

## Bridgewater Canal improvements

Salford Council has been successful in a bid to restore the Bridgewater Canal, in partnership with the National Lottery. £3 million will be spent on restoring the bank of the Barton stretch of the canal and improving the Delph in Worsley.

This success comes with a price to pay. Once again we will see traffic delays and diversions. Local councillors fought against the planned 16 week total closure of Barton Road and successfully negotiated a 6 week total closure and 10 weeks one way.

## Barton Village

The improvements to all 4 tower blocks at Barton Village, Cawdor Street, are now complete. The new canal side houses and the flats at the former Barton Arms should be completed in the near future.

When this is done cars should be able to park back in the site, reducing the parking problems on Cawdor Street.

The improvements at Mee Square are also complete and the works at Charter House are continuing.



Cawdor Street flats where the Barton Arms pub used to be

This was no mean feat as we had to negotiate with bus companies, local housing associations and traffic management. Alternate routes have now been discussed as opposed to sending everything via Liverpool Road, then on to Peel Green Road.

Once finished we should see the benefit in the form of walks, increased tourism and local facilities. Plans can be viewed online at [www.salford.gov.uk](http://www.salford.gov.uk)

## Barton Flooding update



With record amounts of rainfall, we saw some major flooding in Salford but, thankfully, Barton was spared this time. All thanks to the £100 Million spent on improving sewerage, pumping stations and holding tanks.

Your local Labour councillors campaigned and challenged United Utilities at OFWAT to get these improvements because of the history of local flooding.

The work has come with a price. Local traffic diversions and disruption have been a problem - and it is not finished yet. The work will continue, with more capacity to be added to the huge holding tanks at Peel Green roundabout and Trafford, due to finish in 2017.

In the meantime, we can rest easier, but with continued climate change the records continue to be broken. You can rest assured that local councillors will keep a close eye on the situation and seek to influence mitigation where ever possible.

## Winton Festival to Host Salford

### Armed Forces Day

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016

The Parade to celebrate Armed Forces Day will take place through the streets of Winton again this year starting at 10.30am from Dukes Drive car park, down Parrin Lane and into the park via Dover Street. We hope residents will come out and show their support. Councillor David Lancaster said "last year was a fantastic tribute to our armed forces and Winton residents did us proud by applauding the Parade as it marched into Winton Park"



This year's festival will be bigger and better and with the festival raising funds for Winton's Christmas lights.

## Westwood Tenants and Residents Association

In Winton we have some amazing and selfless people who volunteer to help improve their communities. Members of Westwood & Alder Residents and Tenants Association do an incredible amount for their estates. We are thrilled that this year they were nominated for the Hearts of Salford Award and we would like to congratulate the Group on getting this far, and special thanks to the Founder Members for their programme of activities, events and the supporting residents.

## Winton Community Piggy Bank Scheme putting the proceeds of crime back into Winton

Greater Manchester Police had funding available to support any project, group or community in the Winton area and many of our local groups have been successful in gaining a share of the £18,000 available.



## Congratulations to Winton Councillor David Lancaster Awarded MBE in New Years Honours List



Salford's longest serving Councillor David Lancaster has been awarded an MBE for services to Salford and our community here in Winton. It recognises the years of hard work raising funds and supporting the Salfordian Hotel in Southport so it can continue to provide much needed breaks for Salford's older residents. The City Mayor Ian Stewart said "this is much deserved and everyone at Salford City Council appreciates how hard David works and his commitment to the community. David is a 24 / 7 Councillor and a tremendous inspiration to us all"



# Salford Labour Voice

in Barton & Winton Spring 2016

## New Hall Lane Allotments

Barton councillors are currently in talks with Urban Vision with regards to improving the access arrangement to New Hall Lane Allotments by installing a large gate suitable for pedestrian and vehicular use.



above: Barton resident Don Booth and Councillor John Mullen at the site of the allotment gates



left: John Mullen and Don Booth surveying the area of waste ground for the purpose of possibly extending the Allotments at New Hall Lane in the future.

## Christmas treat for Barton Pensioners



Fifty pensioners were treated to a Christmas meal this year by your Labour Councillors at the Rock House Hotel. Councillors John Mullen, David Jolley and Michele Barnes served the excellent meal to diners.

