

Creswell

# Labour Today

Parishes: the building blocks of today's society

April 2023



## You're local Labour Party delivering for you

- Developing the parish environment
- Boosting the local economy
- Delivering council and private housing
- Investing in leisure in the community
- Supporting local groups and organisations

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and Parish Council elections on  
**Thursday 4 May 2023**

 **Labour**  
In Bolsover District

**Since the last District Election in 2019 your Labour councillors representing you have been committed to ensuring the residents, businesses and visitors to our communities receive the best possible services and its fair share of funding.**

During these four years, the Parishes of Elmton, Creswell, Hodthorpe/Belph has seen investment and regeneration on projects such as:

- ✓ The first council properties built in a generation at Rogers Avenue, Creswell and private housing in Hodthorpe and Creswell
- ✓ Local businesses have received help and support through our dedicated free advertising opportunities
- ✓ Improved and supported community and leisure facilities including the new Heritage and Wellbeing Centre in Creswell, parkland in Hodthorpe and the refurbished School Room in Elmton
- ✓ Embraced sustainable energy sources through the installation of electric vehicle charging points and air source heat pumps in the District. Developed the first tree planting scheme in the District on the former Creswell Colliery site with over 6,500 to plant in the area and continuing planting more trees within the Parishes, including at Water Lane in Belph

- ✓ The provision of free or hugely subsidised events for young people and the elderly to enjoy
- ✓ Petitioning the Tory controlled county council who are responsible for highway repairs to resurface sections of roads and streets in our communities
- ✓ Working with our partners to develop a Community Rail Partnership that will help increase usage of the Robin Hood Line and attract visitors to our area's attractions including Creswell Crags. We are also campaigning to bring back a Sunday service on the Robin Hood Line
- ✓ Continuing our fight for a new Health Centre for Elmton and Creswell residents
- ✓ Continuing to fight for a bus service for the 'bottom end' of Creswell
- ✓ Working to install a Police office within the Heritage and Wellbeing Centre for the benefit of the local area
- ✓ Supporting the local breakfast club for the benefit of our children and their health

These are just a taste of what we have achieved to date and we are continuing to improve and develop our communities. We have big ambitions for the Parishes and with your help we can make these ambitions become reality.



**Duncan McGregor**  
Labour Councillor



**Rita Turner**  
Labour Councillor



**Amanda Davis**  
Labour Candidate

# Our ambitions

**When we are out and about talking to people we get a sense of what is important to you. We feel that over the past four-years we have proven that when we say something, we do it.**

We don't use slogans or spin-doctors, just good old fashioned plain English and a commitment to making things happen. Below are the main ambitions that we want to implement for our communities. However, this is not the limit to our ambitions, but just a flavour of some of things you can expect to see happen.

## 1. Affordable housing

We know there is a shortage of good quality council properties in the Parishes. On the back of the successful Rogers Avenue scheme, we aim to build more council properties in areas of need through our Council-owned company Dragonfly Development Ltd. These properties will be modern, energy efficient and meet a need in the Parishes. We will also engage with local house builders to purchase properties to help local young people and families get on the housing ladder.



## 2. Economy

Our local businesses are a key factor in our ambitions to drive up the health and wealth of the area. The majority of these businesses are independent traders and do not have large marketing budgets. We aim to help and support all businesses in the Parishes by delivering a campaign to encourage people to Shop Local - Spend Local by promoting the current high street offer and providing free marketing opportunities through platforms like digital signage, Bolsover TV and residents publications. We will provide local businesses with advice, guidance and help to obtain funding that will help them grow.



## 3. Jobs and connectivity

Develop the Robin Hood Line to increase the social and economic opportunities available to local residents and fight for a Sunday service. We will continue to work with East Midlands Railway to develop the line and local bus companies to provide a service for the 'bottom end' of Creswell, providing you with chances to travel and open up more leisure, job and skills opportunities. We also want to create a Skills Hub in a nearby locality that can serve the Parishes and act as a hub to help train or offer new skills to people in areas such as technology, electronics and communications.



#### **4. Leisure and social activities**

We all know how important leisure and open spaces are for our wellbeing so we will look to develop the leisure and recreational activities available to local residents and our schools. We will expand on the leisure activities available at the new Heritage and Wellbeing Centre and provide more social and cultural events for residents to enjoy.

#### **5. Environment and tourism**

Climate change is always a hot topic and although we can't solve it on our own, we can do our bit to help. So we will continue to help tackle this problem through modern methods of construction in our house and commercial property building programme that will reduce the reliance on gas and encourage sustainability. We will also continue with our tree planting schemes and continually improve our burgundy bin recycling service by offering residents more opportunities to recycle their waste. We have one of the major tourist attractions in our area (Creswell Crags) and we will work with them to increase visitors and help boost the local economy.



#### **6. People and communities**

The past three years have not been easy for anyone. The Pandemic, the cost of living crisis and rising household bills are continuing to hit everyone hard. We will continue to provide 'Warm Spaces' for people to attend, offer advice and information on what benefits or help people are entitled to and continue our commitment to promote local voluntary and community groups, helping them attract new members and increase their fundraising efforts through schemes like Bolsover District Community Lottery.



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