



# Bolton & Undercliffe FOCUS



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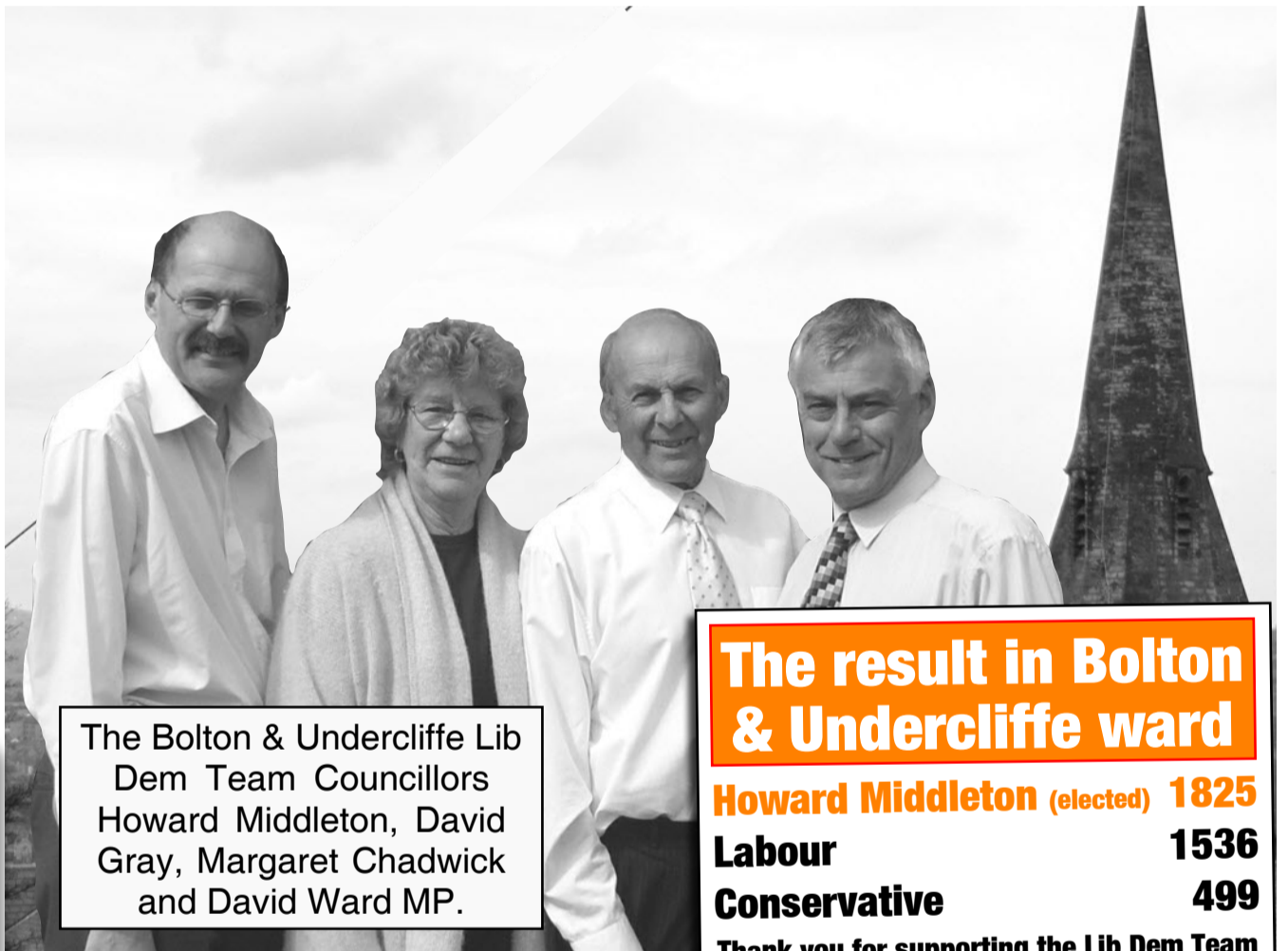
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# THANK YOU!

The Bolton & Undercliffe Lib Dem team would like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who supported Howard Middleton in the local election in May.

Although this years elections were tough for the Lib Dems, voters backed the strong record of action the Lib Dem Team have across Bolton and Undercliffe

Howard Middleton said "Thank you for supporting me and the team. We will continue to fight for Bolton & Undercliffe at all levels, support the work of the many local organisations and most of all listen to you and make sure that your concerns are dealt with".



The Bolton & Undercliffe Lib Dem Team Councillors Howard Middleton, David Gray, Margaret Chadwick and David Ward MP.

## The result in Bolton & Undercliffe ward

**Howard Middleton (elected) 1825**  
**Labour 1536**  
**Conservative 499**

Thank you for supporting the Lib Dem Team

## Action File



The 30mph Speed Limit on **Bolton Road, Queens Road and Harrogate Road** has been in place since March.



This year's Mela in **Peel Park** was on for only one day (Sunday 12 June). Residents welcomed this change.



Broken streetlights on **Dudley Hill Road, Groveway and Grove House Road** were fixed.



Blocked gully grates have been cleaned out on **High House Road, Bolton Lane, Sydenham Place and Derwent Road**



The historical **Undercliffe Cemetery Charity** held a successful 'Open Day' on Saturday 18 June.



