

Community Voice

Prudhoe Labour News



Christmas has come early this year for families in need, thanks to Angie

Angie Scott, Labour Party Member and Prudhoe Town Councillor has been inundated with donations from the community following an appeal for Christmas gifts to support families who she feared would struggle this year.

She said: "I've struggled myself at times when my kids were young and my husband wasn't working."

"I had my parents to turn to, but I would hate for somebody to be in that situation and have nobody to go to, to not even be able to give your children something at Christmas."

"I think 'do I go and buy presents and miss a bill?' That's my concern, that people will get behind."

"I've got absolutely loads of presents now and can't take anymore, so thank you so much everyone and Merry Christmas"



'Carry On Conservatives' at County Hall!

You will no doubt have followed the continuing saga that has engulfed the County Council this summer, following whistleblowing by the Chief Executive, Daljit Lally. Ms Lally was placed on extended leave by the then Leader of the Conservative run Council, who himself was subsequently removed as Leader after a vote of no confidence.

Daljit Lally has now been reinstated but the Conservative-led Council continues to be in a chaotic state politically and it is only the dedication and hard work of officers and staff that is getting us through the unprecedented situation with COVID19.

Susan Dungworth, leader of the Labour Group in the County Council, said "The Labour Group on the County Council is extremely concerned at the inclusion of people in the new leader's cabinet who are caught up in the allegations and worried about the independence of the investigations into these. We continue to press for assurance on your behalf that these are being conducted in a transparent manner."

Good News from the Community

Local Labour Party member, Jonathan Wheeler, has praised the dedication of volunteers who have spent the last few years lovingly renovating the 150-year-old cemetery of St Mary Magdalene Church in Prudhoe.

"I have only been lending a hand the last few months but I am so impressed by what they have achieved since they started the renovation – thank you so much Len, Ed, Ray, and the rest of the volunteers for all the hard work you've put into bringing the space back to its former glory as valued community asset".

The Cemetery can be found next to Prudhoe West academy, and the gates are permanently open for visitors. Residents are encouraged to visit on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10.00 and 12.00, when the volunteers would be only too happy to answer their questions about the site, their work, and the research they have done on the individuals interred at the cemetery.

Jonathan believes "the best places to live are places with the strongest sense of community and that is definitely Prudhoe – I am so glad for the opportunity to contribute to this project and look forward to discovering other ways I can help out around town".



Do you have a concern? Labour Town Councillors are here to help you!

Are there issues in your local area that Prudhoe Town council should deal with?

Contact one of the Labour Town Councillors and we'll see that the issue is raised at the Town Council meeting.

Labour Town councillors include: Duncan Couchman, Jennifer McGee, Angie Scott, Carol Stephenson, Ignasious Varghese and Glenn Simpson.

Write to us: c/o Prudhoe Town Council at the Spetchells Centre, Front Street, Prudhoe.

Write, phone or e-mail directly; all details are on the Prudhoe Town Council website:
<https://www.prudhoetowncouncil.gov.uk/t-councillors/>

"You never, ever give up the chance to change things, ever, no matter how hard it is. If you're elected, and have got the opportunity to make a difference, you take it."

– Angela Rayner, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party

Jamie Driscoll, North of Tyne Mayor invests in the Local Economy

Jamie's vision of the region is one of a dynamic and more inclusive economy, one that brings together people and opportunities to create vibrant communities and a high quality of life, narrowing inequalities and ensuring that all residents have a stake in our region's future.

Jobs and Skills

Jamie's job is to provide the most sustainable future he can. That means good, permanent jobs, and better education and training opportunities for our people.

- **£12 million** for full-fibre broadband into Northumberland, including Prudhoe and Bywell.
- **£23 million** a year into skills funding, so our people can get better jobs.
- **£2.6 million** into the Newcastle United Foundation's youth outreach work across the whole North of Tyne including Prudhoe.



Greening Industry



- **£37 million** into a Green New Deal to get offshore renewable industries along the Tyne and Blyth buzzing.
- **£2 million** to retrain workers from fossil fuel industries into low-carbon jobs so no one gets left behind.
- **£10 million** to boost local low carbon businesses. Including a solution for people to heat their homes in a cheaper, more sustainable way.
- **£24 million** into developing housing on brownfield sites, creating more affordable homes, keeping the greenbelt green, and creating jobs.

Find more information here: <https://www.northoftyne-ca.gov.uk/the-mayor/your-north-of-tyne-mayor/>

Get involved

Are you itching to do something in your community and affect real change – if so we can help! Here are a few ways to get involved with Prudhoe and District Labour Party Branch:

1. Send us your 'Good News' stories. Tell us about community news that will make people smile.
2. Join the Labour Party and attend our friendly on-line zoom meetings—<https://join.labour.org.uk/> and email: prudhoelabour@gmail.com
3. If you are a Labour Party member or supporter; help us to deliver our 'Community Voice' Newsletter in the local area.
4. Follow us on Facebook. www.facebook.com/prudhoeanddistrict.labourgrou

We are ready for the May 2021 elections, are you?

Local elections take place in May 2021 for both Town and County Councillors – We are ready to stand for and with the community to bring about the changes urgently needed to improve the lives of people in our community. Even in these uncertain times, there is more that can be done and we are ready to listen and fight for what matters to you and your family.

Postal Votes

Applying to vote by post is easy! Contact the Elections Team at County Hall on 01670 624811 or email: elections@northumberland.gov.uk



Join Young Labour

At Young Labour we discuss the big issues that matter to young people - Coronavirus, the environment, education, transport, jobs - just a handful of issues that are at the forefront of political discussion at the moment.

We actively campaign for a fair and equal education system; better workers rights for young people and an end to zero hours contracts.

Young people are a big part of society but a lot of the time it feels like our views are overlooked - Make your voice heard and join us for a meeting - chance to chat, debate the issues you care about and make friends!

If you'd like to get involved, or want more information, contact Hexham Constituency Labour Party's Youth Officer Holly Waddell or assistant Youth Officer Joseph White:

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