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Labour Link

Credit Crunch - Council urged to help

We want the Council to be much more active in helping those who have difficulties due to the down turn. We are campaigning for a much better and more extensive advice service which will actively search out people who have financial problems and ensure they get the best advice on how to deal with it all. The Council already has a good advice service but it just waits for people to come to it. Many don't know it exists. *If you feel expert advice would help you contact any of us and we will put experts in touch with you for benefits, debts, housing and all sorts of other help.*

Reddish to get its fair share of Council facilities



Cllr Peter Scott and Andrew Gwynne MP outside the baths closed by the Lib Dems

Since the Winter Edition of **Labour Link** we're beginning to make progress with our case for better facilities for Reddish people to enjoy so that they have everything that other parts of the town have become used to. It's beginning to look as though the private sector may be able to help and it seems that we may be able to secure some real support from the Council and Stockport Sports Trust. More in the summer but, in the meantime, please let us know your ideas about the sporting and fitness facilities needed for Reddish.

Commuted Sums - Spend them we say!

These are sums of money levied on developers to pay for the improvement needed for highway work or to ensure that there are green lungs near the development. They can run into hundreds of thousands of pound. A very large sum was paid by the developer of Elizabeth Mill when it was turned into flats. **It's never been spent on things like play areas, Reddish Road park etc.** Together with our colleagues in South Reddish we're demanding that this money is spent for the benefit of local residents. There's a great deal that needs doing!

South Reddish Station and the line to Manchester Victoria.

This has now been included in the official work being developed for the future North West Rail Usage programme. We don't expect anything to happen really soon because it depends on £millions being spent on the junction at Heaton Norris on the West Coast Main Line. However it now looks as though it will actually happen! We will keep you informed.



Cllr Peter Scott at South Reddish Station

The Council wants us to have four wheelie bins - Part 3.....

But in America three bins do everything including full recycling. Our council claims to be good on re-cycling, yet Los Angeles has a better re-cycling and refuse collection system than Stockport. It is also done more efficiently. 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.

Clearly Stockport is lagging behind, again!

Harrogate Allotments More anti-crime measures

Tame Valley Area Committee has granted further funding for Harrogate allotments to protect themselves against burglaries.



Poets Corner - New Play Area

Poet's Corner Action group is campaigning for a new play area at the end of Farley Way. Children 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.



Andrew Gwynne MP discussing the issues at Station Road with Cllr Peter Scott

Station Rd and ongoing problems

The Station Residents Association made an impressive presentation at Tame Valley last month. 100 metres of the road carriageway at the Elsa Waste end will have been resurfaced so as to overcome noise and vibration. A call has been made for the rest of the road to be completely resurfaced and the humps removed with a 20mph speed limit introduced. Some of the more radical measures such as opening up the industrial estate to Mount Road in Manchester or to Hyde Road along the line of the Fallowfield Loop (former railway line) are under consideration by Manchester and Stockport but aren't thought likely to happen as they would cost millions of pounds. The former idea was examined and rejected over 20 years ago. Enforcement of the current rules on noise and other matters will be a big help and this is being pursued. We will continue to do everything we can.

Road Works Update ... Naseby Rd gets a re-fit - We've already told you that this is the next major improvement in re-surfacing the pavements on both sides. The £16,000 will come from our own highways budget in Tame Valley. **Farley way** - Farley Way pavements are due to be resurfaced and the grass verges removed during the course of the next financial year. This will be paid for from the main Council budget. **Windmill Lane 20mph zone** - Offers are working up the scheme. Due to the cost of Naseby Rd it is unlikely any work can start for a year or thereabouts. We'll keep you posted. **Finsbury Rd** - Finsbury Road improvements have to follow the Naseby Rd improvements due to the small budget we have been granted by the LibDems. **Boscombe St & Naseby Rd 20mph**. - Officers have been instructed to work up and scheme for this road as well as for a lowered speed limit on Naseby Rd.

As you can see all this will cost more than the £20,000 that Tame Valley North Reddish has to do highways works each year so we all need to be patient.



North Reddish Station

Cllr Peter Scott, Cllr David Owen and Cllr Anne Graham, together with Andrew Gwynne MP are pressing for the new carriages on this line to stop the overcrowding that occurs at rush hours and even at other times.

Visiting you

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

If you would like to be included in our electronic **Labour Link** circulation list, then please let us have your email address.



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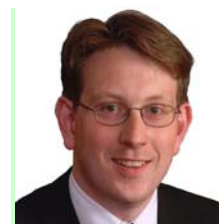


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