

Bolsover East

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April 2023



Your local Labour Party delivering for you

- Investing in the town
- Encouraging growth and skills
- Developing leisure and recreational facilities
- Improving our environment



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and Parish Council elections on
Thursday 4 May 2023

 **Labour**
In Bolsover District

Since the last District Election in 2019 your Labour councillors representing you have been committed to ensuring the residents, businesses and visitors to our communities receive the best possible services and its fair share of funding.

During these four years, Bolsover has seen investment and regeneration on projects such as:

- ✓ Built new council properties and talking to and working with private developers to ensure there is a percentage of new houses made available for social housing
- ✓ Actively campaigned against fracking to help protect our environment
- ✓ Spending £2.5million on refurbishing Valley View to ensure our elderly and vulnerable have somewhere decent to call home
- ✓ Conducted a skills audit to support post 16 education and ensure our local residents have the necessary skills to achieve their ambitions

- ✓ Helped and promoted local businesses in the town by offering various free advertising initiatives to help promote them
- ✓ Held meetings with the Police and Crime Commissioner to increase the Police presence. We are also deploying CCTV cameras to improve community safety in the town
- ✓ Bid for £14.2million from the governments Levelling Up fund to help regenerate the town (Conservatives rejected the bid in January 2023), which included assisting local businesses and promoting tourism in the town
- ✓ Introduced the Bolsover District Community Lottery scheme to help raise valuable funds for local groups and good causes in the town, and donated money to local organisations

These are just a taste of what we have achieved to date and we are continuing to improve and develop our communities. We have big ambitions for Bolsover and with your help we can make these ambitions become reality.



Anne Clarke
Labour Councillor



Rowan Clarke
Labour Candidate

Our ambitions for Bolsover East

When we are out and about talking to people we get a sense of what is important to you. We feel that over the past four-years we have proven that when we say something, we do it.

We don't use slogans or spin-doctors, just good old fashioned plain English and a commitment to making things happen. Below are the main ambitions that we want to implement for our communities. However, this is not the limit to our ambitions, but just a flavour of some of things you can expect to see happen.

1. Affordable housing

We know there is a shortage of good quality council properties in the town. On the back of the successful Paddock scheme, we aim to build more council properties in areas of need through our Council-owned company Dragonfly Development Ltd. These properties will be modern, energy efficient and meet a need in the town. We will also engage with local house builders to purchase properties to help local young people and families get on the housing ladder.

2. Economy

Our local businesses are a key factor in our ambitions to drive up the health and wealth of the area. The majority of these businesses are independent traders and do not have large marketing budgets. We aim to help and support all businesses in Bolsover by delivering a campaign to encourage people to Shop Local - Spend Local by promoting the current high street offer and providing free marketing opportunities through platforms like digital signage, Bolsover TV and residents publications. We will continue to bid for funding from the government to help regenerate and revitalise the town centre and we will provide local businesses with advice, guidance and help to obtain funding that will help them grow.



3. Community Safety

We want residents of and visitors to Bolsover to feel safe walking in the town at any time of the day or night. We will work with the District Council to install CCTV and deploy mobile CCTV cameras that are linked to a central monitoring suite. We will work with the Police to increase their presence in the town and increase the patrols by the CAN Rangers and Enforcement team to tackle litter and disorder in our communities for the benefit of everyone.



4. Leisure and social activities

We all know how important leisure and open spaces are for our wellbeing so we will look to develop the leisure and recreational activities available to local residents and our schools. We will work with town council to develop the new Skate Park on Hornscroft Park and improve the leisure facilities at the former Coalite Club. We will also provide more social and cultural events for residents to enjoy.

5. Environment

Climate change is always a hot topic and although we can't solve it on our own, we can do our bit to help. So we will continue to help tackle this problem through modern methods of construction in our house and commercial property building programme that will reduce the reliance on gas and encourage sustainability. We will also continue with our tree planting schemes and continually improve our burgundy bin recycling service by offering residents more opportunities to recycle their waste. We will also campaign against fracking to protect our environment and seek to install more electric vehicle charging points.



6. People and communities

The past three years have not been easy for anyone. The Pandemic, the cost of living crisis and rising household bills are continuing to hit everyone hard. We will continue to provide 'Warm Spaces' for people to attend, offer advice and information on what benefits or help people are entitled to and continue our commitment to promote local voluntary and community groups, helping them attract new members and increase their fundraising efforts through schemes like Bolsover District Community Lottery. We will develop opportunities in the town for young and old to enjoy activities, clubs and learn new skills.



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