Funding was raised from a "Turkey Bingo" with help from the Rock House Hotel and support from Mainline Taxi's.

John Mullen said "It was an honour to serve our residents who have supported us so much. I would like to thank local celebrity Elvin Priestly who kindly donated his time for entertainment, the Hotel who cooked the meal and Mainline who provided transport on the day. A big thank you to everyone who helped out."

## New Bridge

The new bridge over the Ship Canal at Peel Green, near to the A.J.Bell Stadium, is nearing completion. The new road network will then be linked into the A57.

The bridge should be open for traffic over the summer. This will provide a second crossing over the canal and should hopefully help traffic flows in the area.

All waste has now been removed from the White's site. Your councillors, and your MP, Barbara Keeley will continue to monitor the situation until plans for the site come forward.



Councillor Mullen assessing a gated area to stop off road bikers entrance!

## Westwood Park Community Primary School Celebrates 100 Years



We are delighted that Westwood Park Community Primary School has reached its Centenary. The school has educated local children who all have fond memories of their school years. We would all like to congratulate the Head Teacher, Sara Walker, and her staff for achieving a 'Good' status at the last Ofsted visit and for maintaining the community tradition of this great Winton school which we hope will serve our community for a further 100 years.

## Winton Park

Councillor David Lancaster and his fellow Ward Councillors are proud of our award winning park which has, once again, retained its green flag status. We continue to encourage residents and community groups to make good use of this fantastic park and the facilities it offers. We are again looking forward to welcoming out city's veterans on 25th June 2016 to celebrate Armed Forces day.



## Shop Front Improvement Scheme

Councillor David Lancaster has been working to improve the shop fronts in Winton, working with business owners who have contributed to the scheme to improve the area's environment.

David said "the scheme is part of a wider regeneration programme aimed at revitalising the town centres and main roads in Salford. I am particularly pleased that the old Co-op building on Worsley Road has seen improvements in two of its three premises and I will continue to campaign for the improvement of the whole building."



## Keeping Our Children Safe

Councillor David Lancaster supported the installation of safety bollards outside Barton Moss Primary School and parking restrictions on Campbell Road. We appreciate how important safety is on our roads, especially close to schools, and will continue to campaign for other safety measures across the ward.

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# The council budget: the facts

The Tories have taken away support to keep the tax down. Now under the Osborne tax proposals, they want to force us to increase council tax by 3.75% or make further cuts.

Faced with this onslaught of government cuts why are some local critics attacking the Labour Party rather than the Tories?

We are told, by critics, that we can somehow set a "legal" no cuts budget and make no cuts. This is not the case. If that was possible why would we not adopt such a budget?

For these reasons:

1. A "no cuts budget" based on irresponsible borrowing leads to the bankruptcy of the city.
2. The truth is that no such "legal" budget is possible. We are told that we can exhaust the Council's reserves and borrow the rest to bridge the £22 million pound government cut. Under the law, any attempt to set such a budget requires Council officers to intervene and set a different budget from the elected councillors.
3. It would lead to the appointment of government commissioners to

impose worse cuts on the people of Salford. This would fall heaviest on the most vulnerable

4. Every Council in the country who has considered this, has rejected the idea of a "no cuts" budget as a cruel con trick. We are not prepared to play games with people who need our services.

Salford Labour Councillors know they have no choice but to implement cuts. We try to do so as sensitively as possible in order to protect those Salford citizens most at risk from this Tory government's discrimination against the most vulnerable while it protects the powerful.

Now we hear the Tory government has announced a £300 million grant to help mainly Tory authorities while not giving a penny to Salford. Yet another insult to the people of this city.



## Give Salford it's share of the £300 million transitional fund

The government announced a £300 million transitional fund for local authorities – then handed nearly all of it to Tory councils. 85% of the additional money will go to wealthy Conservative-run areas with Salford receiving nothing.

Salford Labour Party demands a fair distribution of the transitional grant scheme to ensure that those in most need receive a fair share of the funding.

Tory cronyism is taking from the poor to give to the rich!

This Government is giving Conservative councils most of the money from a £300

million Government fund set up to ease the blow of Government cuts to council budgets.

