



# Salford Labour Voice

in Barton & Winton

Autumn 2015

## Barton needs Volunteers



Barton councillors are looking to start a "Friends of Barton Cemetery" group to clean up the old Barton Graveyard. If you are interested in helping out please email [councillor.mullen@salford.gov.uk](mailto:councillor.mullen@salford.gov.uk)

We are also looking to start a "Friends of the Rockhouse Green" group, to manage the upkeep and keep the space available for community benefit after our successful campaign to stop the Rockhouse Green planning. If you are interested, please email as above.



## Whites

The removal of all waste has now been completed. This is the end of years of misery for residents of Barton & Winton, all thanks to the City Council, Barbara Keeley MP, Peel, LWT Contractors and the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service.

The clearance works have gone extremely well and on time and without incident. There is just some minor tidying up work to finish, which will be done very soon.



## John Mullen says "keep it local"

Councillor Mullen works with the town team and Eccles festival to encourage shoppers to keep it local.

it is hoped this will increase local shops profits and in turn create jobs and opportunities.

We need to shop in Eccles as that will attract even more shops!

As part of the festival young entrepreneurs can set up a free stall to try out any new business

For more info contact councillor Mullen: [councillor.mullen@salford.gov.uk](mailto:councillor.mullen@salford.gov.uk)

## Jobs in Eccles

Look out for new opportunities as Cullina have started building on the port salford site. You may also have noticed that the restaurant/pub is nearly completed. We expect some job opportunities there soon.

## Port Salford Greenway Winton

Your local Councillors have helped to bring benefits from Port Salford to Winton. The Port Salford Greenway has transformed a valuable yet neglected greenspace into a high quality cycle and walking path which now links the Bridgewater Canal to Port Salford.

Councillor Lancaster is really pleased that we have been able to ensure that this project has key locations in Winton such as Moat Hall woodland, Cleavelys Nursery, Winton Park and Alder Forest. We have received a very positive response from residents and we would like to thank all the volunteers and groups who have supported this project.



Moat Hall wood – before and after

## Winton Festival Celebrates Armed Forces Day

Winton's annual festival supported Salford's Armed Forces day with a parade from Dukes Drive to Winton Park. Councillor Margaret Morris, the Festival Committee's Chair, greeted the parade which was Led by Barbara Keeley MP.

Barbara said: "I am proud to have led this parade to mark Armed Forces Day in Worsley and Eccles South, to honour the brave men and women who keep our country safe. It was a privilege to meet and talk to veterans including Albert Leek from Walkden, a 92 year old veteran of the Arctic Convoys. It was also good to meet volunteers with the Salford Armed Forces Network, who do a great job supporting our veterans and their families."

"I would like to congratulate the organisers of the Winton Festival for creating such a successful event for our local community. Cadishead Public Band did an excellent job



of leading the parade and playing at the festival. This is the very best of our community in Worsley and Eccles South and it makes me proud to represent local people in Parliament."

Councillor Lancaster, Deputy City Mayor and Member of the Festival Committee thanked everyone involved in making the day a great success, and to residents who lined the pavements to show their appreciation to our brave service men and women. We hope to build on this success again next year.



# Labour Leader Jeremy Corbyn On your side

**The Tories are in power for a further 5 years.**

**They have pledged to cut further and faster than they did in the last five years**

We will see:

- Local health services under threat as never before.
- Services for the elderly facing Tory cutbacks and closures.
- Schools struggle to provide our children with a decent education.
- This Tory government is planning on cutting jobs and vital services like the police.



## Health are we getting better?



In February 2015 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by NHS England, the ten Greater Manchester Councils, including Salford, and the Greater Manchester Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), NHS and Foundation Trusts to devolve health and social care. This allows us to take control of a £6 billion budget covering acute care, primary care, community services, mental health services, social care and public health.

### What will the Devolution of health and social care to GM allow us to do?

- Improve the health and well being of all of GM residents from early age to older people, recognising that this will only be achieved with a focus on the prevention of ill health and the promotion of well being
- Move from having some of the worst health outcomes to having some of the best.
- Close the health inequalities gaps faster

### What WONT change because of devolution?

- The NHS will still be responsible for keeping people safe and delivering the NHS Mandate and Constitution to all our residents.
- There will be no new layer of government and resources will not be taken away from the front line to support this.
- CCGs and Councils will keep their existing accountabilities, legal obligations and funding
- There will be no requirements for NHS reorganisation.

### What WILL change because of devolution?

- We will be fully involved in decisions which affect us and from April 2016 we will take those decisions locally.
- We will work together in new ways to tackle some of the major health, housing, work and other challenges we face in our region.

