

## News from your Labour team

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in Chapel and the Hope Valley

# Cost of living cuts hurt us all



James Lambert -  
your local  
Labour organiser

*We are as concerned as you probably are, about the rising costs of many of the things we buy these days, writes Labour's local organiser James Lambert.*

"Every time we go to the shops these days or receive a bill to pay for our electricity, gas, mortgage etc. things cost more and more; leaving us to choose what we can afford or not this week.

"Living in a rural area, as we do, and with many of us not having any easily available public transport close by, the costs of petrol and diesel available at our local petrol stations becomes critical.

"Why is petrol at our local Morrisons and Tesco filling stations up to 5p to 6p per litre more than at other stores - some not very far from us here in the Chapel, Whaley Bridge, Dove Holes, Hope and Castleton?"

"How can there be a good solid reason for this except to say that these companies are making more money from us because they have a monopoly in our local areas, and they can charge what they like for their goods.

"This isn't fair. Tell us what you think by completing the survey on the back page.

"Let's hope with our voices together, we can make changes for the better."

## Covid memorial trees planted

Every community has felt the impact of Covid and our Labour led borough council was keen to provide a lasting legacy to commemorate the many ways in which people were affected by the pandemic.

Planted during National Tree Week the oak trees were all marked with a plaque of dedication in in: **Chapel Memorial Park, Hope Cemetery and Peak Dale Memorial Gardens.**

Councillor Damien Greenhalgh, Labour's Deputy Leader said: "I hope these trees will become a focal point of remembrance for communities across the Borough and that these special places offer solace in the months and years to come."



Cllr Fiona Sloman dedicates the Covid memorial tree on The Slopes, Buxton

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# Platinum Jubilee fund to support High Peak celebrations

Labour led High Peak Borough Council has created a £20,000 pot to help local communities to organise their own events and celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Councillor Anthony McKeown, Leader of the Council, said: "After last couple of years, we want to support local communities and groups in organising event to recognise this significant and historic milestone of selfless public service which the Queen has achieved.

"We hope this grant funding will help communities across the High Peak to plan their own summer celebrations." For further information, including an application form, check out the council's website:

[www.highpeak.gov.uk/PlatinumJubilee](http://www.highpeak.gov.uk/PlatinumJubilee)

# Changing Places



*Buxton's Pavilion Gardens will soon have its own Changing Places toilet - thanks a £50k investment from Labour-led High Peak Borough Council.*

*Executive Councillor Fiona Sloman 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.*

*The Labour-led council is also investing in a Changing Places toilet at Glossop North End's ground.*

## How is the cost of living crisis hitting you?

Which of your household bills has gone up the most? Please number 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest)

Food  Gas  Electric  Phone  Other (please state).....

What one thing could the government do to improve life for your family? .....

I want a postal vote, please send me a form.

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