



News from your Leyton Labour Action Team. Summer 2006

## Thank you! Labour won in Leyton



### Great night for Labour in Waltham Forest

Against all the predictions and the national trend, Labour only lost one seat in Waltham Forest in the local elections and is the largest party in Waltham Forest. Voters recognise the improvements that Labour Leader Clyde Loakes and the Labour councillors have been working on. Gaining seats from the LibDems in wards like Leyton and Grove Green was impressive. Unfortunately, we only took one of the Leyton seats from the LibDems. Nicholas Russell and Simon Wright will continue to work hard for this area alongside Miranda as part of the Labour Action Team, fighting to change Leyton.

### Miranda Grell: first Labour councillor for 12 years

On 4 May, **Miranda Grell** was elected as Labour councillor for Leyton. She is the first Labour councillor for 12 years in this ward. We would like to thank everyone who voted to change Leyton. Miranda will now work hard to represent Leyton and to

bring the improvements that this area badly needs. Miranda said: "I am very honoured to have been elected. Leyton faces huge challenges and Labour will help Leyton to improve. I will work very hard to get the best for Leyton."

**Only Labour wants the best for Leyton**

# Team Labour: vision for Leyton's future



Leyton, the ward in which we live, faces many challenges. We have the highest rate of unemployment in the Borough, the highest rate of teenage pregnancy, the highest rate of infant mortality and the most overcrowded housing in Waltham Forest. These are serious problems that require serious solutions. I was born

in Leyton and have lived here all my life. I am totally passionate about our ward and would never have stood anywhere else in the local elections. I stood here because we have a thriving community on our roads, streets and estates. I stood here because we are the youngest ward in the Borough, with half of all our residents under thirty years of age. I stood here because I love the fact that we speak 180 languages and come from over 100 countries. I stood here because with the preparations for the Olympics right on our

doorstep - coupled with massive financial investment by the Labour government in the poorest areas of East London - we now have the opportunity to transform Leyton for generations.

With your help and support, I will continue to campaign vigorously for our area over the next four years. I want to make sure that your voices really get heard.

I will work constructively with Clyde Loakes, our Labour council leader; Harry Cohen, our local Labour MP; Ken Livingstone, our Labour Mayor; and also with our Labour government.

Team Labour will ensure that Leyton ward is no longer ignored. We thank you all again for your support.

**Cllr Miranda Grell**

## You can get involved too

Coronation Gardens has already had a much needed investment and is now very beautiful again. We are starting a "Friends" group, to make sure that the park gets local support and that residents influence the way it is run. Friends Groups are very successful in other areas. If you want to be involved, get in touch.

**CALLING ALL BUSINESSES!**  
Do you own a business in Leyton ward or have a good business idea that would benefit from more support? One of Labour's greatest priorities is to develop local businesses - especially our small businesses - and make sure they have a greater say in the local decisions affecting

them - after all no local businesses, no local jobs. Leytonstone's Business Forum is really punching its weight and we see no reason why Leyton businesses shouldn't do the same. Please get in touch if you would be interested in finding out more about our plans to support local businesses.

**Report street problems 020 8496 3000**

# Message from Clyde Loakes, Council Leader

As the Leader of the Waltham Forest Labour Group, I'm delighted that we bucked the trend and Leyton entrusted us with new councillors who will work for you. I've worked closely with Miranda Grell and know how tirelessly she's campaigned to gain your trust. I'm looking forward to listening to her, and you as local residents, to make sure that the Council and Team Labour deliver more of what Leyton needs. Throughout the campaign you've told us what your priorities are. We're determined to implement the promises that you've elected us to keep

**A cleaner, greener Borough**  
With more street cleaning in

our town centres and shops, tougher penalties against those who flytip, graffiti and drop litter, more recycling and 'beat sweeps'.

### **A safer Borough**

Expanded Safer Neighbourhood Police teams and street wardens that enforce penalties, regulation of houses in multiple occupation and more 20mph zones in residential areas

### **A healthier, active Borough**

£500,000 extra for our Youth Service to benefit local young people. Two hours of school sport every week, cheaper access to more leisure facilities for young and old and all schools refurbished or rebuilt and offering 'Extended hours' by 2010.



I know that this is just the first of regular newsletters from your local Labour Team. Please keep in touch – tell us how your local Labour Team is delivering for you. Miranda and I look forward to hearing from you. Best wishes.  
**Clyde**

## BRATTS go to the Houses of Parliament

One of the campaigns I am proud to be supporting is the fight by BRATSS, the Beaumont Residents and Tenants Summer Scheme, to save their summer scheme. Over the last 3 years, this scheme has served over 800 Beaumont estate families, many of whom would not have been able to afford expensive trips and activities during the school holidays. I will be helping the group in their battle for funding.



**Labour: fighting for change, not moaning**

# Labour working hard in your street

**ENVIRONMENT:** Residents of **Skeltons Lane** will be pleased to know that Labour is pushing for a proper clean-up. For years we have been plagued by dust, pigeon mess and rubbish. Miranda is seeking a meeting with the council's new head of street services.

**HOUSING:** Prior to the May election, Miranda and Simon Wright held a very constructive meeting with representatives of **Forest Homes**. We have asked them to urgently improve lighting around the **Beaumont Estate** and improve signage. We also relayed to them concerns of

residents from the **Grange Estate** and **Thornhill Gardens** who have experienced a worrying rise in incidents of anti-social behaviour. Residents of **Villiers Close** will be pleased to know that Forest Homes is now starting plans for refurbishment.

**PARKING:** Following discussions with many of you living in **Adelaide, York, Maud, Alexandra, Ruckholt, Dunnedin, Lyttelton, Osborne** and **Balmoral Roads**, Miranda will be asking council officers to explore options on improving residents' parking.

**TRAFFIC:** Miranda has also taken up requests to get better one-way signage in **York Rd** and **Maud Rd** and is also consulting residents of **Sophia Rd** on how we can improve through traffic between **Sophia Rd** and **Clyde Place**. **Etloe Rd, Simonds Rd, Wiseman Rd** and **Wilmot Rd** are also experiencing problems with heavy lorries.

**STREET CLEANING:** Miranda will be keeping a beady eye on dog walkers in **Radlix Rd** and the St Mary's Church path next to **Crescent Rd** to make sure that they scoop up their pet's mess!

## Team Labour: working hard for Leyton

Leyton residents now have the opportunity to see a Labour councillor every Saturday at a choice of venues:

- Plum Tree Centre, Leyton High Rd (next to Tesco, Bakers Arms) 10am - 12noon
- CLASS Education Centre, Leyton Mills (next to Asda) 11am - 12.30pm.

As well as these, you can write to **Cllr Miranda Grell**, call her or email her about any problem you need help with. She will also continue to visit any resident who needs this if this is more convenient. Just get in touch to arrange a day and time that suits you and she'll be right over! You can write to Cllr Miranda Grell at Waltham Forest Council, Forest Road, London E17 4JF or 9 Lyttelton Rd, Leyton E10 5NQ.

### Cllr Miranda Grell

Miranda will work tirelessly for the people of Leyton where she has lived all her life. Call her on: 07957 396321

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