



# Blackpool Labour Bloomfield News

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It's been a great honour and privilege to be re-elected recently as your MP - for the sixth time - and I want to continue my work championing people's everyday concerns as well as standing up for Blackpool's needs in Parliament and challenging Theresa May's minority Government there.

Listening and chatting with residents in Bloomfield over the election campaign, it was clear how hard people in the ward have been hit by Government cuts and the economic situation. Concerns include; funding for adult social care and the NHS, alongside delays and overcrowding at hospitals and A & E; the need to have decent places to live; for people with disabilities to have proper support not their benefits cut; worries about police numbers and funding and inadequate funding for schools and childcare. In the areas where I'm a Shadow Minister in Parliament, there are concerns that young people need better, more permanent jobs, decent training, a minimum wage, more apprenticeships and chances to retrain.



Gordon Marsden MP

Some of these issues I raise week by week in Parliament. Others come to me and my office via local casework, and when people see and talk to us. Alongside your Bloomfield Councillors, Graham Cain and Jim Hobson, we're all working to encourage good, new local businesses and decent housing.



### Improving Safety and Security

Alley gates, when used effectively by residents, can be an effective deterrent against problems such as fly tipping, antisocial behaviour and other various forms of crime including burglary and drug dealing.

Your local Labour Councillors Hobson and Cain are therefore pleased to continue to support the further installation of such gates across the ward with many streets in the ward enjoying the protection that such gates provide.

Occasionally, the locks on the gates can become damaged leading to the gates not closing properly. Please report such damage to us, on our phone numbers or email addresses given in this leaflet, in order that a repair can be effected as quickly as possible.

### Ward Surgeries/PACT Meetings

We hold Ward surgeries at Bloomfield East Resident's Association Community Centre 38 St Helier's Road on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month between 6-7pm. Additionally, we will be in attendance at the Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings 6pm at Ibbison Court Community Centre, Central Drive on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 3<sup>rd</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> December and 6pm at St Peter's Church Hall, Lytham Road on 7<sup>th</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 17.

# Helping to Create a Better Community



Becky, Jim, Graham & Andy with the Winning Poster

that was great – you'll be seeing large versions of this poster go up across the ward in the near future.

Fly tipping is a blight across the Bloomfield Ward. It ruins the environment for all of us, making the streets and open spaces look terrible as well as presenting certain environmental health risks. We were therefore delighted to be asked by Becky from Revoelution to judge a kids poster competition at a recent local event dealing with the issue of fly tipping. There were loads of great entries, so picking the winner (along with Andy from Revoelution) wasn't easy. The winner used the slogan "Think And Stop Before You Drop" and we thought

## Working with the Residents

Inconsiderate dog owners that allow their dogs to foul the streets are a massive problem across Blackpool. Not only does the fouling look awful on the pavements but it presents a very serious health risk to the public.

As such, Councillors Cain and Hobson are regularly stencilling the pavements across the ward with warnings to the offending dog owners that their activities could land them with a hefty fine.

Did you know that you can report dog owners that allow their dogs to foul the street on the Council website? If you do, we will arrange to clear the mess on the next planned street cleaning round, just, click the "Dog issues" button on the main Blackpool Council website and let's catch some of these people!



## Sharp rise in ASB/Burglaries

Despite the efforts of the police, there has been an increase in the number of burglaries across the ward over the last few months. These have been mainly opportunistic thefts with the thief exploiting weak spots in the security of houses such as open back doors. There has been a similar rise in the amount of antisocial behaviour.

Make sure that you don't have doors and windows open if they are unattended. Keep your eyes open and be on the lookout for suspicious behaviour. Report any non urgent incidents to the police on the 101 number – please don't hesitate to phone them with each incident that you witness as the more incidents are logged, the better the evidence for when arrests are made.

Similarly, if you witness more serious crime, make sure that you call the police **immediately** on the 999 emergency number.

**Don't Waste Time, Find out online | [www.Blackpool.gov.uk](http://www.Blackpool.gov.uk)**

Check bin collection | Book bulky waste collection | Report Fly-tipping | Report problem with roads | Apply for benefits and more

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