High Peak Labour Rose

Autumn Edition

Giving every child the best start in life

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Giving children the best start in life is the top priority for your local MP Jon Pearce and this Labour Government. Every child deserves the chance to thrive – wherever they grow up, whatever their background.

Childcare that works for families

Labour has doubled funded childcare from 15 to 30 hours for under-twos, cutting costs and helping parents balance work and family life.

Hungry minds, not hungry bellies

Three High Peak primary schools were among the first in the country to pilot Labour's free Breakfast Clubs, making sure every child starts the day ready to learn.

Over 300 more High Peak pupils now receive free school meals, after Labour extended eligibility to all families on means-tested benefits – helping lift 100,000 children out of poverty nationwide.

Opening up every route to success

Labour's new Youth Guarantee means every young person who has been on Universal Credit for 18 months without earning or learning will be offered a guaranteed job, training place or apprenticeship.

Labour is also setting a new ambition: by age 25, two-thirds of young people will gain higher-level skills through university, further education or a gold-standard apprenticeship; replacing the old university-only target and giving technical and vocational training the status it deserves.

Fairer fares for students

Thanks to Jon Pearce MP and East Midlands Mayor Claire Ward, High Peak students can now enjoy free bus travel to college in Greater Manchester – saving families hundreds of pounds a year.

A Labour MP and a Labour Government delivering for High Peak families.

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Labour delivers £200,000 boost for Gamesley

Gamesley is finally being put first, with real action to deliver change and improve people's lives.

Labour has secured almost £200,000 of vital investment for Gamesley, a community that has too often been left behind. Gamesley faces some of the biggest health and income challenges in the area. But it is also a strong, proud and caring community that deserves better.

This new funding, awarded by Claire Ward, the Labour Mayor, will give local people more of the services and opportunities they need.

Jon Pearce MP has worked closely with residents, councillors and the Gamesley Community Centre to make sure the area gets its fair share. The money could support youth clubs and activities for young people, help community groups run local projects, improve facilities for families and make the area safer and stronger.

This investment is proof of what happens when Labour is in power. With Labour working together at every level of government - Gamesley is finally being put first, with real action to deliver change and improve people's lives.

The NHS is only safe in Labour's hands

"The NHS is personal to me. Nearly my whole family have worked for it. I am proud to see more patients being treated and waiting lists falling. Unlike Reform, I will always defend the founding principle of the NHS: care, free at the point of use, available to all."

Labour set a target of two million extra NHS appointments this year - we delivered five million. That's five million more chances for patients to see a doctor, get tests, and receive treatment faster. The NHS has beaten its own efficiency goal, with productivity rising 2.7% last year against a 2% target.

Waiting lists are falling, delivering on our pledge to build an NHS fit for the future.

By contrast, Nigel Farage and Reform have said we should "look at an insurance-based system of health care." And at their annual conference this year, they chose to give a platform to an anti-vaxxer - someone who not only cast doubt on vaccines but even suggesting that the royal family's cancers might be linked to the Covid jab.

Reform should never be allowed to get their hands on our NHS. The NHS is only safe in Labour's hands.

Putting more money in your pocket

Six actions the government is taking to ease the cost of living:

1. **Extending the Warm Home Discount** to give thousands more local households £150 off their energy bills this winter.
2. **Expanding free school meals** to up to 3,000 more local children in households with a parent on Universal Credit.
3. **Extending the £3 bus fare cap** to stop ticket prices shooting up when the current cap ends this year.
4. **Increasing the minimum wage** with near record cash increases.
5. **Reinstating winter fuel payments** for thousands of local pensioners earning below £35,000 a year.
6. **Guaranteeing the State Pension Triple Lock** means pensioners are around £470 better off this year thanks to Labour.

Fighting for our high streets - Banking Hub delivered for Glossop

When Lloyds announced it was closing in Glossop, local people were rightly worried. Another bank gone. Another hit to our high street.

Labour MP Jon Pearce refused to let Glossop lose the banking services local people and small businesses depend on.

Jon took up the fight making the case to LINK and Cash Access UK, the organisations responsible for protecting access to cash.

That campaigning reaped its rewards. Glossop will now get a brand-new Banking Hub, opening in the New Year - and crucially, Lloyds will stay open until the Hub is ready.

The new Hub, run by the Post Office, will be open five days a week, with everyday counter services and private appointments with community bankers from Lloyds, Barclays, HSBC and NatWest. It means local people can once again speak to a real person about their money - on their high street.

This is a real win for Glossop - and proof that when we stand up for our communities we can deliver real results.

Jon will keep campaigning to make sure everyone across the High Peak has access to cash and face-to-face banking when they need it.

High Peak – proud to be part of North Derbyshire

Labour-led High Peak is proud to be joining the new North Derbyshire unitary authority – and is keen to ensure that High Peak's voice is heard loud and clear.

