

News from your Leyton Labour Action Team. Autumn/Winter 2006

300,000 new homes for London!



Team Labour's campaign for more and better housing for Leyton is firmly under way. **Cllr Miranda Grell** (pictured third left) has met with **Yvette Cooper MP**, the Government's housing minister (pictured far left) to ask the government to encourage the building of more social housing. **Miranda** has also met housing charity Shelter's

Director **Adam Sampson** (pictured right) to give her backing to Shelter's overcrowded housing campaign. The **Leyton Labour Action Team** is delighted that **Ken Livingstone**, Labour Mayor of London, has promised to build more than 300,000 affordable homes over the next few years. This will help hundreds of Leyton's hard working families and first time buyers.

Winter Fuel Allowance: Don't forget to claim!

Harry Cohen MP, has begun contacting Leyton's senior citizens, to remind them not to miss out on claiming this year's Winter Fuel Allowance. The payments of £200 and £300 will ensure that Leyton's senior citizens will be able keep their homes snug and warm over the winter. **Harry Cohen MP** is urging Leyton's residents not to lose out. Call 08459 15 15 15 or visit www.thepensionservice.gov.uk/winterfuel, to find out if you entitled to receive Labour's Winter Fuel Allowance.

Only Labour wants the best for Leyton

Don't Buy *Dodgy* DVDs!



The **Leyton Labour Action Team** is proud to support the Local Guardian's campaign to persuade people to stop buying dodgy DVDs.

Many of you have contacted **Cllr Miranda Grell** about the sale of illegal DVDs in the **Leyton Mills** shopping area next to **Leyton Asda**.

You've told us that you feel intimidated and irritated, to be harassed by DVD sellers every time you step out for a newspaper or a pint of milk.

Cllr Miranda Grell has asked **Cllr Afzal Akram**, Labour Cabinet Member for Community Safety, to come up with a solution.

Miranda has also spoken to Leyton Labour MP **Harry Cohen** (pictured left), TUC General Secretary **Brendan Barber** (pictured centre) and Leyton's Greater London and Labour Assembly **Jennette Arnold** to ask them to help with the campaign.

We will keep you posted on the progress made.

Five reasons not to buy Dodgy DVDs:

1. They're of bad quality.
2. Their sale funds people smuggling and money laundering.
3. The 21 Chinese cockle pickers who died in Morecombe bay were also forced to seal illegal DVDs.
4. Hard working legal DVD sellers lose over £280 million a year.
5. The illegal DVD trade is linked to international gangs exploiting children.

News Flash

Good news about **Leyton Town Hall**! The hall's new owners plan to bring the much loved hall back into use and develop its space for community use. They also plan to open a new restaurant and bar there. This is exactly the type of regeneration Leyton High Rd needs. We shall keep you informed of progress.

Tony Lee, Director of Youth Arts Group, Estate of the Arts, who sadly passed away in August, will be remembered at a special performance being given by the borough's youngsters on **Friday 24th November at 7.30pm at Walthamstow Assembly Hall**. Get in touch with **Miranda** if you would like to attend.

Well Done Ebony! Local MP **Harry Cohen** and **Cllr Miranda Grell** are delighted that **Ebony Vincent**, from the Leyton Street Wardens, fought off stiff competition to become National Street Warden of the Year. **Harry** and **Miranda** wrote letters of support to the judges. We are delighted **Ebony** won!

Report street problems 020 8496 3000

What does Beaumont want?

When you elected me back in May, I promised that I would make the Beaumont Estate one of my top priorities.

I am pleased to see the regeneration taking place on Beaumont but I know that you feel that there is still much to do.

The Beaumont Estate has officially been classified as Britain's fifth most deprived estate. Now I am elected, I am determined that the Beaumont will no longer continue to be ignored by the powers that be.

I need you to get in touch with me and talk to me about what you want.

What do you think about youth facilities on your estate? What kinds of help would you like for young families?

What could the council do better to help you tackle anti-social behaviour and crime?

What is your number one wish for improving your estate?

I plan to hold a series of meetings with my Councillor colleagues and Forest Homes, to talk about the Beaumont and discuss developing long term plans for increasing opportunities for Beaumont residents.

Please don't hesitate get in touch with me, Labour



Council Leader **Clyde Loakes** or **Harry Cohen MP** to share your views.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Miranda

Supporting Leyton's Small Businesses

Cllr **Miranda Grell**, Grove Green ward **Councillor Anna Mbachu** and **Councillor Terry Wheeler**, Labour Cabinet Member for Business and Enterprise, all attended the launch meeting of Leyton's new **Enterprise Forum** at Leyton Orient Football Club. The **Leyton Labour Action Team** are delighted that the forum is up and running. It will make a real difference to Leyton's small businesses.



Labour: fighting for change, not moaning

Labour working hard in your street

Cllr Miranda Grell is delighted that over 65 bags of rubbish have been removed from the garden of the Oliver Twist pub on **Church Rd**. Neighbours from **Inskip Close** contacted **Miranda** about the rubbish. **Miranda** is pleased it has been sorted out.

Neighbours in **Ayerst Court, Skeltons Lane & Sophia Rd** are at the end of their tether following repeated acts of anti-social behaviour outside their homes. **Miranda** has been in regular contact with the Police and the council to discuss the way forward.

Neighbours in **Beaumont Rd**

are fed up that their street lightening still doesn't work. **Miranda** has contacted the council's Environmental Services department, to ask them to get a move on with fixing it.

Residents in the **Church Rd** and **Grange Park Rd** areas have contacted the **Labour Action Team** to ask the council to make the junction where the two roads meet safer. **Miranda** has requested improved signage.

Thank you to the neighbour in **Farmer Rd** who contacted **Cllr Miranda Grell** to complain about **Farmer**

Rd being used as a rat run from **Leyton High Rd**. **Miranda** has passed on your concerns to the council's highways and traffic department.

The heavy rain at the beginning of October saw drains in **Lyttleton, Dunnedin and Adelaide Rds** unable to cope. **The Labour Action Team** is calling on the council to make sure Leyton's drains are unblocked on a more regular basis!

Cllr Miranda Grell is supporting **Noor Ul Islam** mosque's campaign for a new pedestrian crossing.

Team Labour: working hard for Leyton

Leyton residents now have the opportunity to see a Labour councillor **every Saturday** at a choice of venues:

- Plum Tree Centre, Leyton High Rd (next to Tesco, Bakers Arms) 10am - 12noon
- CLASS Education Centre, Leyton Mills (next to Asda) 11am - 12.30pm.

Cllr Miranda Grell also continues to visit residents at home if more convenient. Just get in touch to arrange a day and time that suits you and she will be right over!

You can write to **Cllr Miranda Grell** at Waltham Forest Council, Forest Road, London E17 4JF or 9 Lyttelton Rd, Leyton E10 5NQ.

Cllr Miranda Grell

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