

Cost of living crisis - heating or eating?

Glossopdale families are being forced to use foodbanks as food, fuel and housing costs rise and as inflation hits 9.1%, and energy prices rocket, many families now face a choice between eating or heating.

Glossop and Hadfield's Labour councillors work closely with local charities to provide extra support to help families with fuel costs and made sure that High Peak council housing rents remain low.

Unlike, our Conservative MP who voted against plans to extend free school meals and whose government has just rejected plans to extend free school meals to all families on Universal Credit.

In Derbyshire NHS figures show that 318 cases of malnutrition were diagnosed along with three cases of scurvy caused by poor diet.

Leading national foodbank charity, the Trussell Trust reports that 2.1 million parcels were provided for people facing hardship between April 2021 and March 2022 – 830,000 of these were for children. An increase of more than 80% in five years!

Right: Gill and Ollie Cross, who help out at Bellies not Bins in Hadfield, say: "Demand is starting to creep up again."



Glossopdale Foodbank provided 47,844 meals to over 3,445 adults and 1,871 children during 2021; with on average 200 referrals a month.

Stuart Coles, from **People of Whitfield** which runs Whitfield and Glossop Foodclub, says need for the club is building again. It has 150 members and also delivers food parcels to housebound families.

G52 runs a community pantry in Gamesley. As well as the pantry it provides a range of other services including hot meals, and resident support workers.

Hadfield's **Bellies not Bins** is a food recycling project which provides 70-85 food parcels a week.

Your Glossopdale Labour councillors

High Peak Borough Council

Gamesley: Anthony E. McKeown

Hadfield: North: Ed Kelly

Hadfield South: Bob McKeown & Edward Siddall

Howard Town: Damien Greenhalgh & Rachel Abbotts

Padfield: Ollie Cross

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Wildlife boost

Bees, butterflies and wildlife got a much-needed boost from Labour-led High Peak borough council in May, as mowing was suspended on Roughfields in Hadfield and Spring Street in Glossop.

It is the first time the council has joined the #NoMow May campaign – and it will be assessing the results with the aim of leaving more sites unmown next year.

Jean Todd, the Labour’s lead councillor for Climate Change, Environment and Community Safety, said: "Pollinators such as bees and butterflies play a vital role in spreading pollen which encourages the growth of a wide diversity of plants, flowers and foods including fruit, nuts and vegetables.

"Nature recovery is central to our plans for tackling the climate emergency so I'm delighted that we joined the #NoMowMay campaign this year."

Hadfield pump track praised



Cllr Damien Greenhalgh: delighted with the success of Hadfield's new pump track at the Bankswood Park .

Hadfield ‘s new £85,000 pump track has been a roaring success – thanks to a winning combination made up of your Labour council working closely with local community groups.

Labour’s lead councillor for leisure Damien Greenhalgh said: “I am absolutely thrilled to see so many youngsters using the park already. It was great to work with the local cycling club and the wider community on the plans to make sure it met local needs.

“We are now keen to work with other groups across the borough to increase local opportunities for people to take part in outdoor activities.”

Councillor initiative funding pot

Every Councillor on High Peak Borough Council gets a pot of £1000 to support community initiatives and groups working to improve things in your local area.

Past initiatives supported by the fund include everything from supporting youth groups, to buying litter pickers, signs on footpaths and events like the Glossop Victorian Weekend.

Contact your local councillor for more information.

How is the cost of living crisis hitting you?

Which of your household bills has gone up the most?

Please number 1 (highest) to 4 (lowest)

Food Gas Electric

Other (please state).....

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