### What will we be looking at?

- Joining up health and social care services to make life easier for residents
- Helping people stay as well and independent as they can by offering them the advice and treatment they need in the community rather than hospital.
- Helping people see or talk to a GP easily, at a time and place that suits them.
- Easing pressure on hospitals by making sure only people who really need to be seen in a hospital go there
- Developing new Dementia services and expertise, including a National Institute for Dementia.
- Improving hospital care and general surgery under 'Healthier Together'
- Doing more to help people whose mental ill-health is making it difficult for them to work

## Tories scrap target for raising children out of poverty

The Tories plan to remove the official measure of child poverty. The relative poverty measure, enshrined in the Child Poverty Act passed by Labour in 2010, required the Government to eradicate child poverty by 2020. The act defines a child as being in poverty if it is in a household with less than 60% of the national median average income.

Instead, the government will define poverty not in terms of money, but by measuring the number of workless households and educational attainment of children.

It will leave the UK as the only OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) country not to use the 'relative indicator', which is the internationally accepted measure of poverty.

Ian Stewart, Salford City Mayor, said "Poverty is fundamentally about a lack of money and therefore this is what we should continue to measure. Locally it will be important that we continue to monitor indicators which include in-work poverty as we know this is an increasing issue and that the majority of welfare benefits in GM are paid to people who are in work".

Salford born Comedian Jason Manford took to facebook to slam David Cameron for 'changing the definition of child poverty' in a bid to wipe it out. He mocked the Prime Minister on Facebook, writing: "Can't believe David Cameron has wiped out Child Poverty in the UK. What a legend.

"Simply by changing the meaning of what we understand to be 'poverty'. Genius. So glad the country voted him in. Nice one. Chuffed to bits." He received over 80,000 likes!!!



photo by D Sharon Pruitt

## City of Salford Community Stadium

The City of Salford Community Stadium (A J Bell Stadium) is a great asset to our city. It was built in 2011 to kick-start the regeneration of an area in Barton, now known as City Gateway.

The sale of the surrounding land will more than repay the loans taken by the Stadium Company from the council and, as a young and rapidly developing business, will continue to bring in profits for the future.

Alongside the two sporting tenants, Salford Red Devils and Sale Sharks, there is a fast growing events and conferencing business. Last year, over 33,000 people attended the Stadium for such events with a major concert also being planned for 2016.

The Stadium's development strategy for the land will provide new jobs for several thousand people and transport for the area will benefit from a bypass and tram line to come.

The exciting developments in discussion include advanced negotiations for small food retail and approximately one hectare for motor retail and fast food. The prime site of approximately 4 hectares is likely to be developed by a household name bulky goods retailer.

This development is putting Salford on the map and paying back in dividends.







Tory planning policy means millions of pounds of money that should go into creating good places to live – including affordable homes - is going into profits for the development industry, says Salford Labour.

Salford backs new development which brings new homes, jobs and help for public finances. But new development should not add extra pressure to local communities.

So new development should, under policies adopted by Salford’s Labour council, pay for the extra school places, more play space and affordable homes.

Good developers include many of these things in their plans. But too many are now taking advantage of new Tory rules.

These say that where a development is not making enough profit, local policies to make developers pay should be ignored.

And when you calculate ‘enough profit’ according to Tory rules it turns out to be about 17%.

Labour’s planning spokesperson Councillor Derek Antrobus said: “We want developers to make a profit because we want them to build homes and provide jobs in Salford.

“But the profit levels that can be guaranteed by following Tory guidelines are joke. Often it’s banks and landowners rather than the developers themselves who are taking an unfair cut. But this is all at the expense of investing in good places.”

Salford Labour’s approach has been backed by the Town and Country Planning Association which says the majority of councils have their hands tied.

Councillor Antrobus added: “We have written in protest to the Minister but all we have received is a wishy-washy response saying that development has to be viable.”

# CHILDRENS SERVICES GOOD AND IMPROVING

It is good news all round in Children Services. Ofsted have named Labour run Salford as one of just a handful of local authorities whose safeguarding services are ranked as “good” whilst Schools have seen a 2% increase in children gaining 5 or more GCSE passes including English and Maths.

Salford’s assistant Mayor John Merry said: “I congratulate all involved in this including Teachers officers and the Children who achieved such good results but I also want to thank the Councillors who have worked so hard to achieve this whether it’s by serving as Governors visiting homes or scrutinising the performance of the department. “



Ofsted found that all aspects of safeguarding children had improved to

good but were particularly impressed with the services provide to looked after children and the support provided to hard pressed families. Labour is committed to meeting the challenges that a successful Salford is bringing. The challenge of providing new school places to an increasing population and continuing the improvement in our schools are just two of our commitments to the future of the city.



# Tory Budget blow Spells End of Social Housing

## Tory government picks up Thatcher’s war against affordable rented homes

Whilst social housing tenants celebrated the budget announcement that social rents would decrease annually by 1% for the next four years and that the right to buy your social home would be extended to all housing association tenants.

