

## Success of A580 Speed Reduction

After considerable local pressure and support from Swinton South Councillors, we are pleased to report the temporary speed reduction on the A580 has been considered successful in reducing speed between Pendleton and the Wigan border at Boothstown.

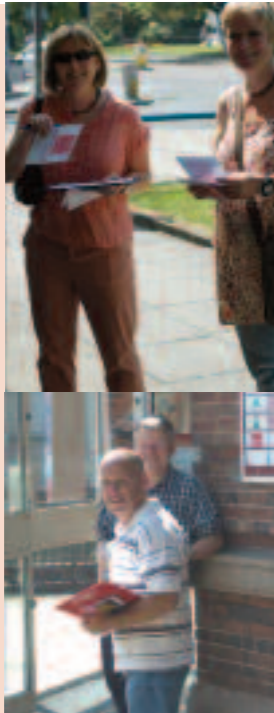
Traffic officers have been testing the impact since the temporary order to reduce the speed limit to 40mph was imposed over a year ago and the reduction will be made permanent and enforceable in July.

Councillor Howard Balkind commented, "This is a great success for all those people who lobbied hard to have the speed on this road reduce to improve the safety of families living in residential areas close to the road such as here in Swinton South and they can be very proud their efforts have been rewarded."

## Save our Swinton Crown Post Office

Salford Councillors from across the city have campaigned with Swinton Councillors to protest about the proposed closure of the Swinton Crown post office on Chorley Rd.

Hundreds of signatures have been collected for our petition. Many local people had no idea about the plans to close the Crown service post office and replace it with a franchised sub-branch in a supermarket which will provide only a limited service. Please support this campaign to keep our crown post office service.



## One of the jewels in the crown of Pendlebury is Clifton Country Park

Councillor Bernard Lea has long been a supporter of the open environment to which the Country Park contributes. During his year as Ceremonial Mayor he planted an Oak Tree to commemorate the Queens Jubilee, and in so doing made friends with some of the local inhabitants, one of which is shown in the photo.



## Say No to Pay Day Loan Shops

The Swinton South Councillors joined forces with the Salford Unemployed Centre and Credit Union to campaign against Pay Day Loan shops.

Loan shops do not need planning permission from the Council and we cannot stop them from simply opening in existing shop premises.

They prey on the most vulnerable people who need a swift access to money but have no other way of getting credit and then charge them massive amounts of interest that simply get them into more and more debt.

We have campaigned against these shops encouraging people to use the credit union instead.

Salford Credit Union will be opening an outlet on Coniston Road from April.

### Your councillors ...

#### ... for Pendlebury



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## Gateway

Work is underway on the new Swinton Gateway. When complete, in the autumn, it will house the library, health facilities, community rooms and City West Housing. A great resource all under one roof.

## Keeping in Touch

Councillor Bernard Lea explained that most of his casework now comes from residents giving him a phone call or sending an e-mail.

Fewer and fewer people have been turning up at the drop-in advice bureau's at Swinton Library and so these have now been discontinued.

Bernard was keen to point out that whilst the sessions at the library had been dropped, residents would still be able to have face to face meetings with their councillor if that was necessary. Just get in touch to arrange.

Councillor Lea added that along with his colleagues, Councillors Barry Warner and John Ferguson, he would be holding regular Saturday morning street surgeries throughout Pendlebury, Clifton and Agecroft.

He stressed that if residents were having problems, they should contact one of their local councillors as soon as possible.

## Why Voting Labour is good for Swinton & Pendlebury



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## Tory Cuts Are Affecting Your Services

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Pendlebury councillors in the sports hall

## Keep Fit, Keep Active

At the start of the year saw Fit City Pendlebury transformed into the new Swinton and Pendlebury Leisure Centre.

Facilities at the centre now includes:

- An 86 station gym over two floors with over 50 new pieces of the latest Pulse equipment.
- NEW functional training equipment including the Omnia and Kinesis
- Dedicated "Spin Area" with 20 bikes
- A brand new bespoke studio that offers over 35 classes per week
- Re-furnished and re-surfaced multi-purpose sports hall
- Renovated changing rooms
- FREE parking and a convenient location for the people of Swinton and Pendlebury
- 25 metre swimming pool

Cllr Bernard Lea, who is a regular user of the centre, was quick to praise the investment by Salford Community Leisure and the City Council.

"With these extra facilities I hope that even more local residents, both young and old, get down and use the centre. In particular I would encourage those people over 70 years old who can have access to everything at the centre for the bargain price of only £15 per year"

Councillor Bill Hinds said "I can't wait to get back in the pool. As a regular swimmer I may even be tempted to use the fitness suite"



Swinton North councillors in the fitness centre



## Bumps in the Road

Councillor Bernard Lea was instrumental in pushing for the Swinton and Pendlebury Community Committee to fund a traffic survey after Residents of Townsend Road expressed their concerns to local councillors about traffic on their road.

As a result of the survey and further consultation with all residents, traffic calming measures are now being installed.

Councillor Lea said "I am delighted that the Community Committee has been able to find the funds to install these speed bumps and improve road safety on a road that is becoming a rat run."



## Two new schools

Swinton now has two great new schools, St Ambrose and Moorside High, thanks to the last labour Government. These brand new centres of learning are a fantastic asset for our children.

## Election Win for Latest Recruit to the Swinton South Team

In January this year Neil Blower won the first election of 2014 in the country to become Councillor for Swinton South. A former soldier, he now writes novels and champions causes for veterans of conflicts. He was born in the ward and lives locally in Swinton. He is pictured here being congratulated by the City Mayor, Ian Stewart.





# 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

## 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.

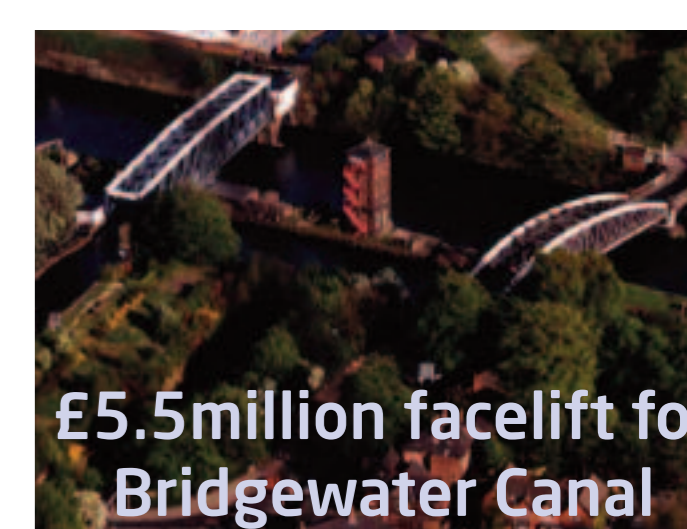
While other EU countries have started to bid for the money, the UK's Tory-led government has not yet submitted a plan to access EU funding under the Youth Employment Initiative and European Youth Guarantee. The scheme, which Labour MEPs campaigned hard to introduce, aims to help jobless people under 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, Labour's 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.

If you don't vote you shouldn't complain.

### 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.

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.

### 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!

### 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.

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.