



# Salford Crescent Station Gets an Upgrade

Residents and Passengers are benefitting from better access and facilities at Salford Crescent station following a £12m upgrade which will allow the station to meet growing passenger demand in the city.

The station, which services 1.5m passengers a year, now has a new ticket office, better customer information and security systems as well as a new lift making the station fully accessible for the first time. In addition, the platforms have more space, new canopies and seating which have been extended to accommodate longer six-car trains. The improvements will allow the station to deal with the increasing population in Salford and extra commuter numbers from across Greater Manchester.



# Meet Jane Hamilton - Your New Labour Candidate for Irwell Riverside

We are delighted to introduce the Labour Party Candidate for Irwell Riverside, Jane Hamilton, pictured here with Councillors Steve Ord and Steve Coen.

"These Tory cuts have had, and continue to have, a devastating effect on Salford's residents. I believe strongly that we have a responsibility to the next generation, we need to create jobs and give them the chance

to gain much needed relevant experience. The Bedroom Tax has had a catastrophic impact on people's lives, often meaning a choice between cutting back on food, or downsizing to properties which are increasingly in limited supply" Said Jane.

"We need more housing, we need more jobs, we need more opportunities and we need funding, not Tory cuts".

Several court cases are being prepared following several months of addressing both the domestic and industrial dumping in the Cambridge Industrial Estate area.

Councillor John Merry says, "we have invested a lot of money and man hours to address the dumping in this area. and will pursue the offenders and hold them to account for there environmental crime. Our work in the area has exposed other criminal activity and it is hoped that addressing these activities will make the entire area a cleaner and safer part of Broughton".



# Fly tipping

Fly tipping is a big problem in the area. Councillors Ann Marie Humphries, Peter Connor and George Wilson make sure rubbish is cleared away as soon as possible.

photo: Ann Marie Humphries at Moor Lane arranging for fly tipping to be cleared.



This year we have continued to see new houses built in Broughton and existing public homes renewed to a decent standard. We will press for continued investment to make Broughton a good place to live.

We also need to make sure that Landlords provide a good service. If you have any problems with Housing Associations we want to hear from you. The Council has regular meetings with Social Landlords and we need to act as your voice for you!



# Muirhead Court

Residents are delighted with the Decent Homes Work taking place at Muirhead Court improving residents rooms and communal areas, heating, windows and electrics. Salford continues to invest in housing stock and look after our residents.

Jane said "In this age of increased fuel costs it's great that we can help insulate our residents against not only the cold but increased fuel bills! With better insulation and effective boilers, we can minimise the outrageous costs of heating their homes. Its important that our residents feel safe and happy in their homes, and the work taking place has made a difference to the quality of people's lives".



# A Message from councillor John Merry

In a time when the Tories have been so ruthless in taking money from Salford it is important we continue to work together as we provide the best deal for people in Broughton - supporting our young people into education, apprenticeships and meaningful employment; supporting a revitalised Credit Union as it offers people a way to avoid the crippling debts of the Same Day Loan Sharks; supporting people caught in the unfair and cruel 'Bedroom Tax'- promised to be dropped by a Labour Government.

People of Broughton already make it a great place to live but we need to work harder together if we are to make it a stronger one as well. You will have your chance in the next few months to send a clear message to the Tories by supporting us.

# Why Voting Labour is good for Broughton, Kersal & Irwell Riverside



Salford Labour in Broughton, Kersal & Irwell Riverside  
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Left to right: Councillor Ann-Marie Humphreys, Councillor John Merry and Labour candidate Jane Hamilton

Salford City Council and the Environmental Agency has recently completed extensive work on the riverbanks especially here in Lower Broughton and making it a safer place for residents and businesses to be for years to come.

Residents have told us "this has been reassuring to us especially when we listen to and read about what has happened to people in other areas of the country".

# Flood Protection Gets a Boost

After this winters deluge in the South of England nobody should be complacent about what Mother Nature can inflict on us. Certainly this is a priority for the whole of Salfords Labour Team. Currently our flood protection will help us up to a 1 in 75 year event, and this was achieved after the Littleton Road Flood Basin was built some years ago. It saw its first serious use 4 years ago. Now we have been successful in bidding for more funding to build a second basin on Council land at the end of the Castle Irwell (former Manchester Racecourse) site. This will protect us up to a 1 in 100 year flood, and will protect large areas in East Salford.

