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. NHS productivity has also risen to 2.7% last year, beating its own 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 Buxton

As more and more bank branches close across the High Peak, access to cash and face-to-face banking has become a real worry for local people and small businesses. For many - especially older residents and small traders - being able to speak to someone in person isn't a luxury, it's a lifeline.

That's why Labour MP Jon Pearce has been working closely with LINK and Cash Access UK to protect local banking services. Thanks to that effort, a brand-new Banking Hub has been secured for Buxton, to be located on Spring Gardens.

Importantly, the Halifax branch will stay open until the Hub is ready, so there will be no gap in service when it closes in January 2026.

The new Hub, run by the Post Office, will offer everyday counter services for deposits and withdrawals, as well as access to community bankers from major banks throughout the week - giving people the chance to get real, in-person help and advice.

This follows the good news of a Banking Hub for Glossop - further proof that when we stand up for our towns and communities, we can deliver real results.

Jon will keep fighting to make sure every community across the High Peak can access 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.

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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.

Labour delivers new community play areas in Whaley Bridge

Local councillors Nev (left) and Jo (right) join Assistant Executive Member Cllr Rob Baker (centre).

Families and young people in Whaley Bridge had two new play areas to enjoy this summer thanks to an upgrade by the Labour-run High Peak Borough Council and local community volunteers.

The council worked with the Friends of Elnor Lane and Shallcross Park community group to design and to provide new play equipment on the sites at Elnor Lane and Mevrill Road. Whaley4Wards and other local volunteers provided new planting and landscaping to complete the new look.

Local Labour councillors Nev Clarke and Jo Taylor said: **"We love our parks. So it was great to see these new play areas being used so much by local children over the summer.**

"We'd like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Elnor Lane and Shallcross Park, W4W and to all the volunteers who worked so hard to transform these spaces for everyone. The new parks are a real asset to the community."

Revitalising Buxton: Labour delivering

The regeneration of Buxton town centre is gathering pace as plans to transform The Springs Shopping Centre evolve.

Since High Peak Borough Council purchased the site in January 2023, the Labour-led Council has been working closely with residents and developers Capital&Centric to shape a development that reflects the town's unique heritage while opening new opportunities for the future.

The plans will create new housing, public toilets, civic buildings like a museum and library, improved green spaces and a more welcoming gateway into the town centre from the railway station side of town.

The Council has already adapted the plans in response to public feedback to ensure designs complement Buxton's historic streetscape.

Key issues like parking and housing are central to the proposals. The development will retain substantial parking provision to support residents, shoppers, and visitors, while also delivering new homes - including affordable housing to help young families stay in the area.

Labour's Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Damien Greenhalgh, said:

"These plans are evolving all the time and we're keen to get public input at every stage. By opening up the River Wye and creating greener, more attractive spaces, we're celebrating what makes Buxton special and ensuring the town thrives for future generations."

This ambitious regeneration project is a key part of Labour's commitment to investing in Buxton's future - protecting its heritage while driving positive change.

Photo credit: capitalandcentric.com

Helping our communities this winter

Cllr Fiona Sloman (centre) with members of RoFA.

Fairfield's Labour councillors have clubbed together to use their community fund to help local folks over the winter months.

Councillor Fiona Sloman (centre) recently handed over a cheque to members of the Residents of Fairfield Association committee.

The donation from Cllr Sloman, and fellow Fairfield councillors Matt Taylor and Rachael Quinn will be used to help residents facing difficulty with electricity bills over Christmas.

Residents who think they may need help, should pop into the association's office at the 'Top Shops' on Victoria Park Road.

All borough councillors have a pot of money to use for community initiatives – contact your local borough councillors to find out how they can help you.

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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