

Crofton Park NEWS

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Giving A Voice to Young People

The Crofton Park Ward Assembly has provided funding for a Youth Forum so young people can get their views heard. It means they can take more responsibility for their local area and make a contribution to life in Crofton Park.

At the last Assembly meeting, residents heard a presentation from Prendergast Ladywell Fields College on work they are doing as part of their Citizens School Project. They suggested these things:

- Work with police and local shops to provide safe places for young people in Crofton Park on Ewhurst Road and Brockley Road.
- Develop the Astro Turf at the school to provide more community use on it.
- Improve recycling by promoting the 'Urban Farm' themed recycle bins. They are designed to look like farmyard animals to encourage young people to reduce littering.



Your Labour Team is committed to providing the best facilities for the borough's young people

- A safer crossing outside their school.

Pauline Morrison who is a governor at Prendergast Ladywell Fields College said: "We should be proud of our young people and the work they are putting in to improve local lives. Young people often get a lot of bad press but this just goes to show that the majority are good young citizens and want to help improve their local area. Crofton Park Ward Assembly has a good record of working with and listening to young people."

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.



New transport group to stand up for Crofton Commuters

Your Labour councillors are to fight rail and bus companies for better transport after a number of local residents raised concerns.

Your Crofton councillors informed a recent Crofton Ward Assembly meeting they would be petitioning the rail and bus companies to improve services for local people.

Although Crofton Park has recently received a Safer Station Award, Pauline Morrison, Councillors Sylvia Scott and Jackie Addison and Joan Ruddock MP will be working to put pressure on companies to further improve their services.

Councillor Sylvia Scott said: "A safer station is good news but the services through the winter months have not been good enough. There is also a lot of local concern about reduced services on the 171 and 172 routes. We have set up a Crofton Park Bus and Rail Users' Group to listen to local concerns, work

with local people and to petition the rail and bus companies for improved services.

Councillor Jackie Addison said: "As your Labour Councillors in Crofton we believe that those who run our rail system should put passengers first - not shareholders. And we will always remind those who are responsible for running our railway of what we see as their priorities - passenger safety, a reliable, regular service and value for money."

Joan Ruddock MP added: "I recently met with Southeastern to discuss people's concerns about the service during the recent bout of bad weather. So I think this new group is a fantastic idea as it will provide a forum for local people to share their views and allow us all to work together to try and improve services."

If you want to join the Users' group tear off the slip overleaf and return to FREEPOST Lewisham Labour.

New Schools buildings and better results



Our local secondary school is the newly rebuilt Prendergast Ladywell Fields. Millions of pounds have been invested in new school buildings in Lewisham thanks to Labour's Building Schools for the Future Programme. Applications for the school and its exam results are rising and rising.

Recycle Mattresses with Labour



Labour is continuing to expand the range of materials that can be recycled in Lewisham. Mayor Steve has introduced a scheme to recycle old mattresses at the roadside. We're always looking for new ways to recycle - this measure is good news and will help to cut fly tipping at the same time.

Freezing Your Council Tax



Labour runs Lewisham Council responsibly and has delivered below inflation Council Tax rises year on year. As we come out of recession, we're freezing Council Tax for everyone in the borough until at least 2011 so you know you won't have to put extra aside.

Giving Power back to you



Labour set up the Crofton Park Local Assembly to give local people the power to make decisions over how money is spent locally. The assembly is working well and we hope you will get involved to make a real difference to our community.



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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