

Belper, Duffield And Quarndon

Your Local Conservatives

Committed To Your Community Needs



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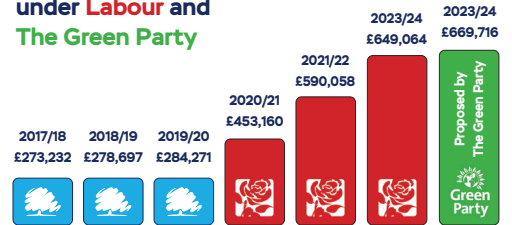
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Freezing Local Community Tax

Conservatives are totally committed to freezing your local Community Tax. Under a Labour council this has more than doubled in three years. Unbelievably at a meeting on 10/1/23 Labour proposed a 10% increase for this year and then staggeringly the Greens wanted a 13.5% increase!! Apparently this was still not sufficient as Labour are proposing to take a further £21,600 from Council Reserves

TAX HIKE under Labour and The Green Party



Free Parking On The Coppice

On 27/9/22 the Labour Party proposed payment for parking on the Coppice, despite firm election pledges for free parking.

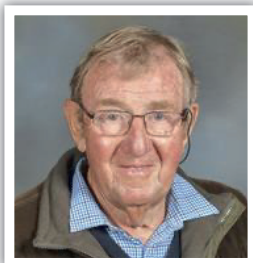
Only by strong opposition by Conservative members will this be overturned. Not only would we continue to oppose any parking charges on the Coppice but we would also seek to introduce fast-charging hubs on the site.



Just some of your local Conservative Team



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Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour

Over the past three years we have been concerned with the increase in the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour in our town.

We have a firm pledge to work with the police to discourage all aspects of anti-social behaviour because it affects the lives of so many law-abiding citizens and is a blight on our wonderful Town.

Conservatives would be encouraging youth activities in the Town as part of our pledge to commit to young people's well-being.



Backing Local Business

The business experience of the local Conservative group will strongly enhance the commerciality of local trade and industry. Conservative councillors would be able to support and direct local business to available funding and support.

The footfall in our Town is vital to its success. After the closure of all our banks we see the provision of a banking hub as vital for the Town. After the recent work of, Pauline Latham, your Conservative M.P., supported by the local Conservative group, we hope this will happen shortly.

Being part of competitions such as Britain in Bloom and Best British High Street as well as holding events on the Market Place and Fairs on the main streets can only enhance the standing of the Town and bring people in.



Protecting Your Green Belt

Conservatives are committed to new build on brownfield sites thus continuing to protect our valuable green areas around our Town.



Road Safety

Road safety and traffic issues are high on our Conservative agenda. We will work to continue to get reductions to 30mph in built-up areas and 20mph in high-risk areas, such as outside our local schools.



Pauline Latham OBE MP - Supporting Belper's Interests

Belper Banking Hub

In the late summer of 2022, Pauline Latham OBE MP, in her role as MP for the Mid Derbyshire constituency, was informed that the last bank branch in Belper, Lloyds, would close in November 2022.

As this represented the last access to cash for so many vulnerable residents and local businesses, and realising the importance of everyday banking services for Belper, Pauline immediately took up this issue alongside the local Conservative team.

Pauline invited the Small Business Minister, Jane Hunt MP, to Belper

to discuss the issue and the possibility of setting up a Banking Hub.

Then, Pauline met with the Cash Action Group, whose responsibility it is to analyse the cash needs of towns and villages, and to work with banks to set up Banking Hubs in places where the last bank branch closes and there is a real need for ready access to cash.

A Banking Hub is a space where customers of all banks can undertake everyday banking services like paying in and withdrawing money, depositing cheques and making transfers, but also the major banks will provide specialist banking services in the Hub on one day per week each - so customers can make an appointment in a local branch to talk about more complex matters like agreeing a mortgage, or taking out or paying back a loan.

Following Pauline's meeting, the Cash Action Group announced that Belper would be home to a Banking Hub, and Pauline has since been working with the Group on the proposed location for the site.

It is expected that the Banking Hub will be up and running by the autumn of 2023, thanks to the hard work of local Conservatives working in partnership with the town's MP in Westminster.

Belper Mill

Pauline Latham OBE MP has long championed the Derwent Valley Mills UNESCO World Heritage Site in Parliament. It is globally recognised as a site of incredible cultural and industrial heritage, but recently its UNESCO designation has been placed under threat by the ongoing situation at Belper Mill.

Local residents have repeatedly raised the poor condition of the Mill with Pauline, and so she has taken steps in Parliament to highlight this issue.

In November, Pauline asked a question at PMQs highlighting the issue, as losing our World Heritage Site status would have knock-on effects on the whole of the local economy - in terms of tourism, jobs and much more.

Furthermore, Pauline invited the Heritage Minister to visit the site, and explained the issues to him alongside local residents.

Pauline has also engaged with the 'Save our Belper Mills' campaign group and is supporting calls for a Compulsory Purchase of the Mill, and for this cultural asset to be taken into local ownership and management.

The World Heritage Site is one of Belper's most iconic attractions, and Pauline and the local Conservative team are working hard to ensure that we do not lose this crucial international status.



If you like what you see, then please vote. We're here to represent your needs.

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