



Bulky Refuse Day

The residents group on Ellesmere Park Estate, with the support of local councillors and massive help from City West, organised a "Bulky Refuse Day"

We called round the estate with a truck collecting tons of sofa's, unwanted furniture, mattresses and all the other stuff that clutters our homes. We called on over 60 properties and received a great welcome from local people. Hopefully we will be organising another day early next year.

Photo: Volunteers from City West helping our Bulky Refuse Day with Community Group secretary, Judy Price and Local Councillors Michael Wheeler and Peter Wheeler



Going Walkabout

Labour councillors regularly walk your streets looking to identify problem areas.

The area between Brookhouse Estate and Schofield Road is one of concern which we are meeting with council officers to resolve. We have used funding from the Winton Festival to improve the local environment by planting on New Lane and Worsley Road. Please let us know of any area in Winton that you are also concerned about.

Patricroft Pick Up

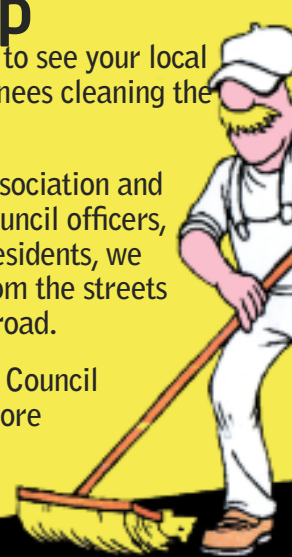
Last month you may have been amazed to see your local Labour councillors on their hands and knees cleaning the pavements in Patricroft!



Organised by the Yemeni Community Association and supported by the local Labour Party, Council officers, The Fire Brigade, City West and local residents, we cleared a massive amount of rubbish from the streets between Liverpool road and Chadwick road.

With the Government cutting the amount of money Salford Council has to spend on services such as street cleaning it is even more important that we work together to keep our streets tidy.

photo: Cllrs David Jolley with John and Michelle Mullen picking up in Patricroft.



#Love Eccles!

Eccles Town Team, a group of local people, businesses/traders, council officers & organisations, is working hard to improve Eccles Town Centre as a place to visit shop and enjoy.

Councillor Lisa Stone, Chair of the Town Team says "We want to revitalise Eccles. We want more people using the town centre through regular events, to promote enterprise and bring empty units back into use. The group have worked together to coordinate a list of activities throughout the rest of the year as well as working with our environmental team & volunteer groups to keep Eccles cleaner & tidier.

'Eccles Day' in May was a great success and we've had fantastic feedback on our Eccles Cake Festival which ran for a week in October with walks, markets, arts and crafts, events, activities, competitions and much more, all with an Eccles Cake theme.

We're really excited about the future events that we are coordinating, including a list of Christmas events throughout December and we hope that hope that people will show their support for Eccles, shop local and get involved!"

Check out www.visitsalford.info/ecclestownteam.htm for regular updates and full details of future events, or to get involved.

photo: Councillor Lisa Stone with local residents Mehrzad Marks, Peter Marks and Jon Stone... and Harley, on the lead.

Improving Homes in Winton

Improvements to Bridgewater House on Worsley Road are making a real difference to people's lives. Residents are now warmer and safer after the renovations to their homes. Councillors Morris, Boshell and Lancaster continue to support improvements which continue to improve the environment and the well being of local residents



Building New Homes in Winton

You can't fail to have noticed that building has started on the old GUS site. After years of supporting local people to fight against this remaining an industrial site your Local Councillors are really happy to see new affordable housing being built. People power really can make a difference.

Barton Flooding Update

The United Utilities works on Barton Lane and round Eccles Town Centre are now clear. We continue to liaise with United Utilities and with residents about issues concerning the future works on either side of Peel Green roundabout. Works will move into a new phase that will affect residents close to the area behind the Unicorn public house. An experimental traffic scheme will be put in place and then residents will be consulted on how it has worked. The final phases of the work will see Peelgreen Road affected again, but not until spring 2014.

