



# Labour Link

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Reddish  
North Ward

## Con -Dem assault on welfare rights- Oppose the Bedroom Tax!

Dave, Paul and Kate are concerned about just how many Stockport Homes tenants in Reddish North will be affected by the introduction of the so called 'Bedroom Tax'. The changes will reduce Housing Benefit by £14 to £25 a week depending on the number of 'spare rooms' they take into account. Many families will struggle to pay the extra payments and could be put at risk of prosecution and even eviction.



**Cllr Paul Moss says** "Stockport Homes confirm to us that there are simply not enough smaller properties and flats on offer should enough people want to voluntary 'down size'".

Linked to other changes to a wide range of longstanding welfare benefits including replacement of Disability Living Allowance, it seems clear that a cynical attack on the poorest and most disadvantaged in Britain is underway. Labour Councillors Kate and David attended a large protest rally called to oppose the introduction of the Bedroom Tax.

**Cllr Kate Butler said** "I am horrified by these latest measures that will penalise working people and the disabled who stand to lose up to a £1000 in benefit while already struggling to make ends meet!"



**Cllr David Wilson added** "Cameron and Osborne claim that the bedroom tax will 'save' £500 million. But it may cost more than that to implement and this year the taxpayer backed RBS will give its top bankers a predicted £607 million in bonuses. Where is the sense or fairness in that?"

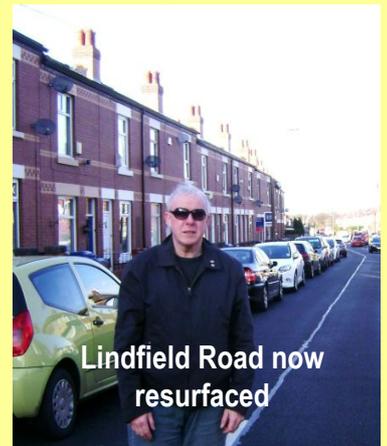


Harrogate Road

## Rolling Highways Repairs Program

We are aware that many roads and streets are affected by pot holes and uneven pavements and awaiting inspection and repair. Car and van pavement parking most often causes long term damage to grass verges especially on smaller cul-de-sacs such as Warbeck Close. We have requested SMBC Highways to price up a repair schedule of such streets and roads in most need of urgent attention dependent on the funding available. So, despite the frustration, please be patient.

We are very glad to report that Highways funding was found for our ward to make full resurfacing and long lasting repairs on a long stretch of Harrogate Road and at the traffic junction with Finsbury Road. Also the full length of busy Lindfield Road has been tarmaced.



Lindfield Road now resurfaced

## Badly lit streets are a danger to pedestrians and drivers!

On a cold winter's evening walkabout, Reddish North Councillors noted 10 street lights along Gorton Road not working. Six more were also reported on side streets. These have since been repaired. Please let us know if any faulty lights are out on your street. Also we have reported street lights remaining on all through the day wasting energy and money!

## Keeping Reddish tidier

We congratulate those residents on Harcourt Street who lobbied hard for a new litter bin. This is now installed conveniently just within the school gates of Vale View and Harcourt Field.

Two older vandalised dog bins located on Naseby Road football pitch have also been replaced and can be used to deposit dog waste.



"I welcome this new investment in Reddish" said Cllr Paul Moss

Cllr Paul Moss pictured at the new entrance to The Fallowfield Loop - Cycle Paththway at the end of Station Road, North Reddish. For more information visit:

<http://fallowfieldloop.org>

# News, information and contact details - why not get in touch!

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## Blame Victoria not Elisabeth!

The Council has mistakenly threatened enforcement and hefty fines against St. Elisabeth's School for allegedly failing to clear up litter and fly tipping on their Harrogate Rd sports field. In fact the culprits are the owners of the clearly marked and fenced off adjacent Victoria Mill Housing Development which is home to one of the worst and long neglected local grot spots. Upset at the accusation and proud of their school's record of organising litter picks and 'Big Tidy Ups' with parents on their own sports field, young pupils at St. Elisabeth's have petitioned Kate and David who serve as school governors to take up the matter with the Council. We fully intend to do so and also to get Public Realm officers to put the record straight at area level and if necessary serve enforcement on Victoria Mill to clear away the accumulation of bin bags, bottles, cans, and litter that disfigure their property and land.



## Voluntary Labour

Over Easter, Cllr David Wilson volunteered to help Parishioners at St. Elisabeth's Church to clear the memorial garden and grounds of weeds and litter as well as conducting a litter pick on Houldsworth Field and the streets close around St. Elisabeth's school.

## Boundary Changes Scrapped

We are pleased to report that Parliament voted down the Tory proposals to change Parliamentary Boundaries which would have put Reddish North into a Gorton South Constituency. Many Local concerned residents who spoke to us were 100% against this and wished to remain as part of Denton and Reddish Constituency and within Stockport.

## Cllr Paul Moss slams LibDems' parking charge hike!

If you live in one of the streets listed below and currently have residents' only parking the LibDems want to increase the existing charge of £21 to £40 (for those who pay now) and from NIL to £40 for those who have a free parking scheme.

Bolton Street – Free

Houldsworth Street (No. 23A) – Charged

Litchfield Avenue – Free

Nutwood Court (No. 47-67) – Charged

Lemington Road - Free

Rupert Street – Free

Rupert Terrace – Charged

"This is just another unfair proposal from Stockport's LibDem Council and we will oppose it" said Cllr Moss.

## More cuts from the LibDems

- \* Reddish North Children's Centre to have reception opening hours reduced.
- \* Open Access Play Scheme at Vale View Primary School (summer 2013) scrapped.
- \* Outreach Play Sessions at North Reddish Park scrapped.
- \* District Centre Steward Service being cut in half, affecting Reddish District Centre.

"The details of the LibDem budget are just now becoming clear. You can be sure that we will do all we can to oppose these reductions in services for Reddish families" said Cllr Kate Butler.



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