Wealthier local authorities like Surrey, Hampshire and Buckinghamshire are receiving extra funds but Salford Council is getting nothing.

## grants awarded for 2016-18:

Surrey	£24.10 million
Hampshire	£18.69 million
Buckinghamshire	£9.22 million
Salford	£0 = <b>ZERO</b>

sign the petition at:  
[change.org/p/george-osborne-give-salford-it-s-share-of-the-300-million-transitional-fund](http://change.org/p/george-osborne-give-salford-it-s-share-of-the-300-million-transitional-fund)

# Paul Dennett for City Mayor

Dear Resident,

I have recently been selected as the Labour Party's candidate for the Salford Mayoral election in May. For those of you who don't know me I am a dedicated, campaigning socialist councillor for Langworthy. I am from a working class family with Labour values at my core - I cut my teeth establishing residents associations in the high-rises off Blackfriars, and community campaigning is close to my heart. As a proud Trade Unionist, I believe we are stronger when we work together, stand together and look out for one another.



I am campaigning for a manifesto of growth, jobs and for skills in our city. Against the misery and austerity promised from further Tory cuts, I will fight for a bright future for the Salford of tomorrow.

The policies I stand by are,

1. Championing a new Skills Agenda, linking our educational institutions with local employers to create an integrated programme of training and development
2. A Fair Rents Commission, to ensure Salfordians aren't priced out of their communities
3. The creation of an Equalities Charter for the city, to promote fair treatment and representation for the city's minority communities
4. A campaign within Greater Manchester for significant transport investment in Salford, connecting areas of the city currently cut off
5. Supporting a productive growth strategy, creating a home for new digital industries, manufacturing and high-wage jobs in the city

The future of our city, our public services and local high streets, is at risk under the incompetent economic management of the Tories. Against all expert opinion, they continue with a policy of austerity which is strangling our communities, crippling our health and social care facilities, and dampening growth. Labour offer a program of hope and change for Salford, and I hope you will join me in fighting for those values in May.

Yours Sincerely,

**Paul Dennett**



Labour supporters with Paul Dennett following his selection

# Labour's Vision for Salford

## Salford Labour Party Manifesto 2016

Between 2010/11 to 2016/17 the council has had to make cuts of £171 million to balance its budget. We have had to manage a 42.4% reduction in our core government funding. This equates to a cost of £753 for every home in Salford. We have done our best to manage these savage government cuts despite increasing costs and pressures on services. Now we have run out of options.



### A Safer City

Community Safety remains a key priority for the City. People are entitled to walk the streets without fear of being attacked or having their house burgled. Cameron and the Tories do not see this as a priority, cutting back funding, year after year, for the emergency services. We however are

determined to campaign to reverse police funding cutbacks.

We pledge to use our powers to prevent antisocial behaviour to the full extent of the law. We will continue to target burglary, vehicle crime and hate crime.



### A Healthier City

Although much has been achieved, we still remain a City with some people dying at a younger age than they should. We will work with the Health Service and use

our Public Health responsibilities to build a twenty first century health system.

### A City that Looks After the Elderly

The Osborne Tax of an extra 3.75% in Council Tax will not solve the problems we face in meeting growing needs for social care for older and vulnerable people. We will align our

services with health under one body that will allow people better access a whole range of services and prevent deprivation.



### A City that Supports its Young People

Looking after our children remains at the heart of our agenda. We will pioneer a new approach. We will seek to address all the needs of families by working with the Police, Health providers

and Government Departments. Only by doing this can we tackle the root causes of neglect.

### A City with Decent Homes

Housing, for those already living in Salford and for those who want to come to our city and make a contribution remains at the top of our list.

We will ensure new housing, both social and to buy, to address the needs of homeless and those living in substandard accommodation.

We will also establish a fair rent commission to establish what is a fair rent for property in Salford.



### A Greener and Cleaner City

The Government has sought to reduce the money available to manage the environment. We, however, will continue to work in partnership with the general public and voluntary organisations to maintain our commitment to our green spaces.

Our City needs public transport. We will seek, with other Councils in Greater Manchester, the power to regulate passenger transport on the same basis as London.