Fun in the Sun

Winton Festival in the Park

This year's Festival was held in Winton Park in glorious sunshine. Hundreds of people turned out to enjoy the delicious food, listen to the band and join in the events. The Festival Group and Friends of the Park teamed up to create a bigger and better event this year.

Local Councillor Margaret Morris, Chair of the Festival group, said "I want to thank the organisers who volunteer so much of their time for the community, both groups really need new volunteers so if you think you can help in any way please do not hesitate to contact me "

Planning is underway for Halloween and Christmas events.

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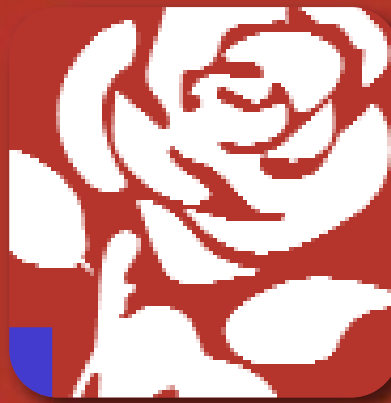
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World class learning in Winton

The new St Patrick's RC High School

Local Councillors are thrilled to see students now attending their shiny new classrooms and wish everyone well in their new school. We also want to offer our congratulations on once again bucking the national trend with 99% of students gaining 5 or more A* - C GCSE grades. Well done to teachers and pupils!



Eccles Giving Day

Saturday July 20th

More and more people are now being forced to rely on charitable food banks to feed their families. Eccles Councillors decided they had to do something to ensure that local food banks didn't run out of food!

We leafleted nearly every house in Eccles asking people to look in their cupboards or buy a little bit extra to donate to the food bank, then we called round to collect it. We also collected outside Morrisons in Eccles town centre.

We knew local people would be generous and they certainly didn't let us down!

Workers at Salford Council organised large collections, contractors for City west made substantial donations, Tesco staff and customers in Monton donated the proceeds of a collection they had made. Our phone was ringing off the hook with people asking us to call, the response was phenomenal!

The generosity of local people was overwhelming. We estimate that we raised well over £2,500 worth of food and supplies - every penny of it going to either the Mustard Tree on Eccles precinct or the Salvation Army in Eccles.

It's a scandal that in modern Britain families have to rely on charity to feed their children but we were determined to do what we could to help those in need.

Thank You Eccles!

Eccles giving Day 2 will be in December. We want to ensure the food banks don't run out over Christmas.

If you can help please contact Councillor Peter Wheeler on 07880 790182 or e-mail: councillor.pwheeler@salford.gov.uk

Photo: Local residents and Labour Councillors collecting for Eccles Giving Day in Eccles Town Centre



Barton Councillors at the recent demonstration against Tory austerity cuts.

Michelle Mullen, David Jolley and John Mullen were there to protest about the governments attacks on the NHS, the cuts to Salford Council which are affecting frontline services and jobs, welfare reform and the disgusting Bedroom Tax - all of which is having an impact on thousands of people in Barton.

Lewis Street School

The refurbishment of Lewis Street School is now underway. By completion, in autumn 2014, there will be places for 420 pupils and a nursery for 60 children with a children's centre with newly revamped playing fields, shared with Christ Church School. Cllr Michelle mullen and Cllr David Jolley are governors at the School.

Seasons greetings to all from Salford Labour party



Future proof

The renovation of the tower blocks at Barton Village is continuing. Cawdor House is now being renovated and next year work will start on Wade House.

They will be warm and energy efficient, homes fit for the 21st century.

A new community centre will also be attached to Cawdor house.



The Eccles Town Hall Organisation (ECHO) is becoming a cultural hub for the area. There is a packed calendar of entertainments for all ages with a Children's Performing Arts group, concerts, all sorts of dancing and a Rainbow OAP's group.

Get more information from their website, www.ecclescommunityhall.org, where you will also find information on getting involved as a volunteer.

Great in Salford

from
Ian Stewart
City Mayor

Salford: becoming a Living Wage city

More than 2,000 Salford people are to benefit as seven public sector organisations announced their commitment to becoming Living Wage employers.

