

Central Matters

News from Central Labour Party



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Dear Resident

I will never forget that it was you, the residents of Central who elected me as your Councillor for the next few years. I am humbled by the faith shown in me and I am grateful for all the support that has been given to me.

Over the last four years I have forged many good relationships with Central's residents and businesses. Through my work for you, now and in the future, I hope to build upon these relationships.

Central has a team of three Labour Councillors who work hard for its residents. We can assure you that every resident in Central will have a fair representation and we will hold the Tory Council to account.

Thank you again for re-electing me. I am honoured to be able to serve YOU the people of Central (and Swindon) once again.

Thank you

Councillor Bob Wright



CUT, CUT, CUTS

Your Labour Councillors have no illusions about the work ahead of them. The ConDem Alliance is set on a course of community destruction; no one or area will be protected against their drastic cuts.

Already key community workers and organisations are fearful they will no longer be able to continue their work within the community. An uncaring Tory Council is not going to think twice about cutting their funding; as shown not so long ago with the Shop Mobility debacle and the continued attack on Dial-a-Ride. As one community leader said (paraphrased) "we were set up for a purpose; now if we do not fit the council's criteria we can not fulfil the purpose we intended".

Labour will be a strong voice against drastic cuts which put voluntary groups in danger of closure. Their valuable services will be lost if we do not support them.

We remember the cuts that Thatcher introduced and what they did to our communities. We want to prevent a repeat and we will do all that we can do to protect the vital services which Central's residents rely on.

LIBDEM CON

We warned you in our election materials that a vote for the Liberals would be a vote for the Conservatives. We didn't know how far the Liberals would go to get power; now we know. They betrayed the people who voted for them and against a Tory Government. Swindon has lost a hard working MP in Anne Snelgrove because of the misrepresentation of political independence. We know many Liberal Democrat voters feel cheated because many have joined Labour. They CONDEM the Alliance. Some Liberal Democrat's are trying to re-brand themselves as Liberals. Don't be fooled again. We only have one opposition party now which is willing to stand up for equality and fairness, and that is LABOUR.

**Labour Listening and Representing
the views of Central Residents.**

Labour Tackling the Issues You Care About

Labour Working for Central

CENTRAL DESERVES A BETTER BUS SERVICE

Thamesdown Buses have said the current board's service policy only supports fast routes that make profit. This is the reason given why parts of Central and Eastcott don't have a bus service. This policy has meant removing many traditional routes which once served Centrals residents.

We believe this Tory policy is the reason why the Railway Village Heritage site is overrun with buses. They would not put a bus route through Stone Henge however the Tories think it ok to put a bus route through one of Swindon's best features. The roads are too narrow for overtaking buses and the broken pavements are testament to the folly of this route. What is really galling is that many Tories want to promote the Railway Village as a Heritage site yet it is their policy to promote unnecessary traffic in the area that shows their lack of understanding and commitment to Heritage and a thought out Transport Vision. They have produced a disconnected place and people.

TORIES THREATEN DIAL-A-RIDE AGAIN

Labour is calling for a cross-party stand against Tory funding threats to Dial-a-Ride.

The Conservative Administration guaranteed the vulnerable users of Dial-a-Ride another years funding. This guarantee has turned out to be a worthless, now that the election is over.

We believe the Tories are misusing EU Law to transfer the contract to another provider. We do not want to see a return to 'Thatcherite Nasty Politics.'

Dial-a-Ride is truly special; it offers an unrivalled personalised service that allows the most vulnerable the opportunity to integrate into society. Privatised transport simply does not offer this level of service.

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

We are launching a new Street Surgery programme recognising local issues within Central Ward. We are fortunate to already have two Residents Associations in Central however based on feedback from other Central residents we will be providing the opportunity for a different form of representation. We will be developing Street Surgeries based on Street/Localities so watch out for the BIG RED GAZEBO and drop-in and see us.

- Rushy Platt
- Wescott Place, Read St, Marlborough St, Andover St, Shires, Turner St, Wootton Bassett Rd
 - William Street, Albion Street, Cambria Road
 - Dean Street to Birch Street Triangle including Park Lane
 - Faringdon Road to Tennyson Street including Milton Road
 - Railway Village and London Street
 - David Murray John Building
- Haydon Street, Aylesbury Street, Station Road (part) and Alexandra Road
 - Broadgreen South - Manchester Road to Fleming Way
 - Broadgreen North - Manchester Road to Station Road (part)
 - County Road, Colbourne Street, Amber Close
 - West Shrivenham Road, Pavilion Close, Marsh Farm
 - East Shrivenham Road, Wills Avenue, Copse Avenue
 - Briars Close, Farriers Close

We will of course still continue to carry out individual case work, our contact details are below.



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Labour doing what matters now and working hard for the people of Central.
