

# Labour Link

## Winter 2008

### Reddish North Ward

#### Tackling crime in your area

The police now have their surgery at the Library at the same time as ours:

**Wednesdays at 6:45pm**

We go to the **Neighbourhood Tasking Meetings** where the Police, the Anti-Social Behaviour Team and the enforcement officer from Stockport Homes & others attend to plan action on crime problems for the north of the town. The meetings are at Whitehill Fire Station. Homewatch co-ordinators also go along. It is a useful meeting and crime is falling in our area, but anti-social behaviour is still a problem. David has been out with the police on a Friday night and been impressed by their efforts to help residents.



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#### Great News for Reddish - Reddish Vale Tech College becoming a "Trust School"

Last month RVTC took the final step to become a **Trust School** in association with the Coop and the University. This important new policy from the Labour government allows schools much more freedom over their affairs whilst ensuring that they still work with the local Council. **The Head Teacher told us that this would give the school freedom to improve education for Reddish children. We welcome this step.** It will be the first school in the town to achieve Trust status. RVTC has always been a leader in new ideas. We have also congratulated students, teachers and parents on being one of the most improved colleges in the town with **excellent** GCSE results.



#### Successful Christmas Lights Switch on at Houldsworth Square

Over 150 people came to hear the St Elisabeth's School choir, a local Quartet & a Brass Band entertain us together with the very successful market stalls run by local businesses. We hope that we can have more of these events in the future to boost shopping and entertainment in the centre of Reddish. Reddish was the first District Centre to try out market stalls in this way.

Cllr Anne Graham said "This was a good event for Reddish and I know that it was enjoyed by those people who came".



Victoria Mill



Broadstone Mill

#### Victoria Mill Gets an Award

Victoria Mill has got the award for the best mill conversion to apartments in the North West. We have congratulated the owners who are also promoting the "Houldsworth Village" scheme which aims to create small craft and professional businesses in the centre of Reddish and to improve job opportunities for local people. This now has the backing of the Council with a £300,000 grant to establish so called business incubator units in Broadstone Mill.

#### Geoff Cooper has retired - we wish him a long and happy retirement

Geoff Cooper Headteacher of Abingdon School retired at Christmas. Anne and Peter went to thank him for his 24 years service. The school has gone from strength to strength. Most recently there has been the co-operation with the Children's Centre to provide a campus for care and education from 0 to 11yrs old.



Melland Park, off Station Road

**Welcome to the new residents at Melland Park.** Quite a lot of the new houses at the Barratt Estate off Station Rd are now occupied. We want to welcome these new residents to Reddish and wish them a happy and successful life in Reddish.

**Friends of South Reddish Station**

The Friends meet regularly at the Bairstow Club on Rupert St. If you are interested in joining the group or just finding out more information please get in touch with **Cllr Walter Brett 431 9119.**

**Bid for better trains and buses**

The Transport Innovation Fund (TIF) bid recently made to Government by Greater Manchester Councils means new trains on the North Reddish railway line and lots more buses on the journeys that people want to make. With MP Andrew Gwynne we are pressing for a service from South Reddish to Manchester Victoria and Stockport.

We will insist that any congestion charging follows the transport improvements.

**The Lib/Dems are misleading people about this bid, particularly when their MPs support congestion charging!**



**Anderson Building Gorton Road Reddish - Now demolished at long last following further complaints from us.**

**Alley gating in Reddish - At last !**

The first alleygates on passages in Reddish are due to be installed early this year. The alleys concerned are – Rear of Belfield Rd, between Buckley St and Bower St, Lonsdale Rd and Birtles Ave, Mill lane & Longford Rd, Oswald St and Boscombe St, Oswald St and Tindall St, Tindall St and St Agnes St. **This has taken years of campaigning. We are pressing for the next phase to be much quicker.**

**Bulls Head Pub** - We've now heard that the owners are to do it up. We're pressing them to get on with it.

**Railway Pub** - The owners have written to us to say they are trying to make progress on building the flats as quickly as they can.

**Why not get involved? Come to the Tame Valley Area Committee**

It meets to discuss matters of concern to the People of Reddish and Brinnington each month. The Police usually come as does the officer who deals with fly tipping. We have regular reports of what Council departments are doing in our area and we have special items on matters asked for by local groups and members of the public. If you want to know more give us a ring and we can put your problem on the agenda and you can come and talk to us about it. The meetings are in the Town Hall. They start at 6pm on a Monday the dates of the next few meetings are on:-

**Mon 28 Jan at 6pm, Mon 3 March at 6pm, Mon 31<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm, Mon 21<sup>st</sup> April at 6pm**

**Come to our street stall in Houldsworth Square and have a chat.**

They are held on the 3rd Saturday in the month from 11am to 12:30pm. We have petitions for more police, facilities for the kids and a cleaner Reddish. During December we collected funds for Francis House Children's Hospice and food for the homeless at the Wellspring charity in Stockport.

**Advice Surgeries**

**Every Wednesday 6:45 to 7:15pm Reddish Library Gorton Rd.**

**Send any comments you want to make to Cllr Anne Graham, Stockport Labour Club, 2 Lloyd St., Stockport, SK4 1QP.**