They follow Salford City Council in introducing a Living Wage of £7.45 an hour for all staff, with the council leading the way as the first authority in Greater Manchester to be accredited.

The seven local employers are the University of Salford, Salix Homes, City West Housing Trust, Salford Community Leisure, Together Housing Trust, Helping Hands and Great Places Housing Group. Their support came as a major boost to my campaign to make Salford a Living Wage city.

Councillor calls on technology to help

A Salford Councillor has become one of the first in Britain to use Skype to communicate with residents.

Councillor John Mullen, who represents the Barton Ward, is ringing in the changes and will now be available through his Councillor.Mullen Skype address every Tuesday between 7.00pm and 8.00pm.

Councillor Mullen, Assistant Mayor for Technology said "It is my job to represent people in the best way possible and if this trial makes it easier for just a few people to contact me – it will be a success."

Council staff push pedals to make pounds for charity

Council staff used pedal power to raise pounds to give Salford residents a much needed holiday break.

The pedal pounders raised £2,500 by cycling the 37 miles from Swinton Town Hall to the Salfordian Hotel in Southport, a registered charity which provides respite for families who are caring for elderly relatives.

Protecting your rights at work

Labour Euro MPs have delivered improved working conditions and increased workplace rights. The majority of the employment rights that you are entitled to are thanks to European law, from minimum paid leave to increased pregnancy and maternity rights.

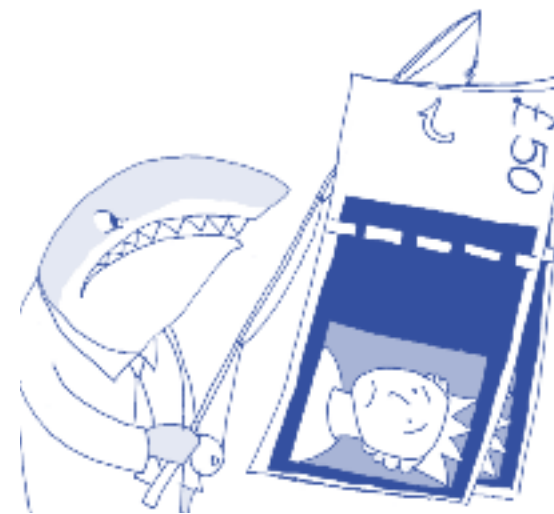
David Cameron however, keeps talking about slashing European 'red tape'. What he really means is slashing your rights at work. Cameron's said he will renegotiate the UK's relationship with the EU. He hasn't actually said what powers he wants to bring back but his previous statements on the issue make clear what his motivations are: "It will be a top priority for the next Conservative government to restore social and employment legislation to national control."

Salford's Labour Euro MP, Arlene



McCarthy said: "Many people don't realise that it's EU legislation that guarantees the right to four weeks paid leave and breaks during the working day. It's also EU law that guarantees equal treatment for agency workers, extra rights for pregnant workers and makes employers responsible for their staff's health and safety.

Labour Euro MPs fought hard to win these rights for you. Don't let Cameron and his Tory pals put it all at risk."



Payday Lending

Ed Miliband has set out how the next Labour Government will raise millions of pounds through a levy on the profits of payday lenders - money which will be used to double the public funds available for low cost alternatives such as credit unions.

Ed Miliband said:

"The prices families have to pay keep on rising faster and faster than the wages they are paid. And, as a result, the market in payday lending has doubled in just four years. Almost a third of the payday loans taken out in Britain at the moment are to cover the cost of people's gas and electricity bills.

"For too many families the end of the month is now their own personal credit crunch.

"We would cap the cost of credit, halt the spread of payday lenders on our high streets and force them to fund the credit unions that can offer a real alternative for people in desperate need.

"We must protect the most vulnerable people in our society from the worst of exploitation by payday lenders."

