

Little Hulton **Big Local**

Big Local is an exciting opportunity for local residents with talent, ambition, skills and energy. Funding is now available for individuals, groups and organisations who want to make their area a better place to live.

Big Local is not just a grants programme; we can also use funds to make social investments such as personal loans, micro finance, small business and civil society loans or the commissioning of services.

If you would like to know more, or get involved in this great scheme please contact Pat Ryan 790 0627.

Funding for community groups

Walkden and Little Hulton Community Committee has a small budget to support community groups with activities, events and projects. Your Labour Councillor is urging groups to come forward with ideas and suggestions and bid for the funding. "This is your money and it must be spent. I am keen to hear from any organisation that needs that little extra support or has some great community initiative". For further details contact your local Labour councillor.

Highway investment

Your Labour council has undertaken a major three year project, investing £6 million to improve roads and pavements across the whole of Walkden.

Between 2010 and 2013, 55 streets in Walkden and Little Hulton have been completely resurfaced and 12,017 potholes repaired raising the standard of the entire road network. A massive programme has now been launched, focussed on Walkden, to replace gully pots and improve drainage systems.



Food Bank

Cleggs Lane Methodist church is also a centre for a Trussell Trust Food Bank. As government cuts bite demand has steadily increased and local councillors are grateful to the volunteers who run the food bank on Tuesday mornings.

If you would like to contribute to the foodbank or support us in any other way please contact any of your Labour Councillors.

4½ Thousand Jobs for Little Hulton

Good news at last. Now that the opencast mining and the removal of the tip at the Cutacre site has finished the refurbishment of the site is underway.

The scheme includes some industrial and business use, a hotel, shops and food and drink outlets. When all the development is finished we will see up to 4,500 jobs for residents of Little Hulton.

We will also get a country park which will include ponds and water courses with a mix of habitats for wildlife. There will be public walks, access routes and a place to park.

Val, Eric and Pat have been working with the developers to make sure the residents of Little Hulton get the first class facilities and employment opportunities they deserve after so many years of disruption. If you would like more information about this project please contact your ward councillors.



Y.O.U.R. Little Farm

The site behind Cleggs Lane Methodist is now a small scale community farm. It has community allotments, a community orchard and a wildlife garden - a place to relax and unwind. An outdoor learning space for schools and playgroups will be added soon. Labour Councillors are delighted at the success of this project.

The venture plans to expand the use of the Community Café and Hall to provide services such as an internet cafe, courses and workshops, carers groups, information and signposting service.

Treeinspired enabled this project through donations, funding and business support. A large number of volunteers attended the development day including groups from K.P.M.G., Mencap, Citywest and the Church Men's group, who were invited to open the site.

Treeinspired (Tony Aziz, Janine Kay, Rachel Jones & Kate Hadfield) hope this project can be expanded to offer further facilities to the community over the next few years.

Photo, top left, Councillor Brendan Ryan at the allotments and, top right, with the Church Men's group

Your Labour Party candidate

Councillor Adrian Brocklehurst is standing again as Labour Party candidate for Walkden North Ward in 2014. He has worked hard representing the ward as local councillor since his election in 2010.

Adrian said: "It is a real honour and privilege to be asked to stand for election again in my local ward, in my home town. It has been personally fulfilling and uplifting to work in support of local residents, my local community and actively improve the prosperity and quality of life in Walkden North despite extensive and increasingly savage central government cuts. I have spent all my working life developing efficient, high quality, practical and effective public services and it is an absolute tragedy to watch essential services systematically undermined by unnecessarily savage Tory / Liberal Democrat government cuts that are unfairly targeted on Salford and other northern, metropolitan councils. Labour keeps on delivering in Walkden and Little Hulton. Don't let the Tories and Lib Dems ruin it – vote Labour."



Labour councillors supporting a campaigning event against loan sharks at Saint Paul's church hall this summer. Councillors joined many community organisations raising awareness of the danger of loan sharks and promoting credit unions.

