

Goldsmid Labour Action Team

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Dear Goldsmid Resident,

We live in one of the most attractive parts of Hove and as your Goldsmid Labour Candidates we are writing to let you know what's been achieved recently in your area, and how we are striving to continue to improve the quality of the neighbourhood. Please let us know what you think using the FREEPOST reply slip at the end of this letter.

If you have internet access, there is a lot more on our unique ward website www.goldsmid.com.

Booming Hove and value for money services

Hove is booming. There's a need to plan resources, such as doctors and schools for the many new residents who are moving here. Yet we have cleaner and safer streets. Burglaries have been reduced by 20% and car crime cut by 16%. 2,000 new childcare places have been created and our schools and educational standards are constantly improving. We introduced Goldsmid's residents' parking scheme in a way which was tailored to meet local needs, giving residents' priority over commuters.

Brighton & Hove has the lowest council tax in East Sussex and we intend to continue to be cost-effective. The City is an exciting, dynamic and vibrant city with a great future. What a contrast with ten years ago.

Schools Admissions

We have spoken to many families personally over the past few years so we know the admissions system is a major concern in Goldsmid. Families face uncertainty about school places every year. Plans for a fixed BN3 catchment area have now been agreed despite Tory opposition. Blatchington Mill and Hove Park will share a joint catchment area covering the whole of Hove. This means parents getting one of their preferred schools, and children not being bussed out of Hove.

Greening Goldsmid

Recycling has been rolled out to all Goldsmid doorsteps. We're aiming for a 45% rate by 2011.

Our 'green lung', St Anne's Well Garden, won another prestigious Green Flag award this year. A fantastic local resource enjoyed by all. Two years ago the Labour-led City Council took the decision to re-let the lease on the café and the result is the family-friendly Garden Café.

Goldsmid Labour Councillors have successfully campaigned for safer crossings in the area. Improvements have just been agreed at the BHASVIC crossing following a successful campaign by parents. In the City it is now safer for pedestrians and families with buggies. Our real-time bus information system has been nationally recognized. The over 60s qualify for a free bus pass.

However, you have told us Goldsmid needs more safe routes to schools and safety measures like build-outs on pavements to make crossing roads easier - something the Tories have pledged to stop. The more local residents get involved and voice their concerns, the more we as your local Labour Team can exert pressure to achieve these local improvements.

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More cycle paths are planned and a new route from the seafront to the Downs for the Year of the cyclist too. All this environmental progress is a result of Labour Council initiatives and we have a Climate Change Action Plan in place to act locally in tackling global warming.

Consultation, representation and hard work

We communicate, consult and act locally all year round - not just at elections.

Labour Councillors recently organised a 'walkabout' in your area, involving residents and key transport officers, to raise concerns about rat-running. We are campaigning to ensure BHASVIC field remains available for use by residents and local schools. Councillors have backed residents campaigning against Network Rail's tree cutting proposals in Highdown Road. Police sirens are now not sounded at night, except when absolutely necessary, after we took up noise concerns.

Please remember, only Labour or the Tories can win Goldsmid Ward in the local council elections in May. This ward is the key marginal seat in the City. Voting for a minor party will help the Tories and deliver a Conservative Council. Let's keep this City on the up and keep it Labour. We look forward to hearing from you - let us know if you have any issues or concerns we can take up on your behalf.

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: <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/HoveSortingOffice/>

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: _____

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