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Don't let Labour destroy our local Post Offices

Help the Lib Dems re-invent them!



Station Road Post Office



Westgate Post Office

The Labour Government is set to close 2,500 sub-post offices over the next eighteen months, but has cynically suspended its plans until after next May's local elections.

The Conservatives too "have form" on this issue, having closed 2,500 post offices during the Thatcher and Major years.

Only the Liberal Democrats have a carefully thought-through and costed scheme not only to save our present branch network but to re-invigorate it by giving it new freedoms and new funding.

We would separate the post office from the Royal Mail and sell 49% of the shares. These will raise £2 billion which can be invested in the post office network.

We would give Post Offices a whole series of new things to do within the communities they serve. They could become one-stop-shops for reporting problems to the Council, the Housing Trust and a police contact point.

In our plans, sub-post offices could also act as agencies for bus and train travel, theatres, cinemas and concerts. This will all increase the number of customers and make these re-invented post offices profitable.

◆ Cllr John Cole is campaigning to safeguard our local post offices



John Cole's Post Office Survey

1 How often do you use a Post Office?

- Every day
- Once a week
- Once a month
- Occasionally
- Never

3 What do you mainly use the post office for?

- Collecting pension or benefits
- Buying stamps
- Posting Parcels
- Other (please write in)

4 Do you support the Lib Dems plan to keep all post offices open and re-invigorate them?

- Yes
- No

2 Which Post Office do you mainly use?

- Westgate
- Station Road
- Esholt
- Shipley
- Other

Name

Phone

Address

E mail.....

Urgent!
Return
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now



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John Cole helps local entrepreneurs

Our picture shows three young Baildon-based business women with a series of smart ideas to brighten put the shopping offered in Baildon. Emma is already trading as a florist and gift shop whilst Louise and Carly are looking to set up a wholefood delicatessen and café plus an arts workshop for both children and adults.

The trio approached John Cole for business advice and two for help with locating premises. John was able to fix up a meeting with no-fee Council-based business adviser. Louise said, "We are grateful to John who has been very supportive and pointed us in the right direction".

New school buildings to be used by local people

John Cole, who is a governor of Salt Grammar School, is looking for groups and individuals who want to make use of the new facilities there.

The new building is due to open in September 2008 and will include facilities which will be available for community use in the evenings and at week-ends including a sports hall with a climbing wall.

He said: "The Head Teacher and the governing body are keen to work with local clubs and individuals. We all hope early in 2008 to set up a liaison group of potential local users of the school's facilities. If you are interested in using the facilities and being on the group, please get in touch with John Cole on 592989 or the school on 415551.



Street surgeries reveal local concerns

Since September John Cole been held a series of 'Street Surgeries' in which he has contacted over 2,000 households. Many topics have come up but one is the long campaign to get a community facility built on the old Ferniehurst School site to replace the old Baildon Link building.



The Council has suggested another, cheaper site but John will continue to campaign for the school site to help with regenerating the Cliffe Lane West and Knoll Estate area.

There is to be a consultation event for residents on Thursday 6th December at Baildon Community Link, one in the morning and one in the early evening (for details phone the Link on 588681) where feasibility studies of the options will be available for public comment.

Path to be preserved

Following requests from locals residents, John Cole has contacted the Council about the dilapidated state of the path from Otley Road going down through the field next to Denso-Marstons.



The Council have replied saying that improving this path is high on their "to do" list. John Cole says: "I am confident that local walkers and naturalists will be keep badgering me on this issue, and I assure you I will be badgering the Council!"

Surgeries

Cllr John Cole will hold surgeries at Baildon Link between 10.30 am and 11.30 am as follows:
 Saturday 5th January
 Saturday 2nd February

✂ Lib Dems win £100,000 for Baildon

As a result of a Liberal Democrat initiative, each ward in Bradford has been allocated £100,000 from the sale of Leeds/Bradford Airport. One of our priorities is to give some of the airport money back directly to the community. Before councillors make any allocations John Cole thinks it vital to find out what your priorities

are. Please list three of the options below in order 1,2 3.

Don't forget to put your name and address on the other side of this survey before you post it.

- Erection of electronic speed warning signs
- Enhancement of playground equipment
- One-off grants to local schools for extra equipment
- Refurbishment of lighting inside Ian Clough Hall
- Refurbishment of toilets in the village centre

- Capital grants for local sports clubs
- Equipment for local play groups
- Support for the Glen Tramway
- Capital grants to groups fighting drug and alcohol abuse in Baildon
- Another project – your own suggestion (please provide details)