

# Labour Link



## Winter 2009

### REDDISH NORTH WARD

## Reddish to get its fair share of Council facilities

As everyone is aware Reddish is missing out on many of the Council facilities that other parts of the town enjoy. We've lost our baths; there is no sports hall in the area and the library is too small as are the car parks.



Over the next six months we are developing a case for Reddish to be treated properly by the Council. We will be publishing the case for better facilities in the summer but if you have any ideas let Peter know on 432 2188.

## Christmas lights success

Everyone agreed that the Christmas tree and lights were much better in 2008. The market stalls we've had in the past two years have been a great success as well thanks to the Reddish Partnership. We want more people to come the Partnership meetings to make even better support for our area.

Contact David on 432 5538 or Anne on 480 3688 for details.

## SUPPORT LOCAL SHOPS AND BUSINESSES

We're urging everyone to shop and buy local services. If Reddish is to survive the downturn we need to support local people. So don't go miles to a supermarket or for that repair to your home. [Get it from the local shops - friendlier, more accountable and better service.](#)

## Reddish Vale Country Park Survey

Late last year the Tame Valley Area Committee held a series of scrutiny meetings about the future of the Country Park. Eight recommendations have been made to the Council for improvement and a request made to implement the Scott Wilson Report which recommended a completely new visitors centre and other improvements over a period of several years. We expect this study to result in overcoming a number of problems being experienced with conflicts between different users of the park and for the elimination of anti-social behaviour.



## Harrogate Allotments - New burglar proof gates

Last year the allotments suffered some serious robberies. The gates to the main entrance had been ripped open and valuable equipment stolen. Now the society has got planning permission for new much tougher gates and we hope to see them installed soon with funding from the Tame Valley Committee.

## Poets Corner - New Play Area

Poet's Corner Action group is campaigning for a new play area at the end of Farley Way. Kids have to cross a busy road to get to the park and a play area on their side of the estate is sorely needed. We are working with 'Poets' to get the necessary space and will be seeking money from the Government's fund for new play areas in Stockport.

## The Council wants us to have four wheelie bins - Part 2.

But in America three bins do everything including full recycling. Our council claims to be good on recycling yet Los Angeles which we visited on holiday recently has a better re-cycling and refuse collection system than Stockport. In addition it is done more efficiently. It uses one man and a truck. An arm from the truck grabs the bin from the roadside, loads the contents into the compartments in the truck and puts each bin back on the pavement. Here it takes three people to do the job.

## Station Rd Residents Association gets off the ground

After a number of years the Station Rd Residents have got together to reform their organisation. An impressive number turned up to the initial meeting at North Reddish Community Centre and work is starting to seek solutions to the problems of heavy traffic and poor road maintenance.



We are strongly supporting their efforts and wish them well in 2009. Contact them via Laura Shiers at no 32 Station Rd. In the meantime we have been chasing up Barratts builders to refurbish the junction between their estate and Station Rd. They're now saying it can't be done until the summer. We're pressing them on this and for the play area to be completed. The Council has taken them to court over lack of progress on this matter.

### Reddish Vale Pub

Like many others it has been closed for a couple of months or more. What do residents think should be done with it? Should it be a proper pub with competitively priced beer or should it be demolished and houses built there.

**What do you think?**

### Finsbury Road

Following a rash of complaints we have found that Finsbury Rd needs a lot more spending on it than the local repairs budget can support. So we're asking for it to be put into the major repairs budget which is a three years rolling programme centrally paid for by the Council.

**More news when we get a date for the work.**

### Reddish Vale Technology College - major bids

The College has made two major bids for improvements. Firstly to greatly improve and expand its sporting facilities and secondly, together with the Council, has made a bid for the Government's Building Schools for the Future to rebuild the major part of the school building which are now showing signs of its age - over 50 years old. We strongly support these bids to make our community college the finest in Stockport.

**Naseby Rd gets a re-fit** - Through the Tame Valley Committee we have allocated £16,000 to resurface it. The work should be completed this year.

**Windmill Lane** - We couldn't find the funding for the 20mph speed limit on Windmill Lane for this financial year so we're now looking to 2009/10 to see if we can fit it in.

### Visits to firms and schools

We want to visit more firms in the area and we are happy to talk to business people about what the council can do to help.

### Visiting you

We are continuing to knock on doors of people in every street in North Reddish. Look out for us on Saturday mornings. We'll leave a small leaflet if you're not in so that you can contact us.

### EMAIL UPDATES FOR RESIDENTS

Many residents now have their own computers or access to one through their local library. In addition to our Newsletters we are intending to produce an additional *Labour Link* electronic newsletter for residents about local issues and events. If you would like to go on our circulation list please email: [scottscpl@aol.com](mailto:scottscpl@aol.com) and say you would like to be included on the list. If you do not have a computer or access to one, please contact us with your address and we will make sure you receive a copy.



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