

Parks Matters



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In Touch With You, On Your Side, Tackling the Issues You Care About

Dear Friend,

New Labour
for Britain

We all still remember the 18 years of Tory waste when unemployment reached 3 million, interest rates were at 15 per cent, and crime doubled.

Locally the Tories are repeating the failures of the 1990's - cutting jobs and services while our rubbish goes uncollected. The Tory shambles over our rubbish collections could cost Swindon £2.5 million in 2012, the equivalent of a 5 per cent increase in Council Tax.

Labour has worked hard to make your life better. The priorities of Britain's families are our priorities - education, the NHS, cutting crime, affordable housing and a strong economy. We work hard all year round in Parks to tackle your priorities.

1. **Anti social behaviour:** we have delivered a dedicated neighbourhood police team. If elected we will deliver CCTV cameras in every anti social behaviour hot spot.
2. **Youth facilities:** we are campaigning for a dedicated Youth Centre for Parks. If elected we will establish a multi use games area within half a mile of all residential areas.
3. **Transport:** Labour has provided free bus passes to the over 60's. If elected we will deliver half fares for all children and develop new European style integrated transport vision for Swindon.
4. **My Community:** Labour will tackle potholes, improve drainage to protect against floods and provide new street lighting so residents feel safe in their communities.
5. **Affordable Housing:** In Swindon the Tories have failed to hit their own targets. If elected Labour would set a 'Swindon Standard' of 40% affordable homes for all new developments.

If you have any problems please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We are very proud to serve you.

Vote Labour on 1st May.

Mark Dempsey

Steve Allsopp

Fay Howard



Youth Facilities



New Youth Centre for Parks and establish a multi use games area within half a mile of all residential areas

My Community



Tackle potholes, improve drainage to tackle floods and new street lighting

Affordable Homes



40% affordable homes for all new developments

Anti Social Behaviour



Direct CCTV cameras in every anti social behaviour hot spot

Recycling



An introduction weekly selective bin waste collection service, and free recycling scheme for schools

Transport



Half fares for all children on all buses, and investigate feasibility of a new light transport system

You have
two votes
on May
1st

ALLSOPP, Steve

DEMPSEY, Mark



Elections 2008: Vote for **Mark** and **Steve** on May 1st.



Labour – working all year round for Parks

Fay Meets Ben Bradshaw, Health Minister as Labour's NHS Celebrates its 60th Anniversary

Remember when the Tories talked about privatising the NHS? Labour is proud of our health service. Fay met Health Minister Ben Bradshaw to show him around the local health services in Parks and celebrate the NHS's achievements since 1997.



- Waiting lists are at the lowest level since records began.
- The maximum wait on the in-patient list is down from 18 months to six months.
- Cancer deaths have been cut by an estimated 50,000 since 1996; heart disease deaths by 150,000;
- We have over 5,000 more GPs than in 1997.
- 32,000 more doctors.

Mark Meets Caroline Flint, Planning Minister, on Affordable Housing

Nationally Labour has promised to tackle Britain's chronic shortage of affordable housing by building 3 million new homes by 2020.

Mark says: 'In Swindon the Tories have failed every year to meet the affordable housing targets they have set themselves.'

Labour Action: Labour will rip up their plans and introduce a new bold standard of 40% affordable homes for all new developments.



Fay's Update on Road Repairs and Pot Holes in Parks

Last time we asked: is Duverton Avenue the worst pothole ridden road in Parks?



Thank you to all who contacted us in response. We now have details of potholes in Leighton Avenue, Purley Avenue, Heriton Road, Whitbourne Avenue, Midhurst Avenue, Kingswood Avenue. We have been to look at them all but still think Duverton to be the most potholed and uneven.

There's been progress though as Duverton's potholes have been marked, so hopefully that means they'll be filled sometime soon

Labour Action: Tackle potholes, improve drainage to tackle floods and provide new street lighting

Tories Still Nasty Party

1. The Tories would cut public services by £21 billion, the equivalent of 600,000 nurses or 525,000 teachers.
2. Locally the Tories have cut the Youth Service, the Dial a Ride Scheme, and taken away discount bus fares for children.
3. The Tories have threatened libraries with cuts.
4. Tories attacked Councillor Barrie Thompson who is retiring through ill health.
5. Tories plan to cut the Sure Start programme by £200 million per year.



Elections 2008: Vote for **Mark and Steve** on May 1st

Mark celebrates Budget Boost: Big Increase to Winter Fuel Payments and Child Benefit

Anna McGuire, Minister for Disabled People, recently visited Parks. Anna visited the Shop and the Parks Advice Point. Mark highlighted the need for more action to help older people. In this years budget Labour has:

- Increased the winter fuel payment to £290 for 60s and over, up from just £20 under the Tories.
- Increased the winter fuel payment to £400 for 80s and over.
- Increased Child Benefit to £20 week.



Steve and Mark Want Your Views on a New Youth Centre for Parks



Fig. Steve and Mark have been keeping a close watch on the redevelopment of Cavendish Square. The project is due to be completed in 2009.

We would like your views on whether more facilities are needed in Cavendish Square for young people. Contact us and tell us what you think?

Labour's Parks Team

Mark Dempsey

Mark, aged 32, is an environmental expert who has advised Government, MPs, businesses and local authorities.

Mark says: "I have the energy and enthusiasm to stand up for the residents of Parks, to improve facilities for the young and tackle crime and anti social behaviour."

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Cllr Steve Allopp

Steve is Parks born and raised and has been a Councillor since 1978.

Steve says: "I want to improve sports, recreation and community facilities and continue to ensure the people of Parks have representatives working for them all year round."

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Cllr Fay Howard

Fay works as a Nurse at GWH, and as a relief warden for an elderly persons estate.

Fay says: "Mark and Steve are working extremely hard for the people of the Parks, in contrast to the Tories who just turn up at election time."

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Have Your Say!

Mark, Fay and Steve want to hear what you have to say about the issues which are important to you.

- I want more facilities for young people including a dedicated Youth Centre for Parks
- I call for a referendum to restore weekly waste collections.
- I want stronger measures to tackle anti social behaviour such as neighbourhood police and CCTV
- I want more money spent on My Community including repairing roads, paths and drainage

What is the most important issue in Parks?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Tel No: _____

I am a Labour Supporter

I would like to join the Labour Party

Send no Labour Party may contact you using the details you have supplied. If you do not wish to receive information please tick this box.

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