For information about your local credit union please go to:
www.salfordcreditunion.com
or telephone 0161 832 1998.

a vote for
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bedroom tax

"If elected, I
promise to scrap
the Bedroom Tax"

Ed Miliband

The Bedroom Tax is a cruel and unfair measure that hits over 400,000 disabled people. For the vast majority of those affected, there is nowhere smaller to move to, hitting vulnerable people through no fault of their own. There is now a real risk that the Bedroom Tax will cost more money than it saves.

The next Labour Government will repeal the Bedroom Tax.

"We'll scrap the bedroom tax by abolishing the shady schemes of tax loopholes for the privileged few which the Tories keep inventing."

Cuts are hurting in Salford

Salfordians are resilient people – it takes a lot to get us down.

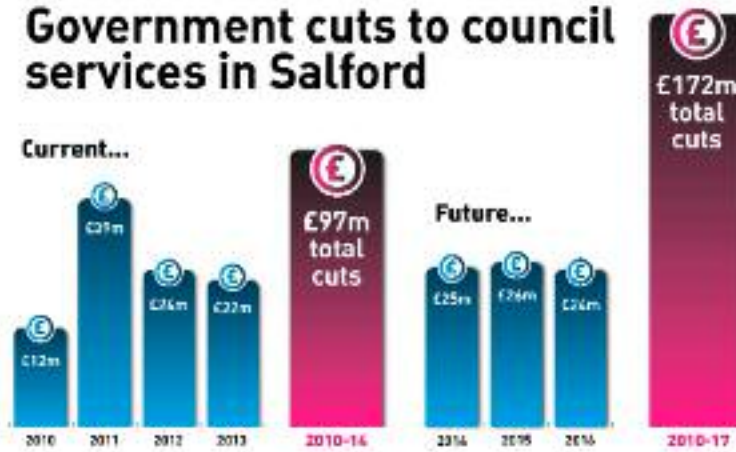
But the government has cut £97 million to services in Salford over the last three years. That has brought hard times for residents who rely on the vital services provided by the council.

Another £75 million

The government had already told us that they will take another £75 million from Salford services over the next three years.

In total, that's £172 million of government cuts to services which Salford people and their families need.

Government cuts to council services in Salford



Greener Waste in Salford

Residents in Salford have improved their recycling by 15% to the tune of 2000 tonnes in the first four months of the new waste collection service, which has doubled recycling collections whilst cutting the service for residual waste by half.

Salford residents have reduced the amount of waste going to landfill by 4,000 tonnes in four months with a net saving of £800,000, money that will now be invested into other much needed services.

Tory Councillors voted against this new service, claiming it would cause chaos, but Salford residents have proved them wrong with a great contribution to environmental improvement saving money that would have gone into a hole in the ground.

As a result of successes like Salford's even Tory ministers are now calling for a ban of weekly black bin collections!



Shale Gas Extraction

No permission has been given in Salford for 'fracking' - a method of extracting shale gas.

One company has permission to extract coalbed methane at Barton Moss, a completely different process. But its drilling may lead to an application to carry out 'fracking'.

The Tory-led government has weakened local councils' ability to decide on the future of 'fracking' in their area. Issues of safety and environmental impact will be decided by

Government agencies. Local people are left with decisions about the design and traffic impact of any proposal.

Labour's demand to Government is:

- Fracking should only take place where it's safe
- Fracking should be closely monitored
- Fracking should provide benefits for local people

Under David Cameron gas and electricity bills have gone up £300

Ed Miliband will freeze gas and electricity bills until 2017

David Cameron is still failing to stand up to the energy companies.

British Gas announced that they are putting up prices by more than 9%. This will add around £100 to the average annual household energy bill – a bill that's already gone up by over £300 since David Cameron became Prime Minister.

We have an out of touch Prime Minister more interested in standing up for the big energy companies than standing up for consumers. Cameron's response to the energy price rises is not to stand up to the big six but to suggest that we should put on an extra jumper. We are being overcharged but David Cameron doesn't care about ordinary people who are facing a cost of living crisis.

We need to freeze bills and totally reset the market so it works for us. And that's what a Labour government will do.



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