In reality the long-term implications for social tenants and their families is rather bleak, heralding the end of affordable rented housing as we know it as Osborne returns to the 1980 Thatcher policies that sold off thousands of social homes.

Given that two thirds of social tenants claim

housing benefit the rent reduction is in fact a welfare cut, saving the DWP millions but costing the housing providers on average £28m from their business plans over the next 4 years that would have been invested in new housing. The Housing Federation estimates that some 27,000 new homes will now not be built to help replace those lost to Right to Buy sales.

Better off tenants, hit by a steep rise in rent are already concluding that it will be cheaper to buy their home than continue to rent and it now looks likely that the government subsidy on which social landlords have depended to build new

homes will only be provided for homes to be sold through shared ownership schemes. Already we are seeing Housing Associations returning to planners to change their new schemes from homes to rent to homes to buy with shared ownership.

In addition, with far fewer rented homes available, social tenants will no longer enjoy the security of tenure for life but have a time-limited tenancy.

Ultimately, then, Salford families, driven to the over-priced private rented sector will have nothing to celebrate at all.



# The Untold Implications of George Osborne’s ‘Living’ Wage

Anything that can be done to genuinely lift workers out of poverty-pay should be welcomed! Within Salford & Greater Manchester we have real challenges with low pay and Salford Labour Party are fully committed to working towards Salford becoming a Living Wage City!

The Living Wage is set annually by the Living Wage Foundation (LWF) and currently stands at £9.15 per hour for London & £7.85 per hour outside of London.

George Osborne’s new ‘Living’ Wage of £7.20 per hour (for 25s and over) announced in July’s emergency budget clearly undermines the work of the LWF and those progressive organisations that have become accredited Living Wage employers. Osborne plan also proposes to raise his ‘Living’ Wage to £9.00 per hour by 2020, which is currently less than the London living wage.

More importantly, what is lost in Osborne’s low pay headline grabbing politics are the impacts of the proposals on our 2 million under-25 year olds, ineligible for this level of pay and expected to struggle to make-ends-meet on the national minimum wage. Similarly, Osborne’s cuts to tax credits and other in-work benefits will hit working families the hardest, with the Institute of Fiscal Studies stating:

“Among the 8.4 million working age households who are currently eligible for benefits or tax credits who do contain someone in paid work the average loss from the cuts to benefits and tax credits is £750 per year,”

Salford Labour Party believe that any developments to genuinely lift workers out of poverty-pay should be welcomed but it’s clear that the Chancellor favours sound-bite politics over a genuine commitment to tackling low-pay and its consequences within our communities.





# Barton Labour hold



## Motorbike antisocial behavior

There has been a marked increase in motorbike antisocial behaviour. Local councillors are tackling the issue by seeking an increased presence and asking for funding for more barriers to prevent access. If you are having such issues, please contact GMP on 0161 872 5050 or your local councillors.

photos: Councillors investigate where they get on to land to "off road". Applications are in for funding to install gates to prevent future access.



We welcome Councillor Barnes and she gets to work right away working with residents to help deliver a speed reduction measures for Nelson Street

# Thank you Winton!



## 2015 local election - Labour Hold in Winton

This year, once again through your support, Labour has increased its majority in Winton. Paula Boshell, elected for the third time said:

"Despite the devastating national result it is fantastic that our residents believe in fairness, compassion and equality because that is what we stand for as your Labour Councillors.

Because of the policies of this Government more and more

people especially our young people are suffering hardship and lack of opportunities. We will continue to speak up for Winton and our residents, we deal with hundreds of cases so please do get in touch if you think we may be able to help"

If you would like to join the Labour party, or find more information about us, please go to: <https://join.labour.org.uk>

## Highway Improvements in Winton

Your Labour Council recognises the importance of maintaining our roads and pavements despite the severe cuts to our budgets from the Tory government.

So far, this year, the following streets have been repaired in Winton:

Clandon Avenue  
Slater Street  
Blandford Road  
Enfield Road

Cleveley Street  
Salteye Road  
Stannard Road  
New Lane  
Worsley Road  
Guildfords street  
Gorton Street

Councillor Lancaster says "If you have a problem on your street please let us know, we can't promise it will be a priority but we will do our best to resolve it"

## Flooding, rat running and parking issues Barton update



The final phases of the works are in progress at Peelgreen roundabout.

The disruption for residents on Gilbert, Reginald and Tindall Street continues.

At the end of these works, consultation will begin on the test system implemented to prevent rat running. Local councillors will make sure this takes place. The scheme can be amended or removed depending on residents responses.

Once completed, residents will again be engaged and consulted on the match day parking schemes to end the nightmare of Stadium parking.

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