Road resurfacing and pothole repair has been done on **Idle Road, Westwood Avenue, Ashbourne Crescent, Brisbane Avenue and Myers Lane**

## Beckfield Care Home

### Lib Dems demand Council care homes stay open until new Homes are ready.

Lib Dems in Bradford Earlier this year forced the Labour Council to replace Care Homes (Thackley Grange and Beckfield) giving older people real dignity and top class care.

However Labours Bosses in City Hall seem to have put cost cutting ahead of the needs of some of the most vulnerable people in the city. They are moving ahead with the planned closures but these are no longer attached to the development of new Homes

In light of the failure of Southern Cross one of the largest care home providers in the UK. Labour in Bradford need to honour their promise to provide the new Homes and day care services.

"The new services promised for older people to replace those now provided at the Beckfield Home must be there before Beckfield closes" says Cllr **Howard Middleton**. "The aim must be to improve the service not just cut costs"



Lib Dems are fighting to protect services for older people in Bolton from Labour's reckless cost-cutting and broken promises.

## Help us win here next time! Fill in the form over the page.

# NEWS AND ACTION

## Canal Road Corridor & Green Spaces

Cllr David Gray says "Thank you to those people who have already responded to the Canal Road Corridor consultation. There is a big opportunity to improve the traffic problems on Canal Road. But existing green spaces like Valley Allotments and Brow Wood must be saved and protected in this Consultation. **Thirteen years ago the Valley Allotments were designated as an office block site! But the allotments were saved and now thanks to the volunteers this site is a green space to be proud of.**"



Lib Dems are committed to protecting green spaces and Allotments from development.

## £2,500 FOR LOCAL GROUPS

Over the past year almost £2,500 has been allocated to community groups across Bolton & Undercliffe ward. The grants are made through the Bradford East Area Committee and decisions are made by local councillors. Councillor David Gray said "the money helps local groups to provide services and activities for a variety of residents".

Here are the groups helped in the past year: Valley Allotments Association, Wrose Vipers JFC, Bradford Bengali Hindu Cultural Society, Undercliffe Cemetery Trust, Forsters Community College, Undercliffe Celtic JFC, Bolton History Trail Group, Hare and Hounds FC, Bradford Punjab Cultural Society.

Grand total £2,445.00

## Howard calls for action on derelict buildings



Cllr Howard Middleton graphically described the derelict property on Otley Road, Undercliffe, (The Pigeon House) as "like something out of a Hammer House of Horror" and 'the biggest pigeon loft in Bradford'.

Howard says "This building is just one extreme example of a Bradford problem. We need to bring suitable empty business properties back into use as family homes. If we re-use these buildings it reduces building on green field sites."

## Mela - How was it for you

This Year the Mela held in Peel Park was reduced to a single day event following concerns from local residents. The Lib Dem Team would like to hear your views about the event if you live near the park or attended the mela please use the space below to let us know what you think and we will make sure that your points are listened to.

## News From City Hall

Jeanette Sunderland, Leader of the Lib Dem Group has criticised the Labour Leader for grabbing the Leadership of the Council without a proper vote.

"Labour do not hold the majority of seats on the Council but want to run the Council through back-room deals. We were not prepared to accept that and demanded a proper vote at full Council."

Labour refused to have a public vote and are now in a secret back-room deal with three Councillors from the Green Party. There is now a real whiff of arrogance around Ian Greenwood and the Labour-run Council."

### Jobs for the Boys

Astonishingly yet again the Labour Group have appointed a "men

only" Executive to run Bradford Council. All of the top jobs (and the fat salaries) have gone to men. "I'm shocked that yet again women have been sidelined by the Labour Group. Men and women have different perspectives on the world and those views should be echoed in the policies that the Council produce." says Jeanette Sunderland, Leader of the Lib Dems.

### Out of the Race

The Conservatives are well out of the running. The Conservative Group have appointed a Councillor from Keighley to be their Leader. Not one of their leading speakers is from Bradford. They are now just a Party from Keighley and the Aire Valley. They are in third place around here and are well out of the race.

## Update from David Ward MP



could see the closure of the Unit in Leeds. This would mean families having to travel as far as Liverpool or Newcastle. David Ward and many MP's from across Yorkshire have joined the campaign to save it.

### Car Insurance

Following a steep rise in the cost of car insurance across Bradford David Ward has called for a summit with insurers, Drivers and Police to relieve the pressure on drivers across Bradford.

### Save Our Cheques

David's high profile campaign to 'Save Our Cheque' goes on. The Treasury Select Committee has now agreed to review the Banks' plan to abolish cheques in 2018.

### Rethink on State Pension Age

David is calling on the Government to think again about plans to raise the retirement age for women. The change planned for 2018 would mean 1000's having to tear up their retirement plans.

### Children's Heart Unit - Leeds

The NHS is reorganising Children's Heart Surgery Units and has plans that

**You can keep up-to-date with David's work at, [www.davidward.org.uk](http://www.davidward.org.uk)**

# Help us win next time!

Tell us what you think below...

- I can help deliver FOCUS in my area for a couple of hours each month
- I can donate £20 / £40 / £80 to help keep FOCUS going out in my area
- I am interested in standing for election as a Lib Dem council candidate
- I would like to vote by post at the next local election

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