

A Message from your Independent Councillor

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WOULD YOU BELIEVE THEM!

Did you receive your copy of 'Labour News', what a load of old TOSH

- **Fact** - £900,000 spent on the Haughton estate is a **NATIONAL SCHEME**
- **Fact** - £1 million spent on the Fellgate MUGA is a **NATIONAL SCHEME**. Ask the question who is actually using it? Not the kids on the estate at **£25.00 an hour** - they can't afford it.
- **Fact** - over £68,000 for UPVC Doors is an agreed **NATIONAL SCHEME**
- **Fact** - over £18,000 for Road Safety - 20 mph ZONES - no one prosecuted in the first **6 Months**. No one wants to take responsibility for them.
- **Fact** - over £100,000 spent on new lighting is a **NATIONAL AGREED SCHEME**. This is a 25 year national **Private Finance Initiative**.

THEY WANT YOU TO THINK IT IS ALL THEIR OWN WORK!

- £20,000 to improve drainage in the Hollows - this is after years of neglect.
- **Fact** - this is one of my favourites - £35,000 for garden walls in Roman Road. Something I have been fighting for since I was elected and it was brought to my attention that Residents have been waiting over two years.
- **Don't suffer Anti-social Behaviour - Together we'll crack it!**
At a recent meeting of the Police Community forum at Hedworth Community Centre, we were told by a leading Labour Councillor "**We live in the safest place in the North East**". As you can imagine this was met by hoots of laughter.

The worst complaint from Residents is ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.

Labour is trying to convince you, the people, that they are tackling it!

YOUR INDEPENDENT COUNCILLOR, ALONG WITH THE RESIDENTS, WANTS TO SEE MORE POLICE ON THE BEAT. ESPECIALLY AT KNOWN HOT SPOTS, WORKING WHEN THE CULPRITS ARE IN EVIDENCE CAUSING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.

*Remember your Labour Councillors now do 3 weekly surgeries - this is since we (the electorate and I) removed one of them from office. They are running scared and fear of losing their **high paid jobs**. I hold two surgeries a month, because as you the people know, I go out and engage with the residents meeting people **all year round not just at election time unlike them**.*

A FEW PROPER FACTS & FIGURES

- **Not invented like your Labour spin doctors!**
- Is our Labour leader and ward councillor really worth **£30,782.00** (that's nearly £600 per week)
- Is your Labour councillor for the ward really worth **£15,391**

ON TOP OF THESE EXCESSIVE PAYMENTS THERE ARE ALSO THE HIGHLY PAID OUTSIDE BODIES, REMUNERATION FOR WHICH WE CAN'T SEEM TO FIND ANY FIGURES I WONDER WHY? - OPENNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY - REALLY!!

- Remember one has been on the gravy train for **20 years (ten as leader)**
- The other for **7 years**
- Ask yourself has our ward of Fellgate & Hedworth really seen any improvements in that time?
- Did you know that South Tyneside Council received **8 million pounds** from Newcastle Airport Authority as a major shareholder and refused to spend any in keeping your council tax down?
- **These are the same Labour councillors that spend £2.5 million (£6,000 per day) on consultants to tell us how to make major decisions. What are the Executive Directors who are on mega salaries supposed to be doing?**
- Your Labour leader has seen fit to exclude me from serving on the management committees of local bodies - the reason, he knows I speak out when I don't agree, and he hates being challenged.
- **How did your remaining Labour Councillors vote over the Fellgate Green Belt? - They sold you down the river.**
- **By voting for another Independent in your ward you are opening up a whole new era, which means we can start to correct the massive neglect that has happened for many years through complacency by the ruling group.**

Never mind CPA charts let's get the bread and butter issues sorted; Anti-social behaviour, dirty streets, pot holes, broken pavements, broken street lights, bus services for the people not just for profit, more facilities for children and youths. Parking on grass verges - turned into residents parking instead of a muddy mess.