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SAVE THE NHS MARCH



Cllr Walter Brett and Cllr Tom Grundy were proud to join the recent NHS march. The march was organised by the TUC to highlight the impact that austerity is having on the health service and also how the coalition is behind a 'rapid sell-off' of profitable parts of the NHS to private companies. **It is estimated by Greater Manchester Police that around 50,000 people took part in the peaceful demonstration, making it one of the largest ever held in Manchester.**

Tom Grundy said "I attended the event and was proud to walk alongside doctors, nurses and other front-line NHS staff from all parts of the country who had given up their Sunday in the hope of making their voice heard. We have to make it clear to David Cameron that the current crisis facing the NHS is one of this government's own making. The NHS is one of Britain's finest achievements and we will not allow ministers to destroy, through cuts and privatisation, what has taken generations to build."

LABOUR WILL SCRAP THE BEDROOM TAX

The number of families falling into arrears because of this unfair tax is rising in Stockport. Many of these families have never been in debt before.



There are just not enough smaller properties for them to move into, even if they wanted to.

Latest figures (Sept. 13) show the number of arrears accounts in Stockport subject to Under-occupancy caps has increased by 93.

To ensure that it can be reversed without any additional borrowing, funds have been earmarked from:

- reversing George Osborne's recent **tax cut for hedge funds** announced in Budget 2013;
- reversing George Osborne's **shares for rights scheme** which has been rejected by businesses, has opened up a tax loophole, and will lead to £1bn being lost to the Exchequer according to the Office for Budget Responsibility; and
- Tackling **disguised employment** in the construction industry.

It can be done and should be done!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Tom, Walter and the Friends of Reddish South station were delighted when the Mayor, Mayoress and Andrew Gwynne MP joined them for Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Reddish South station. **Over £330** was raised from the sale of locally produced cakes, jam and tomatoes. Residents took the opportunity to inspect the newly landscaped area on the platform which was celebrated by the Mayor and Mayoress unveiling a plaque. Tom said "I congratulate the Friends of Reddish South on their hard work, the platform looks brilliant!"



Andrew Gwynne MP and Allison Gwynne with Dot Ashworth from the Friends of South Reddish Station at Macmillan Coffee Morning

The new landscaped area at Reddish South Station.

"This is a huge improvement" said Walter. "Well done to everyone involved".



SECOND IMPROVEMENT AREA GETS UNDERWAY

Following the recent successful residential improvements carried out in the Sandy Lane/Clarendon Street area a similar scheme has been launched in Heaton Norris. Occupants have been consulted on a schedule of work which includes a complete facelift treatment of the properties including cleaning and pointing the brickwork, replacing fascias, guttering and rainwater down pipes. Following on from the first public meeting where ideas were exchanged on the scheme and other environmental work to enhance the overall appearance the area. Schemes could involve some work to various unmaintained planters and thinning out some of the overgrown vegetation and possible gating in unsecured areas. The first stages of scheme are well underway and the improvement is already apparent. Cllr Tom Grundy said: "I have received a lot of positive feedback on the work so far and I look forward to further improvement to the whole of this area which has never had regeneration work of this type in the past."

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The carriageway at Belmont St, Heaton Norris has recently been resurfaced. There were initially a few problems but it seems to be fine now. The footpath on Briarfield Rd, Heaton Chapel as also been resurfaced.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC

We have received complaints of speeding through Halesden Rd, Heaton Chapel and Dalkeith Rd, South Reddish. We have asked the Council to carry out speed checks in these areas. "Speeding vehicles are a danger to other road users and to pedestrians" said Cllr Andy Verdeille.



BIG BOOST FOR WILLOW GROVE CEMETERY



The Friends of Stockport Cemeteries have recently been very successful in a bid for Heritage Lottery Funds. Their award of £39,800 is going to a very exciting project involving the Angel in Willow Grove. It's hoped that the restoration project will involve working with schools and the local community and will give a great insight into the history and background of the many local heroes buried here who sacrificed their lives for the sake of others. Cllr Water Brett said "The Friends Group have done fantastically well so far, this is an exciting project and is much appreciated by everyone in Reddish."

Living standards

Coalition causes worst fall ever

David Cameron will go down in history as a disastrous Prime Minister for people's living standards. By 2015, official forecasts show that working people will have **lost** an average of **£6,660** after **five years of the Tories**. Yet millionaires have got a huge tax cut from this Government. Far from never having it so good many working people have never had it so bad. Prices have risen faster than wages in 36 out of the 37 months that David Cameron has been in Downing Street.

"This is the worst performance of any Prime Minister on record" said Tom Grundy "and it is hitting local families hard". Labour would help families right now with a lower 10p starting rate of tax - which would benefit 2,630,000 people in the North West, many in our area - by tackling soaring energy bills and protecting tax credits for working families and by reversing the millionaire's tax cut."

Labour would FREEZE energy bills

Consumer groups are predicting that the UK's other major energy suppliers will raise prices after SSE announced an **8.2% increase in domestic bills**.



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