

Changing Places Toilet opens in Buxton

High Peak's Pavilion Gardens now has its own Changing Places toilet - thanks a £50k investment from Labour-led High Peak Borough Council.

Plans are now in hand for a second Changing Places toilet at Glossop North End's ground.

Executive Councillor Fiona Sloman (*left*) said: "I am delighted that we have been able to provide this much needed facility, which will benefit local residents and visitors."

Changing Places toilets allow people regardless of their access needs or disability or reliance on the assistance of carers or specialist equipment, to use a toilet facility.

It is only the second of its kind in High Peak – and one of only 1689 registered in the UK.



Families demand more places

High Peak families are desperate to know why their children are not being offered places at Alderbrook learning disability centre.

Local councillor, Ruth George said: "Only 11 people are allowed to attend part-time, compared to 83 previously. Yet families have told me they are desperate for places at Alderbrook as there is very little alternative provision locally.

"I've asked the Council to open up more places at Alderbrook as the staff have so much to offer and it's much needed.

"Tory run Derbyshire County Council has already decided to close care home like Goyt Valley House in New Mills - now it's consulting on closure plans for learning disability centres. I know Alderbrook is not on that closure list, but it's no wonder parents and staff are worried about its future."



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Labour High Peak - helping you through the cost-of-living crisis

Labour-led High Peak Borough Council is taking practical action to help hard-pressed residents through the cost-of-living crisis, especially rising energy costs.

For example setting up fuel banks to help people on pre-payment meters by providing vouchers toward the costs and gas and electric, along with follow up support. Local groups G52, RoFA and Zink, have already created fuel banks covering Gamesley, Fairfield and Buxton.

Now the council is working with other community and voluntary groups to extend fuel banks to all areas of the borough.

Councillors are also working to find ways to support people on direct debit payments and to help new tenants.

Labour's Leader of the Council Anthony Mckeown said: "By supporting and working in partnership with local groups, we hope to be able to provide some practical support to tackling the cost-of-living crisis".

Earlier this year Labour councillors decided to keep the council tax rise down to less than 10p a week; while council house rents went up by only 1.6%.

Tell us of how you are affected by the cost-of-living crisis by completing and returning the short survey on the back page.

True Blue?

High Peak's allegedly independent minded Conservative MP Robert Largan has been unusually quiet recently.

Despite being asked several times whether he voted to save discredited Prime Minister Boris Johnson or not, the usually loquacious MP seems lost for words.

Given his silence we can only assume that he's trying to hide the fact that he did indeed vote to save the PM's skin.

High Peak Leader's column



With, hopefully, some warmer, drier days ahead over the summer, now is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy our wonderful High Peak countryside.

It's also a great way to keep fit – that's why High Peak Borough Council is working with voluntary sector groups such as High Peak CVS, Zink and The Bureau, to develop a network of walks led and managed by local people and community groups.

The weather is also a reminder that we all need to make an effort to tackle the effects of climate change. That's why we have launched our Community Climate Change Fund to give grants of up to £500 to community-based organisations taking measures which will help to deliver the Council's climate change strategies.

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