While the final make-up of the new council has not been confirmed, one thing is definite: **High Peak will remain in Derbyshire.**

Cllr Anthony McKeown, Labour Leader of High Peak, explained that Derbyshire is likely to be split into two unitary councils, covering the north and south of the county.

"Here in High Peak we are already seeing the benefits of better working through the Peak Partnership between the East Midlands, Greater Manchester and South Yorkshire Mayors. The new North Derbyshire unitary council will make that voice even louder."

The final plans are due to be submitted to the government at the end of November. A government consultation on the chosen option will take place in the New Year, followed by a final decision from the government in the summer of 2026.

Keep up-to-date, sign up to Jon's e-newsletter

Lisa Haythorne, senior solicitor with Derbyshire Law Centre and Cllr Sloman.

New domestic repairs advice service launches in High Peak

Tenants across High Peak can now benefit from a new domestic repairs advice service offering free advice without the fear of getting ripped off.

The new advice service is provided by Derbyshire Law Centre and funded by High Peak Borough Council. It is open to anyone renting property in High Peak with advice on everything from fixing faulty electrics and leaking pipes to carrying out vital safety checks.

Executive Councillor for Housing, Fiona Sloman, said: **"Everyone deserves to live in a safe, comfortable, well-maintained home - and most of us are lucky to do so.**

"But we know that some people who rent their homes can occasionally experience difficulties in getting issues sorted. That's why we're funding this advice service to help tenants who may need some additional support."

Landlords are still responsible for structural issues such as damp and mould; heating, water and boiler repairs; and problems with doors and windows, as well as general wear and tear.

Further details on how to access the new service are available from the Council.

MyActive celebrates Glossop gym re-opening

Local councillors Damien and Godfrey with the new kits in the revamped gym.

Glossop's much-loved leisure centre is getting the investment it deserves. Work at MyActive Glossop began in August to deliver essential structural repairs and improvements – ensuring the centre is fit for the future.

The gym has now re-opened with a fresh new look, bright décor, and brand-new cardiovascular equipment to help local people stay active and healthy. The squash courts are also fully open, with only the studio area still to be completed.

Local councillors and MyActive members Damien Greenhalgh and Godfrey Claff welcome the fantastic refurbishment of the gym and its state-of-the-art new equipment. Further improvements are planned in the coming months, inside and out, ensuring even more positive changes for customers.

It's another example of Labour investing in local services, supporting health and wellbeing, and delivering for Glossop.

Glossop Market Hall – open for business!

Glossop's iconic Glossop Market Hall is set to begin a new chapter this November following a multi-million-pound regeneration led by High Peak Borough Council.

The beautifully restored Victorian building blends its rich heritage with a modern, welcoming design to create a vibrant marketplace at the heart of the town. A fantastic line-up of businesses has already been announced, showcasing the best of local enterprise and independent retail.

Among the first to open are Forest Distillery – launching its brand-new Glossop Gin distillery on site – along with artisan deli Cured, and gelato specialists Baci Di Gelato. They'll be joined by BoxHerHQ, Hello Oriental, and B&V Doggo General Store, offering a unique mix of food, drink and shopping experiences.

Labour's Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Damien Greenhalgh, said:
"This is a real passion project for the whole team. Our vision was always for our beautifully regenerated Market Hall to become the beating heart of Glossop, offering a vibrant, welcoming space for local people and traders. It's great to see that vision now coming to life, with so many local based traders stepping forward to be part of Glossop's biggest regeneration project in decades."

This landmark investment will secure the Market Hall's future for generations to come - along with the Town Hall and Municipal Building - a true celebration of local heritage, community, and business.

Labour delivers £587k green upgrade for MyActive New Mills

Labour has secured a £587,000 investment from Sport England to deliver major energy efficiency upgrades at MyActive New Mills - cutting carbon emissions, lowering costs, and helping future-proof this much-loved community facility.

The works, which began in March, saw the installation of solar panels on the leisure centre roof and upgrades to key plant room equipment. These improvements will reduce energy use and support the council's commitment to tackling climate change.

Welcoming the investment, Labour New Mills councillors (pictured) said:

"Tackling climate change is one of the most pressing challenges we face, and we're proud to see our council leading by example. By investing in greener, more efficient technologies, we're cutting carbon emissions, saving energy costs and safeguarding a vital community facility for generations to come."

The project has been warmly welcomed by partners and the local community. As part of the celebrations, the centre has also unveiled a new pool inflatable to bring extra fun for local children and families.

This is a clear example of Labour delivering for local people, protecting the environment, supporting health and wellbeing, and investing in the future of New Mills.

What your neighbours are saying...

18,000
Constituent cases dealt with by Jon and his team

"I don't believe this would have happened without our conversations and your support and I just want to say thank you for your help."
Social Care placement

"A good result and once again thank you and your staff."
HMRC overpayment refund

"Without your willingness to take up the matter, I genuinely fear it might never have been resolved. Thanks for your support and intervention."
Pension payment delay

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