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# Don't let Labour destroy our local Post Offices



Busy Lane Post Office



Wrose Post Office

**L**ocal Lib Dem Campaigner JERRY MILLER is joining forces with Cllr John Watmough to fight Labour's next round of Post Office Closures

Labour is set to close 2,500 branches over the next year but are refusing to say which branches will be axed.

In the last round of closures, by the time the list had been announced, it was clear that consultation with residents was a sham and post offices like Crag Road and Bolton Woods closed despite public protests.

But it is not necessary to close any more Post Offices.

The Liberal Democrats have worked out plans which would raise enough money to keep every post office open by freeing the post office from Royal Mail and selling 49% of the shares. This would raised £2 billion to invest in the post office network.

John Watmough, Jerry Miller and the local Liberal Democrats want to make the case to keep our remaining post offices and get it to the Government well before the list is announced in February

But to do that, we need your help.

Please fill in and return the survey below. Otherwise by next Christmas you may have to go much further to post your presents.

◆ Focus Editors Jerry Miller and Cllr John Watmough are campaigning together to safeguard our local post offices

## Jerry and John's Post Office Survey

**1** How often do you use a Post Office?

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

**2** Which Post Office do you mainly use?

- Wrose
- Five Lane Ends
- Busy Lane
- Shipley
- Other

**3** If you used the Bolton Woods or Crag Road Post Offices, where do you go now?

- Wrose
- Five Lane Ends
- Busy Lane
- Shipley
- Other ( please write in)

**4** What do you mainly use the post office for?

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

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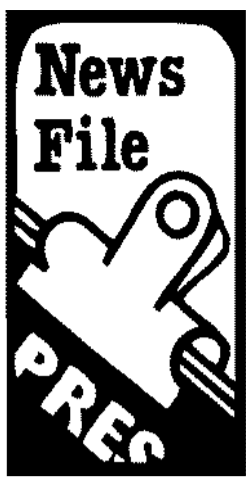
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now**



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## Good News for Wrose Bowling Club

John Watmough has worked with Wrose Bowling Club member David Trotter to get a grant of £2,500 from the Community Involvement Projects Wellbeing Activity Fund.

This will help the club to pay to use Bolton Villas United Reform Church after they had to move out of Highcroft Youth Centre.

John said, "I am very pleased that the Wrose Bowling Club are still able to meet and keeping their group together. I wish the club a long and successful future."



## Setback for plastic recycling

Plans to increase the amount of plastic picked up from the kerbside have suffered setback.

A pilot scheme in Eccleshill, where people put their plastic in a special orange bag which was placed inside the wheelie bin, showed that the bags were not strong enough to survive being put in the bin lorry.

The scheme was very popular and Liberal Democrats have urged the Council to find a way to extend the trial. The Council says this is too expensive and doesn't help them meet Government targets which are based on weight.

Local campaigner Jerry Miller said,

"The Council should collect plastic because residents want it recycled but supermarkets should also use less unnecessary packaging. Until they both get their act together, the best local residents can do is take their plastic bottles to a recycling centre."



## Labour 'smash and grab' on school cash

Jerry Miller and John Watmough have written to Government telling them to scrap their plans to grab back 5% of all the money held by schools in their bank accounts.

Jerry Miller said, "This outrageous plan could cost our local schools almost £35,000. They were given this money to educate our children and many schools save up for a special project. Now the Labour Government wants to grab back 5% of the money they had had in the bank in March 2006 even if they have now spent it!"

This is daylight robbery and Labour mustn't be allowed to get away with it."



John and Jerry at Low Ash Primary school where John has recently been made a Governor

## Crag Road paper bins



John in Crag Road with the new paper recycling bins

At the request of residents Cllr John Watmough has arranged for the Crag Road flats to get paper recycle bins for the first time. This has proved very popular with residents since the first one arrived, they have asked for more.

John said that the experiment with the flats on Crag Road has been very successful and he wants to extend the scheme to other flats in Windhill. If you would like to have a paper recycle bin in your flats contact John.



Jerry with his garden waste bags

John has also arranged for the collection of garden waste in Windhill in the Marion Drive area. He would like to extend this scheme to other areas let him know if you would like your garden waste collected.

Jerry, who admits to being a new but enthusiastic gardener has two bags for green waste which the Council collects monthly.

## Neighbourhood Watch

John has been helping residents in High Busy Lane and Vicarage Road to set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

The aim of the scheme is to reduce crime and the fear of crime, help residents to tackle local problems, encourage members to look out for each other and their property and to let offenders in area know that there are people watching.

If you want to set up a Neighbourhood Watch in your area, why not contact John?



## IT'S A FACT!

At the last full Council Meeting every Labour Councillor voted with the Conservative Councillors to defeat a Lib Dem call for more cash for schools in poorer areas!

## Surgeries

Cllr John Watmough will hold surgeries between 10 am and 11 am as follows:

- Crag Road Methodist Church November 17th
- Wrose Methodist Church December 15th
- Windhill Community Centre January 12th

You can write to Cllr John Watmough or Focus Team member Jerry Miller at Freepost NEA 4863 Bradford BD3 7BR. You do not need a stamp.