



50 Promises

We are determined to raise standards in Swindon Council. We launched the 'Swindon 2010' document containing 50 Promises setting out a clear agenda of targets to build a better Swindon.



Lydiard Park

Working with local residents and leaders of industry, we secured £4.5 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund and local industry. This money is restoring Lydiard Park to its former glory.



Town Centre Redevelopment

With bulldozers demolishing large areas of Princes Street and Regent Circus including the former police station and Swindon College sites, Swindon is set to see a modern, vibrant centre with new and improved facilities and shops. It is the Conservatives, working with business and local residents, who have made this a priority.



New Central Library

A new central library will be completed by 2008; in the pipeline for 35 years, it is the Conservatives who have made it happen. The building will be in sympathy with the Town Hall and a beacon for the regeneration of the town centre.



Council Tax

This year was Swindon's second lowest Council Tax rise in ten years. The lowest rise was 2005 when the new Conservative council drove Council Tax inflation to a record low 3%. Only a few short years ago Labour Councillors were supporting rises such as 10%, 15% and even 15.5%. In just 3 years Labour put Council Tax up by 42%.

2 Stars

Swindon Council was rated as the joint worst in England under Labour, with a zero star rating. Swindon Council under the Conservatives is now a two star rated council and is rocketing upwards.



Education

In 2001 under Labour, Swindon Education Authority was so bad it was put under central Government control. Today under the Conservatives, it is back in our local control and Government Inspectors RSM Robson Rhodes say, "Education Services have improved, achievements include a reduction in the number of schools in formal categories of concern." In addition we are opening 5 new schools in September 2006.



Recycling

With your help, recycling is proving a great success in Swindon. The Conservatives have extended kerb side recycling and provided additional recycling banks throughout Swindon. Not only does recycling help the environment but it saves your Council £millions in landfill tax, keeping Council Tax down.



Improving Leisure Facilities

The Conservatives are bringing forward plans to replace or modernise the Oasis and Link Centres and deliver much-needed improvements after years of neglect under the previous Labour Council.



Graffiti

The Conservatives launched a free graffiti removal van that has made a real difference in its first year of operation. Everything must be done to clear graffiti because if it is left unchecked it encourages more.

