

Goldsmid Labour Action Team

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Dear Goldsmid Resident,

As your Goldsmid Labour Candidates in the forthcoming local elections, we are writing to let you know about some of the things going on in your immediate neighbourhood, and to invite you to let us know what you think using the FREEPOST reply slip. If you have internet access, there's a lot more on our unique ward website www.goldsmid.com.

Strong team of community activists

As your Goldsmid Labour team – Melanie Davis, Alun Jones, and Cllr Vince Meegan – we are an effective local team of community activists. Labour has a record of delivering improvements locally, such as George Street pedestrianisation and Hove Library refurbishment.

Clarendon Local Action against crime and vandalism

Your Goldsmid Labour councillors have been instrumental in working with the police on a group called the Clarendon Local Action Team, which has brought a series of improvements to this immediate neighbourhood.

Progress made through the forum in the last 3 years includes: new CCTV; clearance of abandoned vehicles in Ethel and Conway Streets; tree planting; graffiti removal; new litter bins; action against anti-social behaviour, and; blitzes on fly-tipping. New lifts and door entry systems have been fitted to Clarendon estate flats.

Crime has gone down in the past year. Burglaries have been reduced by 20% and car crime cut by 16%. We will continue to improve this further in partnership with the police.

Improvements for older people

The Labour City Council introduced free bus passes for the over 60s, making it cheaper for older people to get around the City. And the winter fuel allowance for the over 75s has helped the vulnerable. If you would like further information about these measures, or if we can help in any way, please contact us.

Cleaning Streets and Recycling Our Waste

Cleaning up Goldsmid streets and improving the waste and recycling service you receive is one of our top priorities. There has been a gradual improvement with more of you telling us you are satisfied with the service. However, if you have any problems please let us know. We can organise reminders for the right day of collection and tackle troublesome spots.

Recycling is also increasing and as your Labour Team we ensured that doorstep collections were rolled out to every household in the ward. Recycling rates are now at 25 per cent, one of the highest in the country. However, we want to go further and the City Council has set a target of 45 per cent by 2011. Within our ward we believe more can be done to ensure that 'hard-to-reach' areas have access to recycling.

One innovative scheme has involved placing slim-line recycling bins introduced near Hove station to encourage commuters to recycle on their way home.

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Value for Money

Labour councillors here are committed to providing cost-effective services. Brighton & Hove has the lowest Council Tax in East Sussex and we hope to keep it that way.

Thinking of not voting in May?

Not voting in the local elections will undoubtedly deliver a Tory Council. Goldsmid is the key marginal seat in the City, where only Labour can beat the Tories.

Getting in touch

We hold regular advice surgeries so we hope you can come along so we can meet you in person. They are on the third Saturday of every month at Vallance Community Centre from 11am until 12pm.

If you have got internet access you can also keep in touch with local issues through our web site at www.goldsmid.com or you can email us at action@goldsmid.com.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, we look forward to hearing from you. If you have the time please fill in an return the slip below.

Yours faithfully,

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LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

Return to Goldsmid Labour Action Team, FREEPOST SEA13761, Hove BN3 8ET.

Please rank your priority community issues using numbers 1 to 5 (where 1 is your highest priority):

Street cleaning Schools Parking Recycling Anti-social behaviour

Do you support an extension of hours for collecting parcels at the Royal Mail Sorting Office in Hove? Or sign online at: www.goldsmid.com

Yes No (answer to form part of a petition to Council/Post Office)

Which political party do you most closely associate with?

Lab Con Green Lib Dem

Please contact me about: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

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