If you would like information about Salford Credit Union please ring 0161 832 1998 or go to www.salfordcreditunion.com

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Former Walkden High School site

The council has completed a 'School Places Review' and has confirmed that the site of the former Walkden High is now surplus to requirements. The playing fields will remain in use by the new Walkden High for sport, however, the council is looking at uses for the previously developed part of the site that fronts onto Birch Road with a view to potentially sell the land.

Your Labour Councillor, Richard Critchley, has been speaking to residents, neighbours and former pupils about this site. "Thank you to everyone who has been in touch, the information is invaluable. I will work my hardest to ensure that resident's views are fully heard and taken into account and will do my best to keep residents informed as matters progresses."

Photo: Councillor Critchley with former pupil and future Labour candidate Robert Sharpe

Congratulations to Harrop Fold School

Congratulations to Harrop Fold School, the most improved school in the city, with 55% of pupils now scoring 5 A* - C grades. A fantastic result, well done!

Tory planning policies see the destruction of more of your countryside

Rarely a week goes by without some horror story in the press about the destruction caused to the countryside by the Tory Governments National Planning Policy Framework, the same policy supported by your local Tory councillors. This is the set of rules by which planning applications must be decided, which sadly now means the field off Greylag Crescent at the bottom of Broadway will be lost and developed for housing. This comes in the wake of the Tory Secretary of State's personal decision overturn the council's refusal and grant development at Burgess Farm.

Labour believes the local community should decide the right place and right number of houses through consultation and the development of a Local Plan.

New planning rules have made it easier for developers to cherry pick greenfield sites. There is already outstanding planning permission for 12,800 homes but developer's failure to build these homes means the council, by law, has to give up even more land for housing.

The council's pleas to the government to close this loophole have been rejected. Councils standing up to Tory policy will have their powers taken away and local council taxpayers penalised. The Conservatives came to power promising localism but we have got the complete opposite.

"I promise to fight to protect Walkden's greenspace and playing fields for future generations." Councillor Critchley.



Fighting to protect your open space



Labour councillors in Walkden and Little Hulton are bitterly disappointed at proposals to dispose of the former playing fields off Hilton lane, used by St Georges School. Residents have made it very clear that they wish for this land to be retained within council ownership. Cllr Critchley said, "I have held meetings with Children's Services, the council's asset management team and the Assistant Mayor for the Environment, in the hope that decision can be reviewed and options explored for the provision of additional allotment spaces. I am very grateful for the overwhelming level of public feedback I have received".

The Conservative government has now cut Salford's budget by over 50% meaning there is now no funding to provide sporting facilities at the former playing fields and pay for the on-going maintenance and security of the site. It is intended that any proceeds from the land sale will be invested straight back into local schools.



A580 roadworks misery

Councillor Critchley has demanded an urgent review of the road works taking place of the A580 to look at all options to minimise disruption to traffic. The utility works, commissioned by Transport for Greater Manchester, are to enable to the construction of the new express busway between Leigh, Salford and Manchester. "I am deeply frustrated in the way these works have progressed and the poor communications. I have asked for engineers to explore ways to reopen a lane during rush hour and maximise capacity on the road.



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."

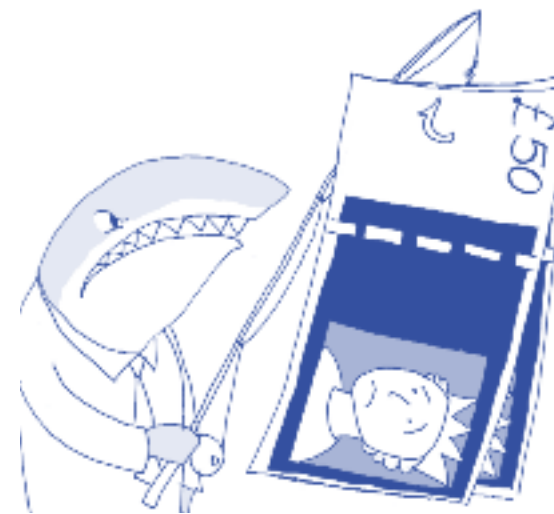
Salford's Labour Euro MP, Arlene



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
labour is
a vote to
abolish the
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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