

Brockley NEWS

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Brockley Labour will fight for Train service

Like many people, we are angry about reductions to the number of trains between Brockley and London Bridge. Brockley Labour Action Team members, in partnership with your local Labour MP Joan Ruddock, are working hard to persuade the train companies to increase both the number of trains and the number of carriages per train, to help reduce overcrowding.

Joan Ruddock said: "People are furious at the December reduction in services and the further changes planned for May. At my request Southern have agreed to closely monitor the consequences and provide me with the results of that monitoring at a meeting in July. I will do whatever I can to get overcrowding reduced and services restored."

Brockley Action Team member Jimi

Adefiranye: "Local residents that we have been talking to are rightly angry at the reduction in their service. We will continue to campaign with Joan to make sure people's concerns are heard and Southern listen to them."

Brockley Action Team member Paul Newing added: "Although it is good news that the East London Line will be opening soon not everyone will make their journey on it, so we have to make sure that people travelling to Central London have a good service."



Brockley's Labour Action Team (l-r) Paul, Vicky and Jimi are working with Joan Ruddock MP to lobby for better train services

Tories cut your Police

Tory Boris Johnson plans to cut 455 police officers after resigning as chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority. Over £16 million will be slashed from the police budget as a result of Johnson's decision.

Your Labour Action Team are campaigning for Boris Johnson to commit to retaining Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) in Lewisham. Labour introduced SNTs so residents have a visible, contactable and local police service. The Tories should be backing SNTs, not trying to cut them.



Labour's Vicky Foxcroft outside the home of a Brockley resident who is taking advantage of Labour's free mattress recycling service

Lewisham Labour Launch Free Mattress Recycling Service

Lewisham's Labour Council has launched a free mattress recycling service in a bid to curb fly-tipping and boost recycling in Lewisham.

Your Labour council acted after local residents expressed concerns about mattresses being dumped in the streets. The scheme introduced by Labour in Lewisham is the first of its kind in the country.

Brockley Action Team member **Vicky Foxcroft said:** "From talking to local residents I know that fly-

tipping of mattresses has been an issue. I am glad the council has listened to local people and has introduced this helpful service. Not only will it help get our streets clean and our neighbourhoods looking tidy but it is also boosting recycling in Brockley."

You can now have your mattresses taken away for free by putting a sticker on it and leaving it out on your rubbish collection day. You can pick up a sticker from a local library or the Town Hall.

Campaigning To Reverse Increases In Bus Fares



Tory Boris Johnson's recent price hikes took the cost of a weekly Oyster bus pass up to £16.60 and the cost of a single bus journey by Oyster to £1.20 - a 20% increase. Your Labour Action Team in Brockley is working hard with others across London to have them reversed.

Working To Help Local People Lower Their Energy Bills



Labour is rolling out door to door energy saving advice in Lewisham which will help save residents money on their energy bills. We're campaigning for a widening of this advice scheme and for other energy saving measures including raising the amount of energy from renewable sources used by Lewisham Council from 80% to 100%.

Campaigning For Action To Look After Our Environment



Lewisham is making great progress in recycling and in getting energy from renewable sources. If elected, we will lobby Boris Johnson to introduce electric car charging points and bicycle loans. We'll be working with Lewisham Council to ensure that the range of items we can recycle at the roadside continues to expand.

Putting More Decision Making Power In The Hands Of Local People



Labour introduced Brockley's Local Assembly to give power and financial control to local people. We will be campaigning for greater powers and resources to be allocated to the local assembly putting yet more control over local community decisions in your hands - where it should be.



Vote Labour: make a difference

People sometimes say to me that political parties are all the same and that voting doesn't make a difference; I think that's wrong. All around Lewisham, you can see the difference that a Labour Government, working with a Labour Council is making. Without this combination, we wouldn't have children's centres or new school buildings, we wouldn't have a minimum wage or tax credits and we wouldn't have a Police Safer Neighbourhood Team in every ward.

If you look at Tory run boroughs, they don't have free swimming for over-60s and under-16s as we do in Lewisham, they haven't set up apprenticeship schemes for young people like Labour have in Lewisham and they cut services for the most vulnerable in society.

Only by voting can you have your say on what happens in your area. Only by voting Labour can you protect what has been achieved in Lewisham for the future.

If you want to discuss anything further, why not e-mail me on mayor.steve@yahoo.co.uk

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