

# Newport Labour Herald



The Voice of Newport's Labour Team



Cllr. Bob Bright, Jessica Morden MP, Andrew Davies AM, Cllr. Christine Jenkins and John Griffiths AM

## A city with a spring in its step

Newport is getting ready for one of the greatest chapters in its history.

With your support we can build a city that our children and grandchildren can be proud of.

This isn't the time to be changing the winning team.

Labour   
 Llafur

# NEWPORT - A CITY OF THE FUTURE UNDER LABOUR

**Newport may not be Wales' biggest city but it punches well above its weight, thanks to first class management under Labour.**

A £2 billion regeneration programme is well under way, and Newport is now recognised by leading experts as the seventh biggest growth area in the UK.

Labour's vision for Newport however isn't just about shopping malls and office blocks. It's also about good housekeeping and caring for those who live and work here. That isn't an idle boast Most independent bodies agree.

- Our council tax is one of the lowest in England and Wales
- Our recycling record is superb
- Our finances and services are consistently praised
- We are the UK's Greenest City
- We are the best Local Education Authority in Wales.
- We have one of the fastest growing workforces in Wales with 6,370 new jobs since 2003 and another 5,539 in the pipeline
- Our road investment and improvement programme is considerably better than Cardiff or Swansea.

### WARNING!

Liberal Democrats, often backed by the Tories, have a shocking record.

- In Cardiff they bungled school reorganisation and their budget is in a mess - as it is in Swansea
- In Bridgend they've been spending less on primary school pupils than anywhere else in Wales
- In Wrexham they refused to increase spending on vital education programmes

**Don't let an untried and untested opposition do that to us here!**

# Elect us again on 1 May and life in Newport will get even better!



Newport City: Jumping in July

## What others say about us

- “A city at the forefront of the new Welsh economy” (BBC Radio Wales)
- “At the heart of this exciting period of change is Newport City Council, and a pledge to make Newport a better place in which to live, work and visit for all.” (Western Mail)
- “Only a handful of UK cities outside the South East will deliver robust and economic growth. These include. . . Edinburgh, Newport, Bradford, Leeds, Northampton and Nottingham.” (Experian Business Strategies)
- “In 2006/7 the council had robust arrangements in place to support the achievement of its responsibility to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.” (Wales Audit Office)

## If You Want To:

- **know more about our plans**
  - **join the Labour Party, or help us during the election**
  - **tell us about your ideas**
- Contact: 277910**

**OUR £2bn regeneration programme will allow Newport to take its place confidently in the world as a 21st century city.**

As the UK's greenest city (World Wildlife Fund survey) we will continue to lead the field. We'll improve our 38% recycling record year by year and we aim to become a plastic bag free city.

We are already cracking down on anti-social behaviour, litter and graffiti and we'll do even more over the next four years - with more wardens and a special £0.9m scheme.

We are building three new secondary schools and several primary schools, and we are determined to stay at the top of the class with our school inspection and exam results.

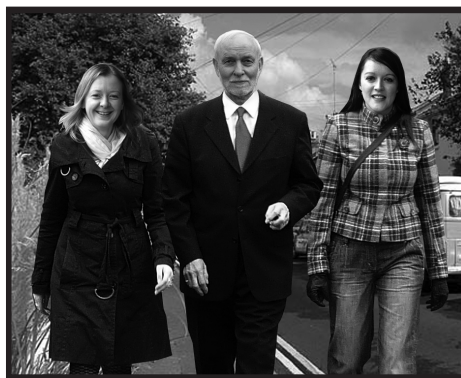
The Local Government Data Unit recently highlighted

our year on year improvement in the delivery of services, and the Wales Audit Office said: “For a city the size of Newport... it is a great achievement to set one of the lowest council taxes in Wales.” We are determined to maintain our good record.

We have great plans for housing. Along with a successful hand over to a new social housing association, we are spending £300m on improvements. And for those who want to get onto the private housing ladder, 23% of new private developments in Newport will have to be affordable for first time buyers under an agreement with the Council.

We will spend an extra £1m on social services for the elderly and others, including new extra care schemes and luncheon clubs.

## A showcase city, where it'll be great to work, rest and play



Labour activists Jayne Bryant and Victoria Colley-Wall with Cllr. Bob Bright

The next few years will see a new £220m shopping complex at Friars Walk that will include M&S and Debenhams, a new hotel, restaurants, 250 apartments and a redesigned railway station.

Recently the new Newport University building started on the riverside near the Millennium Bridge.

## The eyes of the world will be on us in 2010

**THE Ryder Cup will be good for us** and we'll be good for the Ryder Cup. We are playing a major part in bringing it here. So what will the world make of Newport? Apart from a brand new City Centre and university campus, our economic success - with new jobs at Quinn Radiators, Yell, HM Prison Service, Picture Financial, EADS and others - will be obvious. Further investment will follow. Visitors will see our new railway station, museum, roads, housing, and sports facilities. Rodney Parade will be transformed as a sports complex, the International Sports village could become an Olympic training camp and local people will also benefit from new playing fields, upgraded recreational areas and parks. **Labour is delivering.**