years through local organisations, and, because until she stood for election as a Member of Parliament, we were both magistrates on the Chester Bench. I also know Gwyn Cooper who was a fellow magistrate. I met France Mowatt occasionally in the past through local politics.

7. I spoke briefly to Christine Russell about these matters when first contacted by the Met. She said that she was present at the discussion that Graham Nichols described when it was agreed that Peter Morrison should stand down. At that point, it was also agreed not to pursue other matters concerning Peter Morrison's previous conduct. She didn't talk about the Crewe incident, or the date when the discussion about when a possible by-election might take place. As I remember this happened after the Crewe incident when we understood the Police had been involved.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed... **DPA**

Dated... *31st January 2019*