Work is due to start next year and will bring the total investment to over £14 million.

1,000 staff will be involved in its construction.

Jane Hamilton said "it's ironic to think that the staff helping to save life and property through out the South of England include all the staff facing Camerons Austerity Cuts. Council, Police, Fire Brigade and Army staff, all face the chop - even the Environment Agencies own flood teams faced 550 job losses this coming year alone. This is completely short sighted and unacceptable. I will make flooding issues a high priority". Anne-Marie Humphreys and John Merry agree that this is completely short sighted and unacceptable, and will assist Jane as she puts the need for flood defence systems in East Salford as a high priority".



# Flooding checks

Councillors checked on the River Irwell to make sure residents were safe from the threat of floods. The flood barrier scheme now helps prevent flooding in the area. Councillors made sure the emergency services were on standby.

# Tory Cuts Are Affecting Your Services

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# The Coalition are Damaging our Communities in Salford

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# Storms over Kersal

In February Kersal saw damage from the severe storms, hoardings and trees were blown down by gale force winds. Local councillors made sure the damage was cleared up quickly.

photo: Ann Marie Humphries visiting Northumberland St

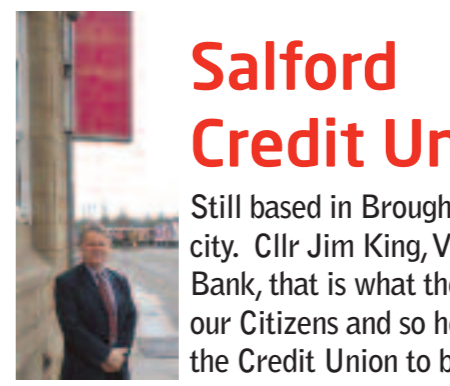


# Seaford Road Gets a Pedestrian Refuge

Pedestrian safety is an issue on Seaford Road, old and young people can have difficulty crossing this road at busy times. The width of this road seems to attract fast travelling cars, and this has made crossing it difficult.

Local Councillor, Stephen Ord made a bid to the devolved highways budget for a pedestrian refuge last year. This bid was successful with the refuge being built this February.

"Even in tough times this is a great example of what your Labour Team can deliver for residents" said Jane Hamilton, pictured above with Councillor Steve Ord.



# Salford Credit Union

Still based in Broughton, Salford Credit Union is expanding across the whole city. Cllr Jim King, Vice Chair of the Board says 'this small Co-operative Bank, that is what the Credit Union is, will provide ethical finance to more of our Citizens and so help them avoid the Pay Day Loan brigade. I would like the Credit Union to become the bank of choice for Salfordians'

# Pedestrian Safety

Child and pedestrian safety at a three road junction on Gt Clowes Street has been highlighted as a major concern for residents and parents who's children travel to local schools

Councillor McIntyre has asked Urban Vision to design a traffic management schemes that would give the area a safer junction.



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# The Tory Lib Dem Coalition are Damaging our Communities in Salford



Since coming to power the Tory government has:

- SLASHED** £103m from policing in Greater Manchester
- FORCED** Greater Manchester Police to lose 1,300 police officers
- STOLEN** £6.4m from GMP to give to their pet projects

It's no wonder crime is going up in Salford and across Greater Manchester because as a result of this government's decisions the thin blue line is being stretched, and stretched, and stretched again.

Police officers and PCSOs tell me on a regular basis how the service is being pushed to breaking point. This could mean that in a couple of years' time GMP will not have enough officers to provide an effective policing service.

But the government in London carries on regardless. There's £114m MORE cuts to come and we're going to lose HUNDREDS more police officers. We're even having money taken off us to help pay for the City of London Police – the Bankers' Bobbies.

