

Whitwell

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April 2023



Your local Labour Party delivering for you

- Promoting local businesses and tourism
- Building local housing
- Increasing leisure and recreational opportunities
- 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 councillor representing you has 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, Whitwell has seen investment and regeneration on projects such as:

- ✓ 37 new council properties built on Bakestone Moor, Claylands, Doles Lane, Longcroft and Sandy Lane/ Thorpe Avenue to meet a local need
- ✓ Local businesses have received help and support through our dedicated free advertising opportunities
- ✓ Established chair based exercise classes and social activity hubs to help those with long-term health conditions and the elderly stay active
- ✓ Planted over 700 young trees to help establish an orchard in the village

- ✓ Helped promote local community groups and the creative talent within the village including the book club, poets, WI, the Whitwell Festival and creative businesses
- ✓ Worked with developers to provide better play and recreation facilities on Welbeck Road Recreation Ground
- ✓ Introduced the Bolsover District Community Lottery scheme to help local groups and good causes raise valuable funds
- ✓ Bought back into use the former Co-op building to create five new apartments to meet a demand in the village

This is just a taste of what we have achieved to date and we are continuing to improve and develop our communities all the time. We have big ambitions for Whitwell and with your help we can make these ambitions become reality.



Tom Munro
Labour Councillor



Jeanne Raspin
Labour Candidate

Our ambitions for Whitwell

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. So if you elect us, we will continue and build upon this good work and below are the main ambitions that we want to implement for Whitwell. 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 Parish. On the back of the successful schemes already implemented in the village, 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 parish. 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 and tourism

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 the parish 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 provide local businesses with advice, guidance and help to obtain funding that will help them grow. We also want to combine the heritage and historical nature of Whitwell, to attract visitors to the area and boost the local visitor economy, which in turn will help local businesses

3. Jobs and connectivity

Develop the Robin Hood Line to increase the social and economic opportunities available to local residents and fight for a Sunday service. We will continue to work with East Midlands Railway to develop the line, providing you with chances to travel and open up more leisure, job and skills opportunities. We also want to create a Skills Hub in a nearby locality that can serve the Parish and act as a hub to help train or offer new skills to people in areas such as technology, electronics and communications.





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. We will build on the success of the social activity hub and chair based classes and will strive to expand upon the sessions and activities available. We will develop the playground and recreational facilities in the village. And we will also provide more social and cultural opportunities and events for people to attend that will enhance people's quality of life.

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, by developing the orchard on Claylands Road and continually improve our burgundy bin recycling service by offering residents more opportunities to recycle their waste.

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.



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