



General Election: Polling Day Thursday 7 May 2015

IS IT JOB DONE ALREADY? NO!

Reading Ian Lavery's leaflet last week you might think it was job done in Bedlington. We disagree.

A TASK FORCE FOR BEDLINGTON

Bedlington has made a noise and now County Hall must listen. We want to see an urgent review of the town and its needs.

WELL DONE BEDLINGTON!

■ **Bedlington has made a noise, now they must listen at county hall and give Bedlington the fair deal it deserves.**

On Saturday over a thousand people gathered in Bedlington to help "Make a Noise for Bedlington". The gathering surely exceeded even the organisers wildest hopes and showed the strength of feeling in the town.



It was claimed earlier in the day by Labour that it was job done with the news that Northumberland County Council's regeneration arm ARCH had bought the Tesco site and a plan would soon be outlined by ARCH with their vision for the town.

Chris Galley, the Conservative candidate in the general election said "The land purchase is welcome news but ONLY if

Bedlington residents get to shape the vision. The town needs facilities such as its long promised leisure centre.

Chris added, "I hope that the council take up the

invitation extended by "Make a Noise for Bedlington" on Saturday and meet with towns people to hear what they want for their town, that is the very least that people should expect."

A Plan for the Town

■ **The town council in West Bedlington have started a "Town Plan" but is that the right route?**

In February during a West Bedlington Town Council meeting it was proposed that the town council prepare a "Town Plan" to feed in to the "Core strategy" of Northumberland County Council. However this is a watered down version of the "Neighborhood Plans" being put in place in towns like Morpeth, Ponteland and Berwick.

Richard Wearmouth, local Conservative Chairman and an experienced planning advisor attended the meeting as a member of the public, where the council opted for a more slim-line "Town Plan"

Richard said, "The Town Council need help from county to get a more full plan in place. I am sure they can do it but it is difficult when you have never been through the process before."

"Berwick as I understand are just embarking on a full Neighborhood Plan, Morpeth have just completed one."

"Given that Bedlington needs significant investment and the obvious desire displayed by residents to be involved I cannot help but think the Town Council should reconsider and opt for a more detailed Neighborhood Plan with a high level of public involvement."

OUR PRIORITIES FOR BEDLINGTON

1

Promote Bedlington town centre to create businesses and local jobs

Consider temporary business rate reductions and improving car parking arrangements.

2

Ensure housing developments are sensible and sustainable

We need to ensure that house building in Bedlington is in step with local residents' needs and views.

3

Raise the profile of Bedlington

For too long Bedlington has been marginalised by towns in the neighbourhood.

LOCAL ISSUES, LOCAL ACTION, LOCAL CONSERVATIVES

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Contact Candidate Chris Galley if you have any issues or concerns.

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WHAT LABOUR DIDN'T SAY IN "THAT" LEAFLET

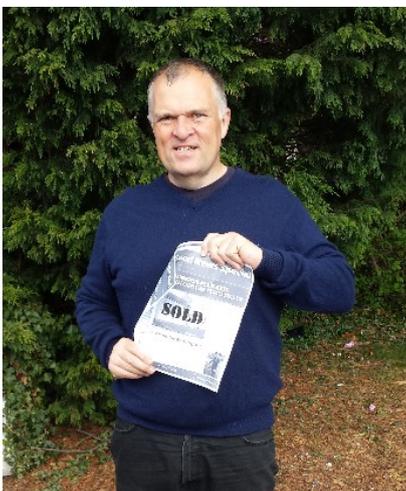
■ **Labour sent a leaflet around Bedlington on Saturday effectively saying "job done". Sorry but we respectfully disagree!**

Bedlington residents don't need us or Labour to tell them what's gone on in the last few decades. They can see it for themselves. What we need is a way of making things better.

The town has been promised a leisure centre for years and has seen no progress, yet Ashington, Ponteland and Morpeth are all to receive new facilities.

Labour said in their leaflet that they are "investing in sporting facilities" but read the detail and these facilities will actually be at the new Bedlington Community High School which has received significant investment from the Government, not just the council.

We are confused as to how sports facilities in the school would be accessible to residents during school hours, hopefully Mr Lavery will explain further in the near future.



The fact is no political party will have all the answers. The answer to "what should happen in Bedlington" shouldn't be decided by the politicians or ARCH but by the people, it really is that simple.

Chris Galley, the Conservative parliamentary candidate said, "I have spoken with Councillor Peter Jackson who leads the Conservative opposition group to Labour in the Council."

"We do not want to promise something we can deliver but feel there is an urgent need for a Task Force for Bedlington to come up with a proper plan shaped by local people."

"At the next full County Council meeting we will put forward a motion that we hope is supported by Labour Councillors to put that task force in place."

"We feel the first job of that team would be to call a meeting in the town that can be attended by local people so that their views can be heard in full."

"Separately I would like to urge people to engage with the Town Council. Their next meeting is on the 7th May, 6.30pm at the West Bedlington Community Centre. I am sure that they will welcome people attending."

If you are going along don't forget to vote first as the 7th May is also the day of the General Election!



Above, Local Conservatives join other political parties at Saturdays demo.

Below, Bedlington Makes some Noise!



We would like to wish "Make a Noise for Bedlington" the best of luck. Please like / follow their Facebook page if you get the chance:
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