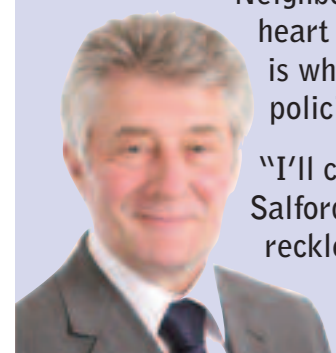
Tony Lloyd, your Police and Crime Commissioner, is sticking up for Salford people. Tony says:

"I have challenged government ministers, face to face, on these cuts at the highest level on your behalf."

"I'm also working with Labour councillors in Salford to protect policing in your area. We've seen a transformation in policing in recent years. Police officers and PCSOs are now part of your community, rather than hidden away or riding around in panda cars and then only coming out when called."

"Neighbourhood policing lies at the heart of safer communities which is why I've protected local policing teams."

"I'll continue to stand up for Salford and fight against these reckless cuts."



## Protecting the Vulnerable and Needy

"The Government are ripping the heart out of Salford's services. At the same time they are hammering local people with their welfare changes, increasing dependency and the strain on health and social care, and stifling our chances to grow Salford's economy."

Despite severe cuts, the city council has protected some of the "most important services to Salford residents", said Ian Stewart, City Mayor.

"In social care, we are protecting the most vulnerable and needy people.

"We are giving our youngest the best start in life with 25 hours of free nursery care for three and four-year-olds. We are increasing the Living Wage from £7.45 per hour to £7.65 for 1,200 of our lowest paid staff and apprentices.

### Budget cuts per department for 2014-2015



The City Mayor added: "The face of local government in Salford is being changed forever because of this Government's austerity policies.

"We are doing everything we can to limit the damage done and to stimulate growth, build a healthy economy and create jobs for local people. But we need a fair deal from this Government."



## Unite with Labour

Unite the union are pleased to have worked with Salford City Council in being the first Local Authority in Greater Manchester to have introduced the Living Wage benefiting over 1,200 council workers. With seven other major employers following the lead.

We will continue this work until all employees in Salford are paid the living wage.

To find out more information contact Debbie Brannan at [debbie.brannan@unitetheunion.org](mailto:debbie.brannan@unitetheunion.org) or join unite: [www.unitetheunion.org/join-unite/](http://www.unitetheunion.org/join-unite/)

If you are already a member, why not recruit a friend and get £25 worth of Love 2 Shop Vouchers?

## FOOD BANKS: UK turns down £203 million in EU funding

The Government have turned down £203m of EU funding for food banks, Labour MP Frank Field said today.

Mr Field said new figures obtained from the House of Commons Library show that Britain would have been entitled to at least 246m Euros (£203m) from the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived between now and 2020, with more funding available if needed.

The Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger and Food Poverty has written to the Prime Minister asking him to reconsider the Government's decision to reject this funding.

He said, "People are going hungry, yet the Government has turned down a small fortune in food aid funding. Despite recent improvements in the labour market, the cost of household essentials is continuing to rise, with household incomes for those at the bottom often failing to cover the costs of putting food on the table.

"An additional £200 million plus of funding could have enabled food banks and other food aid providers to work wonders with the most vulnerable people in society. The Government must reconsider its bizarre decision to reject this funding."

**What the Tories say:**

**"They've only got themselves to blame for making bad decisions"**

Michael Gove

**"Some people need to get a grip, foodbanks are not the answer."**

Edwina Currie



## More transparency for MEPs voting records

For many people in the UK, what goes on the European Parliament can be a bit of a mystery, so it is vital that we continue to look at ways in which we can make the EU decision - making process clearer for voters.

This week the Parliament backed new rules to introduce automatic 'roll call' voting on all final votes in the European Parliament, which will make it easier for people to check how their MEPs have voted on different issues.

KIP MEPs were amongst a small majority who voted against the transparency measures - I don't think they are looking forward to their voting record being public, even though they rarely turn up to vote in the first place, especially for Committee meetings!

photo: Theresa Griffin, Afzal Khan and Julie Ward Labour's candidates in the upcoming European elections

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## Labour urges Cameron to put Salford's young unemployed back to work

Our Labour team in Europe is calling on David Cameron to stop wasting time and apply now for European Union funding to tackle the youth unemployment crisis.

