



# Ashton upon Mersey Conservatives *Raising the Standard*

The newsletter from your Conservative Councillors

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## **CONSERVATIVES WIN IN ASHTON BUT LABOUR IS THE BIGGEST PARTY ACROSS TRAFFORD**

In the May elections for Trafford Council, Conservative candidate John Lamb was re-elected as a councillor for Ashton upon Mersey ward.

John said "I am absolutely delighted to have been re-elected and will, as always, do all in my power to assist local people who might need my help. I will continue to work to represent the best interests of Ashton upon Mersey as a whole."

The campaign was closely fought with large numbers of Corbyn / Momentum supporters coming to the aid of the Labour candidate. The results in Ashton were:-

Conservative John Lamb	1677
Labour	1568
Green	148
Liberal Democrat	138
UKIP	53

Across Trafford however, the Conservatives lost a number of seats and Labour emerged as the biggest Party in the borough but with insufficient seats for an overall majority. The two Lib-Dem councillors have decided to prop up Labour which means that Trafford is now run by a Labour / Lib-Dem Coalition. Commenting on this, Councillor John Lamb said "Across Trafford and in Ashton, Labour candidates made a number of big promises to voters and the job of Conservative Councillors in Opposition is to hold the Labour / Lib-Dem Coalition to account for delivery of those promises."

The state of the Parties in Trafford following the May 2018 elections:

Conservatives	29
Labour	30
Lib-Dems	2
Greens	2



### **Friends of Ashton Park Picnic in the Park**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

**1pm to 4pm**

**Bowls Lessons - Fire Engine (requested)  
Pony Rides  
Guides & Brownies - Golf Simulator**

**I ♥ Ashton Village**



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## Credit where it's due!

The outgoing Conservative administration of Trafford Council left several things in place in the 2018/2019 budget that will still benefit residents.

First example — parking charges for the main town centre Council car parks and meters now offer a 20pence charge for 30 minutes parking to help those who need a brief period of parking to do a quick errand or shop purchase.

Secondly, more funds were put in place to deal with pot holes and road repairs. A fund of over £30million, made up of revenue and capital monies plus government grants is in place for repairs to roads and street lighting. Of course, it will now be up to the Labour councillors to decide where it is to be spent!

An extra £6million is earmarked for adult care in the 2018/2019 budget year. Care is a significant part of the Council's spending and this extra cash is an important boost for adult care needs in Trafford.

There is also a multi-million pound scheme of refurbishing and rebuilding Trafford's Leisure Centres already underway. Work has started in Urmston. Planning of a scheme for Sale Leisure Centre has commenced.

Proudly for our borough, a university is coming to Trafford. Unless Labour hostility drives it away, there will soon be a university campus based at the former Kellogg's building, next to Lancashire Cricket Club, boosting the local economy hugely.

Plus, Trafford still has the lowest Council Tax in the North West — for now!

## Permit Parking Scheme is on the way.



The large permit parking scheme in Ashton upon Mersey Ward, which stretches from roads between Cross Street to parts of Glebelands Road, is about to undergo the final legal requirements

before its implementation.

Responding to the concerns of many residents of the Ward, the three Conservative councillors urged formal action from the Council to tackle some of the inconsiderate and even dangerous parking practices which have troubled the area. Residents have been informally consulted as part of the process and local views were taken into account, amending the proposals street by street.

The next stages are the formal advertisement in local newspapers, responses to any issues raised and then the signage and line painting will be ordered.

The scheme will be operational in a couple of months time. It will involve residents of certain roads obtaining Parking Permits or day tickets for future on street parking.

## Spokesman roles for Ward councillors

The three Ashton upon Mersey Conservative councillors have taken roles in the revised Council structure following Labour taking control of the Town Hall with the support of the Liberal Democrats.

**Councillor Mike Whetton** is the Opposition Spokesman for Children's Services. **Cllr John Lamb** is the Spokesman for Health and Wellbeing and **Cllr Brian Rigby** is Spokesman for Employment (Human Resources).

Cllr Whetton is also a member of the Planning & Licensing committees.

Key in the duties of the Conservative councillors will be holding Labour control of the Council to account. Labour actually made 100 boastful pledges to residents in the recent campaign and it will be important to monitor what they actually do as opposed to what they said they would do.

**Need to discuss something with your local councillors? Come along to meet with us. We are here, ready to help, all year round.**



**Meet your Ashton Councillors** at their regular Advice Surgeries.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month,

11am to 12 noon.

**Held at Fiona Gardens, off Atkinson Road, Sale.**

No appointment necessary.