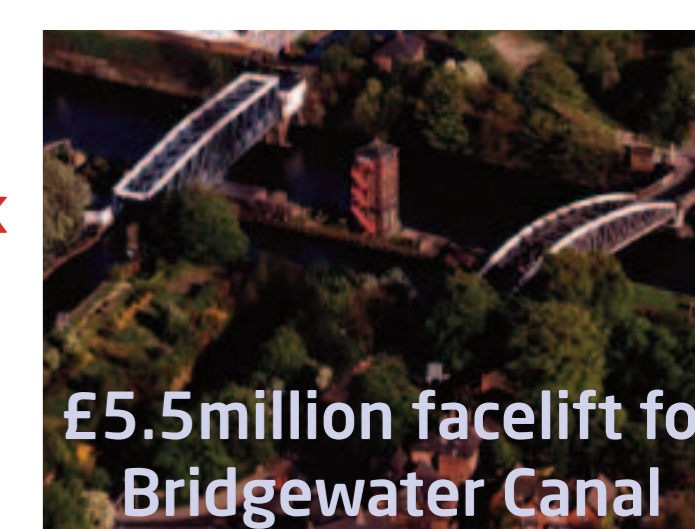
While other EU countries have started to bid for the money, the UK's Tory-led government has not yet submitted a plan to access EU funding under the Youth Employment Initiative and European Youth Guarantee. The scheme, which Labour MEPs campaigned hard to introduce, aims to help jobless people under 25 find employment, continued education, an apprenticeship or traineeship within four months of becoming unemployed or leaving formal education.

There are currently 941,000 16-24 year-old out of work in Britain.

Theresa Griffin, Labours number one candidate on the European list said: "What kind of message does it send to those out of work and looking for help when the government is failing to get its act together, come up with a plan and apply for these funds?"

"It is unacceptable the Tories have delayed and dithered in applying for funds and implementing these European schemes that will help our young people find work."

Young people not in employment, education or training are estimated to cost the EU €153 billion (£129bn) a year, in benefits and foregone earnings and taxes.



## £5.5million facelift for Bridgewater Canal

Salford's historic Bridgewater Canal is set for another revolution.

Salford Council has received grants to regenerate nearly five miles of the canal between Boothstown and Barton.

The planned regeneration is expected to boost visitor numbers, adding an extra £2million each year to the city's economy when finished. For the first time sightseers will be able to view Barton Aqueduct in its full splendour and the historic structure will be lit for the first time in its life.

Engineer James Brindley built the aqueduct to carry the canal over the River Irwell. And in a dramatic transformation Worsley Delph, where coal carrying barges emerged from the Duke of Bridgewater's mines, will be re-opened to boats and visitors for the first time in years. At the moment it is overgrown, the water is very shallow and is in need of tender loving care.

photo: Barton-on-Irwell showing (left) the swing-aqueduct carrying the Bridgewater Canal over the Manchester Ship Canal and (right) the Barton road bridge. photo by RuthAS

## I don't vote because...

- I don't know what it's all about?** It's about you having a say in the people who run your town. Salford City Council has a big say in our local schools, housing and police and is responsible for emptying the bins and keeping the streets clean.
- I don't know what to do...** It really is very simple. You go down to the local polling station (usually a school or community building), give the staff there your name and address and they will give you a voting paper. You put an X next to the name of the person you want to vote for ... and that's it, you've voted!



- They're all the same!** We don't think so. Your local Labour Councillors work hard for local people like yourself. We all live locally and speak up for local people.
- I'm very busy - I haven't got the time** It really doesn't take long to vote. The Polling Stations are open from 7am-10pm and if you need a lift we will send a car round for you.
- If you don't vote you shouldn't complain.**
- If you have a problem just contact one of your councillors and we will do our best to help you.** Labour is committed to high quality local services, fighting the Tories cuts and making sure local people get a fair deal.
- You can also vote by post, contact one of your labour councillors and they will get the application form to you. Contact details are on the back page.**

**The only way to get the Tories out is to vote them out**  
**Use your vote and vote Labour at the next Election**